



## **“Baan Zion” Children Prison Ministries**

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*“Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God”*

*Psalm 20:7 NIV*

News flash September/October 2018

Dear friends,

Greetings from all of us in Baan Zion. All is well with our girls and our own family. We are grateful for all your absolutely more than needed prayers.

Since last April, the enemy is not stopping his continuous attacks on our Ministry and these attacks are even focused on our own family and those that work with us. Attacks that had very serious implications on our finances, both ministry wise as well as personal. Attacks also on the physical, spiritual and even mental health of some being part of our team among other things.

The promises of the Lord, that this is the year of restoration, are coming true and some have been put in motion and moving towards a break through. But we experience enormous resistance in every area.

### **Girls**

It is always busy with many things to do within our above average family. It is a coming and going of our Uni students.

They for me have absolute un-logical schedules, that even stretch to evening hours and Saturday and Sunday.

They next to study have to engage in all sort of compulsory activities I, even though living and working here for 15 years, will never understand and in my

perspective do not add anything towards their academic level.

But they are studying hard and are primarily focused on doing so. Must be said that there is little or no time left for other activities.



Like in any country in the world there is enough potential and talent amongst the younger generation here. But as recent October 2018 World Bank Human Index reports show, even though changes so some progress is made, they are still running behind looking at surrounding Asian countries due to weaknesses in the overall educational system.



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Our younger girls enjoyed a sudden October holiday. Most of the time we are informed about dates for this holiday last minute and that makes it difficult for us to plan activities, like coordinating with mission teams. For them and surely our girls, the girls being home when a team comes over is important.

For me it is very nice to have the teens and younger ones at home. It gives me time to do things with them, talk to them and help them in area's needed.

We went to the movies, went to the mountains because they wanted to swim and look for snails on the riverbanks.

Snails they after thorough cleaning and preparation love to eat. And we participated in a church camp in the Akha village of my manager Kwan, being the village the girls as mentioned in earlier news flashes do community service when possible.



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### NGO ship

On September 21<sup>st</sup> we had our extensive government inspection again. Rules are very strict and literally everything is checked. On forehand we of course had to prepare a stack of questionnaires, year reports, child progress reports, staff and board info, CPA report and had to be sure the house was as clean as possible. The latter not always easy with so many girls. But Praise the Lord, again we have passed, are approved and completely certified as a Thai NGO. They, amazed as we are, even were very happy with our present location and deemed it as perfect for our foundation with these in living girls.

But as you may all know we at date are in the serious process of buying our own house. Not easy here, since many things are not as they seem and reason for us to work with a well established broker and a lawyer to legally accompany this process.

We meantime have seen numerous houses, but looking at the needed inside space and outside space to build an outside kitchen and dining area choice is limited. We also have to consider the traveling time to and from school and evening road safety for our Uni students. Quiet roads without lights here are extremely dangerous for girls that travel alone. But the closer to school, University, markets, so city center, the more expensive the houses get. Also being a foundation with many (Hmong) girls proved that we are not welcome in every neighborhood.

But looking at present prospects we almost certainly will be able to buy the house the Lord has chosen for us this month.

It is a one time opportunity, so the demands we have in combination with NGO rules require us, like with all we do, to operate under the clear guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Please continue to lift us up in prayer and may the Lord bless you.

Rev. Dr. Jan and Ps. Ellen Smit

#### **Thanking points**

All the Lord is providing for

Our girls

Our staff

Our sponsors

#### **Prayer points**

Wisdom and insight in buying the house

The so needed extra

sponsoring for the overall and in special University costs

Our own family



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