

# Progress Report Academic Year 2016 Children's Sponsorship Program Good Shepherd Sisters, Nongkhai Thailand

## ➤ Sponsorship Students

Statistics 2016: 600 students of which 221 man and 379 female:

NO.	Name of the sponsors	Number of children	Kindergarten			Primary			Secondary			High School			Vocational			High V.			University		
			M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
1	EFK, Germany	120	6	11	17	29	31	60	9	15	24	0	4	4	2	8	10	1	1	2	0	3	3
2	Mary's Friends	112	2	5	7	23	48	71	2	14	16	2	3	5	0	2	2	1	3	4	1	6	7
3	WFA, Australia	87	4	0	4	25	12	37	7	18	25	1	6	7	1	7	8	2	2	4	0	2	2
4	Enfants du Mekong	58	0	1	1	9	8	17	7	5	12	5	6	11	4	3	7	4	2	6	2	2	4
5	Belgium	49	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	12	15	0	4	4	1	0	1	2	2	4	5	15	20
6	ACASEA	45	0	2	2	2	4	6	7	3	10	1	10	11	2	3	5	2	2	4	4	3	7
7	G.S.O.S	40	1	0	1	0	12	12	3	4	7	2	7	9	1	3	4	0	1	1	0	6	6
8	Australia New Zealand	29	2	1	3	7	6	13	4	3	7	0	0	0	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Give Love Give Smile Foundation	25	1	1	2	7	11	18	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Wards	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	5	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	4	7
11	Audrey	11	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	3	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
12	Ursaline Sister	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>600</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>

## EFK, Germany

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016
Children	66	73	81	120

## Graduated Students

In 2016 we have 8 students graduated in Bachelor's Degree, 2 students graduated Pre-Bachelor's Degree, and 1 student completed high school.

### *Eight students graduated in Bachelor's Degree:*

1. **Veerayuth Kitprasert** Sponsored by Mary's Friends and Wards



Veerayuth graduated with Bachelor of Information Technology degree, Second Class Honors from Nongkhai Technical Nongkhai College. He presently works as a public relation staff at Nongkhai Technical Nongkhai College.

2. **Montree Kluebseesai** Sponsored by Fernand and Marc Foundation and Mr.& Mrs. Ken Moses



Montree graduated with Bachelor of Mathematics Science degree from Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University. He presently works as a cashier at Health Land in Bangkok and his salary is 15,000 baht a month.

3. **Chonticha Kesanuch** Sponsored by Wards



Chonticha graduated with Bachelor of Accounting degree from UdonThani Rajabhat University. She presently works as an accountant at a factory that buys sugar cane at her home village. Her salary is 9,000 baht a month.

4. **Natthapon Rimkhaoyai** Sponsored by Fernand and Marc Foundation



Natthapon graduated with Bachelor of Public Administration degree from Nakornpanom University, Second Class Honors. He presently works as a staff member at a production section at ASIA PRECISION Company, a company producing vehicle parts. His salary is 14,000 baht a month.

5. **Pannida Hutiporm** Sponsored by Fernand and Marc Foundation and Wards



Pannida graduated with Bachelor of Accounting degree from UdonThani Rajabhat University. She presently works as an accountant at a company in Lao. This company is dealing with palm plantation and producing crude palm oil. Her salary is 12,000 baht a month.

6. **Suwarith Hawhan** Sponsored by Wards



Suwarith graduated with Bachelor of Social Education degree from Muban Chombueng Rajabhat University. He presently works as a teacher at Tanaporn Wittaya School, a private school in Bang Lamung district, Chonburi province. His salary is 14,100 baht a month.

7. **Supaporn Sotarath** Sponsored by Wards



Supaporn graduated with Bachelor of Financial Management degree from Mahasarakham University. She has just started to work at Siam Commercial Bank Public Company Limited.

8. **Thanchanok Peesaeng** Sponsored by Wards



Thanchanok graduated with Bachelor of Childhood Education degree from Muban Chombueng Rajabhat University. She presently works as a teacher at Chantana Wannarot School. Her salary is 5,000 baht a month. She is looking for a new job.

## **Pre-Bachelor's graduated students:**

1. **Pornsawan Pachom** Sponsored by EFK, Germany  
Pornsawan graduated Pre-Bachelor Computer from Technology Asian College in Nongkhai. She presently works as a receptionist at Asawas hotel. Her salary is 9,000 baht a month.
2. **Bundit Chanunchana** Sponsored by EFK, Germany  
Bundit graduated Pre-Bachelor Computer from Vocational College in Nongkhai. He works as a Thai's draft for two years.

## **High school graduated student:**

1. **Rosarin Intaruksa** Sponsored by EFK, Germany

Rosarin completed high school from Numsuay Wittaya School (Science-Math). She works in a factory in Bangkok. Her salary is 9,000 baht a month.

## **➤ Project's Activities**

### **Sponsorship Distributions**

Children's Sponsorship Program provided the Sponsorship Distribution for the first semester of 2016 on the 4th of May 2016. Mr Prasong Kongkaorobtham, Vice Governor had the honor to be present at the ceremony. He also visited the projects of the Good Shepherd Sisters Nongkhai. For the Sponsorship Distribution



of the second semester of 2016, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Sr. Suthisa Utalun, the project's director, handed the scholarship money to the sponsored students. She taught and encouraged them to fulfill their studies, to be respectful to others and show gratitude to their benefactors.



In 2016 we distributed Mary's Friends Sponsorship's money every quarter of the year. The second time, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, Mr Hans Gerritsen, Mrs Margaret and Miss Lisa were present and had the honor to hand the scholarship money to the students. In the last quarter of 2016, Mr Helge Børresen, president of Mary's Friends, Mr Egil Langnæs, board member of Mary's Friends, visited us together with Mr Prabath Suranga and Mr Maithree Shanthirathna, responsible for the Scholarship Program in Sri Lanka. One of the main reasons for visiting us was to be updated about the sponsored students.



### **Quality of life's activities**



In 2016 the Children's Sponsorship Program provided trainings for the students on "Promoting knowledge to enhance a healthy loving relationship". During this training, related to their age, sexual education was given, information about safe sex and how to deal with critical incidents. In addition, information about drugs was provided. Next to this training, the students were given several trainings as well to develop their moral views. Here are some examples:



20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2016: *“The development to complement the skills to perform life cycle”*.

A training given to youth girls from Dominican Udon Thani on how to live correctly and safely, to recognize the value of their own, to improve their own skills and options of self-defense.



6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016: *“The development of physical and mental health”*.

A training given to 50 scholarship students (age 8-14) to support physical and mental health and to provide them with knowledge and skills in these activities.

*“Violence Against Youth”*.

In the Udon Thani Province, gathered with Udon Thani Welcome House, we provided two days training to three groups of children (age 14-24). Each group consisted of 50 children. They learned to protect themselves from violence in the society, trained to say “no”, how to deal with conflicts and how to use leadership.



21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, at Nakwang district administration organization.

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March 2016, at Srangpan district administration organization.

29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March 2016, at Phasuk district administration organization.

*“Environment and Dangers when entering AEC”*

A training to 810 students in secondary education from 6 schools around the area of Udon Thani Diocese. This training, one full day per school, was aimed to let them know the situations concerning environment and dangers when entering AEC and to strengthen them in the process of thoughts to adapt in the real life, having skills to avoid and survive from society dangers in various models.



## Violence against human activities

The Children's Sponsorship Program gathered with the Human Trafficking Network. Ten organizations established this gathering about "Cross Border Trafficking" with the aim to protect women and children from sexual exploitation in the form of human trafficking and from unsafe cross-border travelling.

21<sup>st</sup> July 2016: "Stop violence against women and child Campaign"



A gathering with the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security under the Children Protection Committee in Nongkhai



9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November 2016: "Stop Human Trafficking" a meeting in the Pattaya province.



14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of November 2016: "Safe Travelling & Stop Human Trafficking" at the Thai-Lao Friendship's Bridge.

## Legal Aid

The Children's Sponsorship Program dealt with legal aid given to 13 students:

- Sexual abuse (3 persons)
- Violence against women and child (5 persons)
- Human trafficking (1 person)
- Homeless (1 foreigner)
- Drug related case (3 persons)



The above cases were supported by providing law consultation, coordination with the organizations concerning those cases, the process of law and housing and food for homeless.



## Communities

A committee consists of people voluntarily working for the Sponsorship Program. Their aim is to help the coordination between the Sponsorship Program and the communities. They are guardians of the students who follow up the students' behaviour. They also established a saving group and a community assistance group at Ban Fang sub district.



They presently have 409 members in the saving group. The saving group is able to help the members with low-interest loan. At this moment the total amount of savings is 3,875,361 baht. The group provides loan to the members, 12,000-16,000 baht each, with an interest of 6% a year. This loan is intended for education of their children, agricultural activities, small business, house maintenance, household expenditure and to keep some savings for their families.

The community assistance group at Ban Fang sub district, supporting 1,086 families, gathered the villagers. They have organized a social welfare system where each member contribute with 20 baht to support a funeral ceremony of their members.



## Seminars for the committees



The program provided a training for the staff members and the committees in order to revive the spirit to work for society. The resource person was Rev. Phoowanai Tantikool, Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Redemptorists. For this seminar they were educated about teamwork and how to work methodically. They exchanged ideas, evaluated the progress throughout the year and made plans for the next year.

## Meeting with the guardians and the sponsorship students

The end of semesters of kindergarten, high school and vocational program was in March and October. At that time both the sponsorship students and their guardians meet. At those meetings they go through their study results and are informed about action plans. Regulations are being reviewed and the sponsorship students are being prepared to go back to their schools.



## Visits & follow up

Presently, the program has 120 villages with 108 schools in the area of Nongkhai province. The staff paid a visit twice a week to be informed about the present situation of the children and their problems. In this way the program can update the sponsors on the current situation of the sponsored child.



### Program Visits

Throughout the year 2016, the program was very proud to be visited by many guests. Mr Monsith Pisarntanawat, Vice Governor of Nongkhai province paid his honor to visit all projects of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Nongkhai and admired the works. He said that the provincial organizations of the government are willing to support the field work whenever needed. We also had the honor to welcome 20 sponsor organizations who were given a follow up so that they can report to their benefactors.



### Christmas Activity

On Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Sponsorship's Program held a Christmas and New Year Party for the sponsored students and their guardians. Altogether, 900 people attended. We gave thanks and prayed for our sponsors, benefactors and friends, as well as for the sisters and their staff. Our students had prepared shows and after their performances they enjoyed playing games and had lunch. We are thankful for the kindness of the sponsors and supporters of the sponsorship program, as well as of the donors who kindly provided funds for bags, food, noodles, ice cream, fruit and drinking water on this day.



### ➤ Renovation Office

In our office, the staff works with the financial support to more than 500 children from rural villages around Nongkhai. They also organize various workshops and seminar on topics such as human rights, the fight against violence to women and children, community building and rights of the child.

The office is not only a place where 'paperwork' is done, but it is also an important meeting point. It provides a place where we can collaborate with various government and non-government bodies on law enforcement. It is also an important place where people come for counseling, encouragement and other support. In addition, many sponsors will remember the first meeting with their sponsored child at the office.

The old office used to be a garage which was turned into a simple office 30 years ago. The condition of the building was very poor. White ants were destroying the walls and rain was entering through holes in the roof. The sponsorship office had deteriorated to such an extent that it needed complete rebuilding.

For many years, no major work was done as all our funds were spent on the children.



The pictures below show the previous state of the building.



The architect from our local Government office drew the plan for our basic needs which he graciously did. The estimated costs were 1,343,000 TH Baht. The pictures below show how it looks like today.



Now our new office is a much better place to serve the needs of the needy children here as well as it is a center for those who work to provide encouragement, assistance and hope to the many people here who need such support.

We would like to thank the sponsors and the benefactors for your donation to the new building. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



We in the Sponsorship's Program, together with our students, would like to thank all of you - our benefactors and friends - for your encouragement and support throughout many years.

We wish you all a blessed and joyful year.

May you always find prosperity and good health.