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*“Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth”
Psalm 124:8 Amp.*

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Dear friends,

First of all, we want to thank you so much for all the prayers and whatever support you are giving us and hope that all of you and your loved ones are doing well.

For us you are an indispensable part of our Ministry and we absolutely cannot do without you in the work we are allowed to do in Baan Zion and the villages.



(Some of our Baan Zion girls)

Like you, we of course also are confronted with the ongoing and un-precedented situation in today's world and the fear that is crippling so many around us, forcing people into situations, behaviour and a way of life that they do not want.

We see the effects here of unemployment in families that are struggling with fast rising debts, the schooling costs for their children, and very basic just getting enough food on the table.

We see the stress it is giving on already poor families when they have extra mouths to feed the moment their un-employed relatives have no choice but to return home.

We see the effects on the lives of young people, that feel that their dreams of a good job, so better future are very unsure or even are shattered.

All the more reason for us to bring and speak the light of Jesus in and over situations that are dark and seem without solution.

Even though we also have lost some sponsors and feel the strain of high prices on our monthly budget with so many girls to care for, we are enormously blessed with people standing next to us, all the good things we daily are given and above all the knowledge that our help comes from the Lord.

Self-sufficiency project



As we wrote in our August news flash, we for years already have the wish to start up a self-sufficiency project in Baan Zion, this to contribute to our own consumption, the possibility to share with those in need and the possibility to sell the surplus so we can add some money to our budget.

The try out start of planting corn on a field we were allowed to use for a while, meantime brought a good harvest. It was a lot of hard and sometimes back breaking work on Saturdays, but the result was more than rewarding.



The girls who all love gardening and spend a lot of time in our own small garden. tended the land and the crop until the corn could be harvested and brought in. They cleaned the corn, cooked the corn so it was ready for consumption, both for ourselves as to give away to those in need and they even sold some.

In all this was a big success and sort of proof, that we can do this whenever given the opportunity to buy the land next to our house and really start up our self-sufficiency.

Having tasted a bit of this entrepreneurship, seeing how next to the modest harvest from our house garden this work brought us extra food, brought His love and happiness to those in need and even making a little bit of money, grew the desire in the girls to find other ways in which we could do something towards our monthly budget.

The girls have started making necklaces and bracelets out of beads that they try to sell as well as cuttings from plants and fruit trees that are growing in our own garden to earn some extra pocket money and contribute to our monthly budget.

Next to that they can make beautiful but time consuming embroidery items.



Baan Zion girls



Reading the above you may see that all girls are doing very well. They are healthy, full of energy, they walk with Jesus and are very happy that schools and University, like most things here, are back to a rather normal.

Of course they have loads of home work again, but going to school and seeing friends, being able to socialize is very important. While schools were closed, on line study was not bad, the "schooldays" much shorter and absolutely preferred by some, but it is good to have a normal rhythm again.

Wan and Fa are doing very well in leading next to me and our other staff mea Wan is still cooking the most delicious and healthy food and being a mother herself, an important member of our Baan Zion family.

Internships

Again two of our University students have to go to Chiangmai for a compulsory 3 month internship per the 9th of November. Since both far apart internship places do not offer any accommodation, both girls have to find a room close to their workplace due to the often late working hours and safety.

For us this means a lot in extra rental and living costs.

Village girls



We do receive many applications for taking girls into our village project and have done several assessments, but we also have to be wise as difficult as that sometimes may be seeing the need.

At date we have selected 4 girls that if all the info and documents proof to be okay may be taken into our care.

These girls contrary to the other girls in this project are not Akha but Hmong like our Baan Zion girls. Making a final decision to take them into our care, means making a long term financial commitment and finding sponsors to help us in the care for these new girls is not easy nowadays.

The girls that are in the project already, are really blooming and our regular visits and counselling next to our financial support are making an absolute difference for them and their grandmothers.

Thank you again for all the love, prayers and support and may God bless you abundantly.

Rev. Dr. Jan and Ps. Ellen Smit

Thanking points

All of our girls
All of our sponsors
All of our blessings

Prayer points

The overall sponsoring
The upcoming internships and needed finance
The possible purchase of the land next to our house for our self-sufficiency project
Our own family



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