



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

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*“Enlarge the place of your tent (to make room for more children); Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not spare them; Lengthen your tent ropes and make your pegs (stakes) firm (in the ground). For you will spread out to the right and to the left;*

*And your descendants will take possession of the nations and will inhabit deserted cities”*

*Isaiah 54:2-3 Amp*



### **News flash January-February 2023**

Dear friends,

For 2023 the Lord has given us a very specific word. Praying for what the Lord wanted us to do in 2023 we were determined by the above Bible text from Isaiah 54:2-3, that in the Amp. text clearly mentions, that we have to make room for more children. Something that was already on our hearts and now being confirmed by the Word of Lord, we without any doubt certainly will do. Below we will give you more info on this. Meantime the first months of the new year have already passed and we are really overjoyed and very grateful to see that also for this year you are committed to walk with us in our journey with the Lord to sustain the present girls in our house and the girls that are part of our village project. As we wrote in our December news flash, 2022 was a fantastic and very blessed year and we in faith proclaim that this year will be even better.



December was a very busy and special month for us in Baan Zion and the girls in the villages celebrating the holidays as one super large family.

Our house was crowded and the girls even had to sleep in the living room. We made extra visits to the villages to ensure they could be with us and made an inventory of what we could surprize them with.



We decorated the house, shopped a lot to buy them the wanted and certainly also needed presents, had to buy all the food, snacks and soft drinks. We had to buy extra blankets, other needed sleeping and sanitary items and prepared places for them to sleep. We did games, had praise and worship, enjoyed food and snacks together, shared gifts and had our in house baptism service. In all really very special and blessed holidays.

### Girls



After their short holiday at the end of December, all girls are very busy with their studies again and preparing for their



end of the running school year tests and exams because in March the very long summer holidays will start again.





This year we finally will be able to have a normal holiday again and do as usual. Go hiking, swimming, the hot springs, pick nicking, visit distant families in the Hill Tribe villages, visit their mothers in prison and go to the Night Bazar to mention a few. But we in the coming period like we were able to do last year, also will bring more and new girls from our waiting list into our house. We still have room in our house to give young vulnerable girls that cannot safely stay with their grandmothers a safe place to grow up. We do this in the coming holiday period because the adjustment with all girls home for them will be easier and the admission for the coming school year at the school all girls go to will be easier.

### High School team

In February, we were blessed by having a graduate team from the Chiangrai International Christian School. Baan Zion being a girls only home, it was a large all female students and teachers team that came to our house to do several sorts of art classes, games and dance with our girls and of course the girls from our village project that we brought down from the mountains to participate in these activities. All girls had a really fantastic time with these wonderful students and teachers.

### Village girls



For the girls in our village project, staying with us in Baan Zion during the holiday season and last time when having the graduate team is very special. Even though we do support these girls with everything needed, the living situation with their grandmothers of course is quite different from the large and beautiful house we with the girls live in. But we see it as very important that also these girls do have a place where they can feel loved, special and know that they belong.



Here in our house, they can interact with our girls and us, we can give extra personal attention and counselling if needed. They on Friday and Sunday evening are part of our In House Praise and Worship, our Bible studies and in the morning and evening our devotion and sharing time.

Certainly, we will have the girls from the villages staying with us a couple of times during the holiday, so they can participate in our activities and also for them this year the school holiday may be special.

### **Village project**

Now at date having many girls in our village project, we see that the word of our care is spreading further with the result that Wan (my righthand and co-leader) gets more and more phone calls and or letters with requests to bring young vulnerable girls that are left with their grandmothers into our project. Since not all requests fit into our mission goal for this project, Wan before we visit those girls checks all the needed info by phone and if there is any on social media to prevent that as it happens more than once both parents are there, but just by whatever reason want the girl being taken care of. Due to the meantime existing list of approved girls we during the coming holiday period will have to visit many girls and pray that, the Lord providing, we this year may double the number of girls so grow towards 50 girls.



### **An extra Baan Zion in combination with self-sufficiency**

For many years now we had and still have the vision of starting a self-sufficiency project on the land next to our house. But until now we have been unable to require the needed funding to do so. And we think that has been for a reason. The covid years with their lock downs, the many layoffs, the difficulties with the economy, so increasing poverty and all relevant problems, made that the situation within our peer group only got worse. A fact, that is proven by the many requests for help we get, both for placing girls within Baan Zion as well as bringing them into our village project.

When we look at the 2023 Word of the Lord given for our Ministry, we as a team strongly experience that now is the time to do things differently, adapt our vision and make a serious effort to enlarge the place of our tent and thus make room for more children.

If, the Lord willing, funding comes available we want to buy the land and built an extra Baan Zion for initially 30 girls and use the rest of the land for our self-sufficiency project, which can and will provide for a large part in our daily needs.

At date we are working on a well-founded and detailed project plan for this new phase of our Ministry here in Chiangrai for which at date we have estimated a \$165.000 budget.

We thank all of our Ministry partners for the continuous prayers, support and help in whatever way we receive. Together we make the difference.

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

### Thanking points

All that the Lord is providing for us  
All those that also this year stand next to us  
All of our girls and staff

### Prayer points

The new girls we will bring into Baan Zion  
The new girls we will take into our village project  
That we will be able to realize our building project  
The long holiday period



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