



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

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*“Where there is no vision (no redemptive revelation of God) the people perish”  
Proverbs 29:18a Amp.*

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Dear friends,

We hope you are all doing well and blessed. Here in Baan Zion all is going well with the girls and also the girls in our village project are doing very well.

As already mentioned on our Face Book page there are some new and important developments and needs, we really want to share with you.



(Not all Baan Zion girls are in this picture)

### **Staff team**

In our previous news flash, I shared something about our staff team and about their tasks and responsibilities but, also here things can change very quickly. Per the 1<sup>st</sup> of September my manager due to personal family circumstances felt she suddenly had to leave Baan Zion.

In itself never nice when people just leave without a proper notice period, but unfortunately not unusual with staff here as soon as their personal or family circumstances change. And something we have experienced with other staff several times in the past.



But and that is an enormous blessing for us, it now is no problem at all looking at the work that has to be done since my two oldest girls, Wan with the help of Fa, have fully taken over her tasks and responsibilities.

Something they also perfectly did during our 4 month period of lock down.

Wan for a long time already experienced the Lord's call on her life and made the choice that she full time wants to serve the Lord and His children.

She has done relevant University studies for this and meantime with high grades graduated with a Bachelor degree.

That means that Wan and Fa now per September 1<sup>st</sup>, are my co-leaders for Baan Zion, the village project and all our other activities. And because of the fact that we are an official NGO working with children, we compulsory need a Thai intermediate between our Foundation and the government. Based on her age, studies and present position, Wan as my new leader, after we applied for that, also now in no time became the officially acknowledged and certified intermediate with the government. Fa, who also has a great heart for serving our children and has done similar studies, took up the important responsibility for the book keeping, the general administration and together these two fantastic girls will do all that is needed to help me running our Ministry.

### **Self sufficiency**

An important part of running our Ministry is being good stewards of the money we need for our monthly budget. We have been minimizing our expenditure for a longer time as much as possible, but some costs are very difficult to bring down, like overhead, school costs and other absolute needed things for our girls.

For some time already we in our garden started growing many varieties of herbs and some fruit and vegetables so we can eat our own produce, but space and quantity of course are limited.

The girls really love working in our garden very much next to their busy school and study days and are very proud of the regular produce in herbs and fruit.



We for years already have the vision to start up a self-sufficiency project (a specified project plan is available on request) but for this we need a piece of land to do so and thus money to buy land and for starting up this project.



Even last year we tried to get funding for a piece of land directly next to our house to realize this self-sufficiency plan, so we by growing veggies, herbs, fruit, holding chickens and an aquaponics fish breeding program could foresee in most of our own food and generate money from selling the surplus. Unfortunately until now we could not generate the sponsoring needed.

But, and that is a huge blessing, we now for a limited time period are allowed to use a piece of land outside of town. All girls love to go there on Saturday and cultivate this piece of land and the corn we meantime sowed, is already growing very fast.

As soon as we can harvest we will use whatever needed ourselves, will share with the girls in the villages and sell the surplus to generate extra funding for Baan Zion. As said using this piece of land is only for a couple of months and it would really be a huge blessing if we by purchasing the land next to our house, for a big part could become self-sufficient and thus be enabled to generate extra money for our Ministry in selling the surplus.

## Village girls



It is such a great blessing to see how the lives of these girls and also their grandmothers have changed since we started this project last year. They are healthy, well fed and very happy.

All girls go to school, work hard and are determined to get good grades. Some of them even only have A grades and they dare to dream about a different and good future.

## Car

But going to these high up mountain villages, often on roads that are not real roads, is not easy and certainly not without risk. In special now with heavy rain showers, we with our old 2 wheel drive car hardly can go up the mountains, so have to cancel our visits.



Like said our car is quit old and needs lots of maintenance, so garage costs, and had its share of being used to the limit on and off road over the years.

In fact now our car is not really suitable or safe enough anymore to

travel long distances with our Baan Zion girls to visit their mothers in far of prisons, go on family visits in their Hill Tribe villages of origin and go up the mountains for the girls in our village project.



We would be enormously blessed if we were enabled to buy a 4 wheel drive pick-up for our Ministry now, so we can safely travel to the mothers of our girls, their families and to the girls in the mountains.

Something looking at the cost of about 25,000 US\$ we absolutely based on sponsoring cannot afford.

Writing the above I realize that looking at needs it is a lot.

Purchase of the land next to our house for our self-sufficiency project, the needed new car, and of course as written in previous news flashes the hope that we by increase of sponsoring can help more girls in the villages.

A lot indeed, but we know that when the Lord gives the vision, He will also make it happen by working in the hearts of people.

We are very grateful for all your prayers and support in whatever way given to us and together we are making the difference in the lives of His children.

God bless you all abundantly,  
Rev. Dr. Jan and Ps. Ellen Smit

#### **Thanking points**

Wan and Fa

All the things we receive from the hand of Jesus

All that pray for us and support us in whatever way

That all of our girls in Baan Zion and the villages are doing so well

#### **Praying points**

The Thai ID of one of our girls we wrote about several times but still is not issued

The really needed new car

The possible purchase of the land next to our house for our self-sufficiency project

Our own family



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