



'Baan Zion' Children Prison Ministries

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*"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong"
1 Corinthians 1:27*

News flash October-November 2016

Dear friends,

House

In our last news flash we mentioned the fact that we had to move out of our beautiful house per January 1st of 2017, due to the fact that the government deemed it as too small and unsafe for our girls. Something that looking at the house and its location came as an absolute surprise and a ruling we absolutely do not understand.

Of course we tried to reverse this ruling since the house and location are perfect for our girls, a new and larger house is impossible to find and the fact that we do have a running rental contract.

We thank you all for your ongoing prayers it makes the difference



After several talks with the government we although not official yet, now understood that we probably may stay until the end of our renting contract being November 1st of 2017. We are waiting for the official decision.

Internet

Due to the fact that our new internet was very slow and often just stopped working, we had to make a change of provider. A new 900 meter cable from the nearest access point needed to be installed and we got a big router that is sufficient for all desktops and with perfect Wi-Fi for our notebooks.

Cars

One of our cars really had big problems and needed a complete overhaul. It proved that due to relentless mountain roads the drive shaft and gear box were broken. But also electrical wiring and cables and hoses for the air conditioning were eaten by the rats. We of course do our regular maintenance checks but these things just happen here. Not nice because it was a very expensive not in budget 1,397 US\$ repair.

Girls

All girls are doing very well. They just went to school again after a lengthy 3 week holiday for the primary and High School students. Since we of course cannot afford all sort of outdoor activities each holiday we mostly stayed in and around the house, did games, sports and extra English. For the 3 latest girls who



before they came into our care in May hardly went to school, we have spent a lot of time in extra tuition on all subjects and in special the Thai language.

Our 4 University students were not so lucky and had many tests during the same period. But they study hard and the results are very good.

Next to that these 4 girls as my co-leaders are doing a fantastic job in helping me with everything.

USA teams



And a very big surprise for us, we during this holiday welcomed two separate teams from America. People we did not know. They had heard of our Ministry and came especially for us from America for a couple of days to meet us and the girls, to see what we do and to share the love of Jesus with us all.

They have blessed and encouraged us enormously. We look forward to a long lasting relationship.

Going home

This holiday period we again were able to reunite girls with their released mothers. It always gives mixed feelings. Happy that the girl can go home to the mother. Happy that the mother with our help is willing to set up a new life. But sad to see girls leave after they have lived with us for a long time.

But that is what we do.

Rescue girls out of abuse and human trafficking the moment the mother is detained, cannot take care and the girl is at high risk.



We give the girls a safe and loving home with everything they need in personal development, health care, schooling, sport, arts, music lessons and very important by our regular visits to the prisons ongoing contact with their mothers.

By this, the so important mother and child bond is sustained and in most cases a possibility of future reunification secured.

Until now we have rescued and sheltered more than 120 girls and have a 100% success rate when girls are reunited with their

mother and together they with our help can start anew. All of these girls are doing well and are going to school. Their mothers could start a small grocery, eatery or sewing shop and now can sustain their "new and healed" family.

Of course it does not always work that way, because sometimes the mother does not want to care or she returns to her old life style and then girls are taken into our full custody.

Cooperation

Unfortunately we the last 4 years due to lack in sponsoring had to scale down a lot. From 4 children homes and 19 full time staff to one house and only 4 staff. The result has been that we were unable to reach out to the so many girls that needed our help and in many cases lost sight of their whereabouts.

Being unable to respond to the many requests for help, in special from the prison authorities in places where the mothers are detained, makes that this has pressured our relationships with those prisons in a negative way. Rules and regulations have become stricter, less children above the age of one are allowed there and knowledge of children in prison if any is now often withheld from us.



Also being allowed to bring goods for the mothers and our usual inside visits with the girls to their mothers are not automatically anymore. We in many cases also are limited to the 10 or 15 minute visits behind bars and Plexiglas while the girls can only communicate with their mother through a telephone.

Future rescues

With again girls going home we do have room in the house to bring in new girls. Girls that due to the above will have to come out of the Hmong Hill Tribe villages along the borders with Laos and Burma.

Areas where most of our girls originate from and where we are well known and do have the needed contacts with village leadership. It is an ongoing shift in our Ministry from bringing girls out of prison to rescuing them out of the village of origin.

Sponsoring

It is always difficult to talk about or ask for more sponsoring, since we do have so many loving people that sponsor us, pray for us, support us in many ways, and even come from Holland, America and Korea to visit us. It really is one of the most difficult things to do. But looking at today we do not have a choice. We just manage to keep our doors open let alone that we can step out and make the difference in the lives of young girls living in deplorable child unworthy abusive circumstances faced with human trafficking.

Please consider to share our Ministry with your friends, family and church leaders.

May God bless you,
Rev. Dr. Jan & Ps. Ellen Smit

Thanking points

The girl
The staff
The sponsors
The teams



Praying points

The girls that went home

The mothers that with our help are setting up a new life

The girls we know of that need being rescued

The so needed extra funding for our Ministry

How to donate to our Ministry

For donations directly towards Thailand

Bank: Bangkok Bank

Swift code: BKKBTHBK

Account number: 537-0-35592-6

In the name of:

Foundation Zion Child Care Trust Intl.
Chiangrai 57000, Thailand

For donations in the US

We are blessed to be in partnership with Emerge Children's Ministry USA.

If you feel that God is leading you to partner up with us please use the following donation link

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