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New Arrival

Aye had a baby girl in June, making the new arrival the homes 10th resident. She is a beautiful, healthy baby girl named Aekaye. Both Aye and her daughter are doing very well. Aye loves to cook and has been doing a great job taking care of the meals in the home. The girls all get along well and help each other out with looking after the babies.



Micro-credit Loans

Through the generous help of Gateway Church in Texas we were able to set up a micro-loan account. Two of the girls have been given a loan to purchase a motorcycle and are now paying back the interest free loan over the next year. Both Buey and Dee Dee needed the bikes to go to and from work. It is also less expensive for them than the public transportation system and gets them there much quicker. As the account builds back up we will be able to provide other loans to the other girls to purchase bikes as well.



Khun Pung

Staff changes

We were sad to have Du, our House Mom leave at the end of June to take care of her mother who is unable to care for herself. We have had challenges in hiring new staff and getting the right person to replace her. She really had a heart for these girls and was a true servant. We now have hired a Thai Christian Lady, Khun Raat, with a heart to help these girls. She has taken the position of House Mom. We have also hired another staff member, Khun Phung, whose main responsibility is to care for the babies, so that the House Mom can focus on mentoring the girls and overseeing the management of the home.



Khun Raat

We are very blessed to have such great staff with a heart to serve the Lord in ministry. It has also allowed us to expand in other areas as they are able to look after the day to day operation of the home.

Girl's Visiting their Families

Most of the girl's at the home returned to visit their families in August, as there was an election on, and they have to return to their villages to vote. Two of the girls brought their babies for their families to see for the first time since they were born. We have seen amazing reconciliation between all the girls and their families, and thank God that he is working in all areas of their lives.

Sewing Program



Maryann Allan came to volunteer to help start our sewing program. She spent 3 months with the girls helping them to hone their sewing skills. Maryann first showed them how to make cloth diapers (appropriate for a home with 4 babies at the time). They also learned to make some clothing items for themselves and make some basic patterns.

They then began to sew cushion covers and wine bags made from beautiful fabrics that are so plentiful here.

In the mean time the sewing machines set up in the house and products the girls were working on, attracted the eye of an entrepreneurial couple from Texas. Dana and Tony have had personal experience serving in

missions themselves, and have continued to want to help the disadvantaged in any way they can. Dana has a gift shop and furniture store and wanted to provide an opportunity for young women to sew products that she could sell in her shop. After discussing her ideas for half of the day, we drove to the market where she purchased fabric for the girls to sew into pyjamas and travel jewellery bags. Two of the girls from the home are now employed in this new business, and we have also hired a manager, Khun Nii, who has 17 years experience.

We are now starting to make jewellery as well. We have been given some designs and Rob has met with the different suppliers in Bangkok. In November we will start to produce the necklaces and ship them to the U.S.A.

Rob has also started a Lawn Care business. We have two employees right now and we are busy drumming up work for them. We will be advertising in the local newspaper and expect to see some good results from the ex-pat crowd living in Chiang Mai.

Other Changes

As things have continued to expand, we also felt it was time to hire a personal assistant for Rob. Khun Nitiya previously worked for another residential program, New Life Center, for 10 years. She has studied English in the U.S.A. and is able to do all of our translation work. This is very useful since we have many documents that require translation. Nitiya will also be able to do all of our visa processing and work permits which will be a huge help and a savings to the Foundation. We decided it was time to extend our borders so that we can grow into what God is calling us to do. We have rented a new facility, called a hong tao, which is like a townhouse, with 3 ½ floors. Rob moved his office out of our home and into the new building. The sewing business and the jewellery business will operate out of this new building. We have a front office/reception area as well where Nitiya works.

We also have room to have an ESL Training Center and a Computer Training Center. We are looking at setting these two micro-enterprises up in the spring of 2008.

Prayer Requests

Our Marriage – continued growth and unity as we learn to work together as a team!

Our Family – wisdom as parent's to raise our children to love and serve God.

Finances – That God will continue to provide the finances and resources for all that He has called us to do.

Vision – That God will continue to make the path clear that we are to follow!

Health/protection – That our family and all the young ladies at the home with their babies, as well as our staff will be healthy and safe.

Volunteers – that God would bring the right people to help us carry out the work we are doing here.

We want to thank all of you who continue to pray for us and support the work here financially. We could not be here without you. You can now visit us online at <http://www.hftnthailand.com> and stay up to date on the House of New Hope and the projects we are working on in Chiang Mai. Please be patient as the site is "Under Construction" and new information will continue to be added. **Take special note of the changes in email addresses below.**

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