



## **"Baan Zion" Children Prison Ministries**

A Foundation Zion Child Care Trust Intl. Project

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***"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations:  
spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes"***

Isaiah 54:2 KJV

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Dear friends,

### **Baan Zion**



Things are happening and God is on the move.

Within Baan Zion all is well.

At the beginning of the year there is always a lot of paperwork for us to do. Both for our CPA as well as for the government, where we have to file lots of reports concerning last year and our vision for this year. Next to that, now lots of extra's due to our move to the new house and change in number of staff. Luckily my manager Kwan can handle all of this perfectly.

School is busy as usual and the summer holiday for elementary and High School somewhere next month will start again. We just had the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of High School

graduation, of which they make some sort of big event here, for those that will not pursue a future University study but will make the switch to vocational training. One of our girls made that choice and she goes for a career in the hotel industry.

We last month and this month also had the here so common school camps for some of our girls again. All sort of extra semi educational related activities are still high on the agenda here, while overall education certainly could approve. For the University students of course no holiday, but instead for some of them compulsory study related internships in other cities, which mean that they will be away for between 4 and 9 months.



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Internships our students or we, due to how things work here of course have no say in, but certainly will stay responsible for housing, cost of living and everything else. For some, it will be apprenticeships in Chiangrai and one of the girls will graduate in May with her Bachelor Degree. She, then of course will have to find a job and with our help start to set up her own life. So, a lot of change on the way. But certainly also a period of new Ministry opportunities, having extra space in the house in case we need to take in new girls.

### **One village at the time project**

Launched in January, we at date already have 5 young girls enrolled into our care. Young girls of whom the mother or both parents are in prison, and who with our help safely



can stay in the care of their old grandmother at their Hill Tribe village. For these poor grandmothers financial means are lacking, with all the risks for these girls being evident. By our financial help for food, clothing and schooling and 2 weekly checks on the spot in these Hill Tribe villages, we

help these girls to reach their destination in Christ.

As usual, word about this is spreading fast among the Hill Tribe villages we work in and requests for help meantime are flowing in.

But we of course cannot honour all requests, first of all because we vision wise have to stay in



what we are called for, being the girls of whom the mother is imprisoned, and secondly because we do not have the means yet to expand at a fast pace.

The latter of course is what we would like to do and our vision is to grow to 25 girls by the year's end.

Important is that by reaching out to these girls, we also reach out to their families and the community as a whole. Bringing the change and eternal life only Jesus can give.

As mentioned before, this project definitely will not replace the work in Baan Zion regarding saving girls and bringing them into our home, but is an addition to what we do.

## Personal

It is not usual, that we share about our family or ask for anything personal needed, but we now do need your prayers more than ever. Ellen has been diagnosed with cancer and meantime had two major operations. Operations that both physically and mentally where very heavy. As known so far, all tumours have been removed, but she has to undergo a tough chemo therapy and hormone treatment to kill any on the loose malicious cells.

So please lift her up in your prayers claiming the complete healing only Jesus can give.

God bless you all,

Rev. Dr. Jan & Ps. Ellen Smit

## Thanking points

For all He allows us to do in His Kingdom

For our inner circle of friends

For all those who stand next to us in showing the love, grace and mercy of Jesus

## Praying points

The healing of Ellen

The new project, so we may help more girls and give them a chance in life



## How to donate to our Ministry

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Swift code: BKKBTHBK

Account number: 537-0-35592-6

In the name of:

Foundation Zion Child Care Trust Intl.

Chiangrai 57000, Thailand

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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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CTEN PO Box 291307

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