



“Baan Zion” Children Prison Ministries

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*“We must work the works of Him Who sent Me and be busy with His business while it is daylight;
night is coming on, when no man can work”
John 9:4 Amp.*

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Dear friends,

It seems as if the only thing keeping people busy and you hear and see about in the mainstream media and talking to people, is the corona flu virus.



What I see here , is that in Thailand they are doing a great job in stopping the spread of this corona flu virus.

With its huge almost 68 million people population, at date of writing this, in Thailand there have been less than 3.000 cases until now, and only 54 people died of this virus. The majority of people with this flu virus just got better and were released due to apparent very good hospital treatment.

Immediate and efficient health checks at all public places and road check points, next to the question to stay home whenever possible and a night curfew proved themselves very effective. Of course and unfortunately, the implemented lock downs and restrictions do have effect on the country and its economy. Tourism as one of the important sources of work and income came to a standstill because the borders are closed, restaurants, bars, markets, shops and malls were closed and so also here many people lost their jobs. But, to get the economy running again, we do see an ease of these measures, things are opening again and people can have their lives back.

Girls

For us of course, this situation also had and has its implications. We are still on lock down, so no one goes out and no one comes in. And I had to furlough my staff until the 1st of June. Our Uni students study and do their tests on line.

Elementary and High School will probably only start at the 1st of July. Looking at the large classes of 40+ up to 50+ kids per class, this for starters may also be online but we have no info on that yet and if so, have to see how this works.

Meantime, all is well here. Wan and Fa help me with taking care of all that is needed, and they do the best job ever.



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They next to many administrative things, daily take care of sufficient fresh and nutritious food and fruit and all other daily things we need for our girls.



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They care for all the other girls and plan and coordinate all daily activities from cleaning and cooking, serious stuff like Bible and general study to fun like health exercise, music and arts. I really could not do without them next to me.

Village girls / project

All of the girls, their grandmothers and people we know in the villages are doing well and are healthy. The ongoing situation of course, with our church closed and social distancing advice, has completely changed and limited our work in these villages among the people that really need us so much.

In special here the economic problems are clear, since many people who lost their jobs returned to their families in the villages, which gives a huge strain on these already poor families.

We therefor started a \$2500 fundraiser on Face Book in the hope we by this can deliver food/relieve packages to those that are in need the most. But we have not reached our \$ goal yet.



What's next?



For now, we do have to cope with as we hope and pray temporary change of how things can be done. But, that has not in any way changed our drive and vision. Important is that we can keep our house running and see to the fact that we in this period of financial strain can keep providing in the care for our girls.



Simultaneously, we have to safeguard the care for the girls in the villages and provide whatever help and support we can.

Many people in the villages gave their hearts to the Lord and received their healing during our visits, and also in the church the Lord has done many miracles. In special now it is important to show to all of these people that we are there for them. And of course we pray, that life will be normal again in October and we will have the opportunity to have our Gospel meeting.

We are enormously grateful for all your prayers and support. You help us to make the difference in the lives of many. And whenever possible and led by the Lord any extra donation you can make towards our Ministry will be more than welcome.
Be blessed,

Rev. Dr. Jan and Ps. Ellen Smit

Thanking points

The knowledge that we are covered under the blood of Christ
The Lord's provision
All that stand next to us
Our two fantastic young leaders

Praying points

That everything will return to normal
The needed funding for Baan Zion
The funding to reach out and support those very poor families
Our October Gospel outreach
Our family



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