



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

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“Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who fears, reveres, and worships the Lord,  
who walks in His ways and lives according to His commandments”  
Psalm 128:1 Amp.

News flash September-October,



Dear friends,

We are happy, blessed and fortunate that we may send you this news flash again, while all of us being of good health here, both in Baan Zion as well as the girls in the villages we work in. Unfortunately the villages are still blocked, so this is making it impossible for us to go there and physically check on the girls and their grandmothers and give them hands on help and assistance where needed. For now we still rely on contacts by phone. Life the last, say, one and a half year has taken a very different turn, and moved far away from our normal lives. From going to the market, going to school and University, working in the villages, having our Hill Tribe church, running and enlarging our Ministry by assessing and adding more girls to our village project that need help, to going to the night bazar or for a swim, having hikes or going to a park for a pick nick or having a simple roadside meal, most things were made from difficult to impossible.

We can only thank the Lord for His ongoing provision in every way we need, looking at the so many that lost their jobs here, had to close their shop and are struggling to make ends meet for their families and get sufficient food on the table.

## Girls

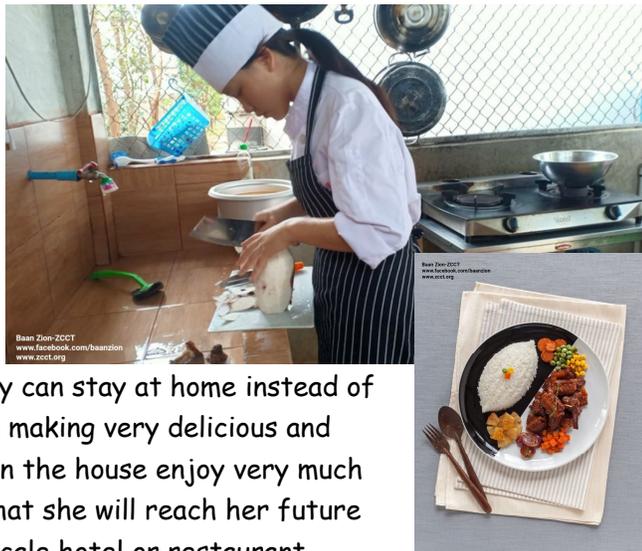
Even though we since last year have been confronted with school and University almost all of the time being closed due to the c flu lock downs, all of our girls their studies go as well as possible with the online classes. Each and every one of them is determined to do the best they can, they are still highly motivated and of course we have Wan and Fa and the present Uni students, that invest a lot of time and energy in keeping the younger girls on track with their elementary and High School studies.



But, as always many good things are happening here because the Lord is good for us. Anticipating on the November 1<sup>st</sup> school opening, two of our 4<sup>th</sup> year Uni students, Wi and Fearn, next week will start with their 4 month internships at a rural elementary school. Here they will help the teachers with all sort of administrative tasks and will be participating in teaching English, since English proficiency here in Thailand is really very, very low compared to the surrounding Asian countries. For them a big challenge being away from home for such a long time, living in a by us rented apartment close to their work and them having to take care of their own food and household next

to work and daily University reports they have to write for their end Thesis.

And Toy, who is doing a vocational hotel training with the aim to become a chef, is given the great opportunity to start this month with an internship as apprentice cook/pastry maker in a very good restaurant here in Chiangrai, given the fact that some opening for dining now are made possible. And because this is in Chiangrai, she luckily can stay at home instead of being away for months. Toy already is making very delicious and special food and pastries we all here in the house enjoy very much and there is no doubt what so ever, that she will reach her future goal of becoming a lead chef in an upscale hotel or restaurant.





And of course we continued our working the land. Both in our own garden as well as on the piece of land we were allowed to use for growing some veggies, corn and fruit for our own use, as well as participating in planting and harvesting rice on the land of one of our staff.

No matter what happens and what the world is throwing at us, the Lord provides and in times of need here in Chiangrai, we will always have some food. We have chickens, eggs, fruit, herbs, rice and fish being the basic needs for all of us. We praise the Lord for the opportunities He is giving us here and we get more and more convinced of the fact that looking how the situation in the world is developing, that starting up our self sufficiency project gets more topical.

### **Village girls**

As said the Hill Tribe villages where the present girls live and from where we got a lot of new requests for help during the last couple of months, are still closed due to the fear of importing c flu in those villages. Also, these girls due to lack of computers during school lock downs missed a lot of their so needed regular education and the interaction with their teachers and friends. We really hope and pray that the villages will be opened soon, so we can visit the present girls, do assessments of possible new girls and of course that they all may normally go to school again.



### **Finance**

Like most Ministries we have seen some decline in sponsorship during this year, but we are very grateful towards all those who even maybe going through difficult times themselves, continued to support us.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for sowing into His Kingdom,  
Ps. Ellen and Rev. Dr. Jan Smit

### **Thanking points**

The Lord's provision and ongoing blessings  
Those that support us, pray for us and  
contribute to our Ministry in whatever way  
The girls  
The staff  
The offered internships

### **Praying points**

The school and Uni openings  
The internships of our 3 girls  
The opening of the villages  
The assessments of new girls  
The overall finance  
The self-sufficiency project



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