



## "Baan Zion" Children Prison Ministries

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*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"  
Ephesians 6:12*

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Dear friends,

Greetings and blessings from a very hot and rainy Chiangrai.

All is well with the girls and us. I was not here during the first part of the year due to as some of you know serious health issues. But it is so good to be back and be reunited with our girls and our staff.



Although a great blessing of our time having the ability to Skype and other wise communicate over the internet this can never replace being together. These girls are family the Lord has entrusted to us and we from strong relationships do live together as a family based on love, respect and trust.



All girls are doing well and as usual do study hard. For our 6 girls that attend University it is a constant process of going to college, study and doing exams. All of them do have 6 subjects of which one major they hope to graduate in with a Bachelor Degree. For Primary school and High school next month there will be a break again. Normally this is about one week, but this year because of

the funeral ceremony of the late King, schools are closed throughout the month of October.

## Housing

This time I will write a bit more specific about the present living facilities since we are in the process of finished paper work and thus awaiting government inspection of the girl's homes.



All rules and regulations have changed due to several reasons here in Thailand. Of course, these and other changes do have impact on the work of the Lord here and as we sadly have learned meantime several missionaries decided to leave their ministries and move back to their home countries.

So, we are in dire need of your prayers that will cover us with His blanket of protection. As known our

previous beautiful house was disapproved of and we really hold our breath now. Before and during our forced move we have asked for pre-inspection of the present house(s) but were not granted such.

We do fore see a list of things that have to be adapted, next to what we already were able to do and some things really still do need an overhaul as I will try to explain to you.

Looking at this we any way at date could do with some heaters for our bathrooms, so our girls do have hot water, and we do need a water pump and water purification unit. We are connected to the city water system that has insufficient pressure and is not as clean as we would like for our bathrooms.

As said it is really very hot and rainy. Hot also in the house and rainy in our outside kitchen and dining area.



The main house is small, included in a residential area and

only has a relatively small walled garden. We are grateful to the Lord that we had the opportunity to move here since we had no other opportunities, but with 6 girls in a small bedroom and only some fans you can imagine that this is a big difference compared to our previous large and open space house and even the big house before that looking at living circumstances.

This apart from the fact that health wise this is also not the most ideal of situations.

Also, the small house we compulsory had to rent to house our foundation office and if possible future wise part of our girls has its problems. It was invested with all sort of pests and from the floor a very unpleasant odour is filling the house which since only the front side has windows has no possibilities for sufficient airing.

It for now next to being the Foundation office is mainly functioning as a storage space because the main house has no room for all of our stuff.



The sanitary ware in both houses is rather outdated and only two bathrooms is inadequate for so many girls.

Based on information we could obtain so far, we now know that before we do have our check by the government we have to move our six oldest girls that are in University to the small house in order to comply to the 4 girls in one room regulation.

We have to upgrade our outside kitchen and dining area, with a tiled floor, an extra sink with a soap dispenser especially for hand washing only and we have to repair the leaking roof We have to install 4 water heaters for the bath rooms in both houses

We have to install a water pump so the bath rooms can be used at the same time

We have to make a compulsory infirmary room in case one of the girls will have an infectious disease

We have to install internet in the small house where 6 of our girls will have to move to so they can do their studies We for the small house where the 6 girls move to must buy wall fans and floor fans and some furniture and other things to make it liveable for them

And probably must hire 1 or 2 extra staff to accompany the 6 big girls in the small house

Since we at date are completely in the blue about what we are expected to do or have to change/adapt we can only put everything in the hands of Jesus. Knowing that in His name we do have victory.



When I look at our girls and how they handle all of this and do cope with all the changes and help and support me, I cannot be anything else than so very proud. Over the years we have raised all of them to be strong in the Lord and our 4 oldest girls as my co leaders. It is absolutely amazing Grace how they have developed and grown over the years. It makes me stand at awe and very humble.

This whole life changing process in the lives of these girls would not have been possible without your prayers and support. We really do need both.



May God bless you all abundantly,

Rev. Dr. Jan and Ps. Ellen Smit

**Thanking points**

Our girls

Our staff mothers

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**Prayer points**

All things concerning the approval of our two houses

All things we need to adapt and have to buy for the small house

**How to donate to our Ministry**

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Account number: 537-0-35592-6

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Foundation Zion Child Care Trust Intl.  
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