



“Baan Zion” Children Prison Ministries

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*“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns”
Isaiah 52:7*

News flash May 2019

Dear friends,

It is still very hot here in Chiangrai, but air quality has improved and further will when the rainy season kicks off. There has been a lot of air pollution due to the burning of the rice fields and to such an extent that it was not wise to go outdoors and if needed only with face masks.

This year it impacted some of the outdoor activities we usually have with our girls during their holidays, but they had a good time anyway. And for some it was possible to make visits to family in the villages and or mothers in prison.



For elementary and High school, the long holiday is over and it is back to school again. Since holidays vary, now our University students enjoy a well-deserved short 3-week break.

For some of our University students this year at the start of the new semester will bring a big change. Wan, Ruth and May, as part of their studies, will have to do several months of internship and Wan and Ruth in other cities.



Depending on their studies, they will work in a hotel or at an NGO for human rights.

Also, for us here this will be a change, since these girls do have their given responsibilities and so we have to reshuffle these for the duration that they are away. Looking at costs it will mean an extra \$200 monthly expense per internship for renting a room, buying food and coming home 2x each month. So quite an impact on our budget.

Government

Like every year we in April had to hand in our CPA report, the detailed year report over 2018 and our expectation/vision for 2019. As always this is an enormous amount of work. For this year we due to new regulations will have to submit similar reports every 6 months. We are very grateful that all the information we handed in was approved.



One village at the time



In our previous news flash, I told you how great the changes are in the lives of the girls we brought into this project. Since we started in January, these girls transformed into very happy and healthy girls that enjoy going to school, and amazingly enough do have fantastic grades.



The coming weeks I with some of my team members, will make a village(s) tour to visit these girls, their families and the village elders.

We will have the opportunity to preach the Gospel in these villages and have great expectations of what the Lord will do. Next to the villages our Baan Zion girls come from and or have returned to and the prisons, this absolutely is a God given extension to our Ministry.

At date we are seriously considering 2 new applications, young girls, that looking at their situation really should be helped and if financially possible will be taken into our care. As with all things this will be a choice we can only make by prayer and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Visit

We just have been blessed by the visit of some fantastic people from the USA. Ps. Bill and Ps. Elizabeth, who are the missionary counsellors of CTEN. These sweet and spirit filled people have blessed and encouraged us enormously and we thank the Lord for them being part of our Ministry.



Health update Ellen



Thank you again for all your prayers and we are so grateful that we can say that Ellen has finished her 3-month intensive chemo therapy. It was an enormous attack on her body and some of the side effects were very unpleasant. Now the chemo is finished her body may recuperate and most of the side effects in time will disappear. As a follow up to the chemo, she until the end of the year will have 3 weekly injections to control her hormone level and has to be on medication for a long time to come. But looking at the two big operations and the chemo she had to undergo, she looking at circumstances is doing amazingly well.

We are ever so grateful for all your prayers and support. You help us to make the difference in the lives of many. God bless you all.

In the service of His children,
Ps. Ellen and Rev. Dr. Jan Smit

Thanking points

All that pray for us and support us in whatever way
Our girls and staff
Opportunities given through the new project

Praying points

Further complete healing of Ellen
Wan, Ruthy and May doing their internships
The needed finances for Baan Zion, the new project and for our own family.



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