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*“I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved”
Psalm 16:8 Amp.*

News flash July-August 2021

Dear friends,

We hope and pray that you receive this news flash in good health while being blessed by the Lord in everything your hand finds to do. Here in Baan Zion with the girls and staff all is well and also the girls and grandmothers in our village project are healthy and doing well. It must be said that contrary to last year and the beginning of this year, we the last couple of months here in Thailand have seen a steep rise in people that tested positive for covid by pro-active pcr testing and this has led to many restrictions in our way of doing things. So here University, High School and elementary school have been closed and we were most of the time more or less confined to our house and garden again. Only last Monday school opened again for some classes under strict mandatory government rules for masking and social distancing.



Thai mandatory school uniform 2021 for the Christian school that part of our girls are attending since the partial opening of some of the classes. Face masks and screens. Really so sad.

Girls,

Looking at our girls we cannot be anything else than proud and certainly blessed. All of them have a living relationship with Jesus, all of them are healthy and all of them are very good students. Life in the house is really very harmonious, full of fun and good cheer. All girls help each other and also our staff with whatever needed and it really is one big family.



Like last year for a couple of months and also this year the studies of the girls, was and is for the most still an online situation due to school and University closings.



And of course, the girls miss the interaction in class or college with their friends, the teachers and the other students. For elementary school next to online classes, the teacher dropped by several times to bring and pick up the needed home work and give some extra explanation where needed. But like I wrote in our previous news flash, all girls are coping well with this situation and being in a large family, there is a lot of extra

tuition given to the smaller girls by our University students.

And limited as it absolutely was the last couple of months, we try to get out of the house as much as we can. One of our staff has some rice land and it was fantastic to go there several times to help with preparing, irrigation and planting the young rice shoots. And of course, we still work the piece of land we are allowed to use for several sorts of veggies that may add to our own daily need.



Going out is very important for the health of our girls. Next to nutritious food, lots of fruit, extra vitamins and daily in house exercising, being out in the fresh air is essential for their immune system.



Village girls



The last two months we, due to the fact that the Hill Tribe villages were blocked from entry, have not been able to visit the girls and their grandmothers. And that is very sad, since they



and we always look forward to this. Being there, spending time with them and see how they are doing, helping the grandmothers with things needed and use these visits to share the Gospel and pray with people in the villages.

These villages are not close by and it is important that we can be reached at any time in case of an emergency and we also must be able to contact them. Luckily all grandmothers do have a telephone, so instead of regular personal visits we had to do our checks on the phone.

But praise be to the Lord, also all the girls in the villages are doing well and are healthy. They also were faced with school closures and not having computers, notebooks and internet, their education for the biggest part came to a halt. I have visited many of these schools but should be said that of course the schools in those Hill Tribe communities do not have the same material as the schools our girls attend. But also there the teachers that chose to serve here are doing all they can for the children in their schools. We are happy that some of their schools are slowly opening again now, so we pray that the girls may start their studies in a normal way soon and will be able to catch up for the lost time.

General

What we see since last year, is that the need among the young girls in our peer group steeply increased. The many lock down measures and by result the closing and or bankruptcy of shops, eateries, markets etc. for many caused unemployment and enormous financial problems so extra poverty, broken families and wrong choices made by which these girls were left alone and in jeopardy.

We are praying and seeking the Lord's wisdom in how we budget wise can bring more girls into Baan Zion and bring more girls under our care with our village project.

We are very grateful for all your prayers and support and absolutely could not do without you.

Many blessings,
Ps. Ellen and Rev. Dr. Jan Smit

Thanking points

All that stand next to us

All our girls

All that we may receive from the Lord

Praying points

That we all may stay healthy

That all of our girls can go back to school and University soon

That we financially will be able to rescue more girls and bring them into our care

Our own family



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