

## Report from Foundation for Life April - June 2009

This report is a series of reports given regularly to friends, supporters and new partners who would like to be updated on the happenings work of our Foundation. As such we need to repeat the introductory section for sake of newcomers.

The Girls' Brigade, Thailand has been in the "business" to develop girls using a wholistic approach for a period of about 15 years and has been well received by the society for its efforts. In 2005 a similar program in the form of The Young Men's Brigade, has been launched for the benefit of the boys and has since been played a role as a counterpart to the girls' ministry.

The Girls' Brigade and The Young Men's Brigade has a total membership of about 2,000 strong, where programs and activities are run on a *weekly basis*, developing the young people mentally, physically, morally and socially, so that they may have self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility, ready for good works in their 18 communities where they are situated, both in Bangkok and upcountry (i.e. Khon Kaen, Chonburi, Chiangmai, Chiangrai, Rayong, Samut Sakhon, Samut Songkhram, Roi Et, Sisaket, etc.)

In 2004, the Foundation for Life (licence number กท. 1470) was inaugurated as a charitable arm, with emphasis on the children and family, the poor and underprivileged in society. Through love and compassion, regardless of race or religion, the Foundation seeks to help communities be self-sufficient and achieving a better quality of life.

The following is a report of what has been done from April to June 2009

### 1. Project Bicycles for Kids



As the Foundation continues to play her part in the wholistic development of the lives of children and youths run weekly at the Mae Yang Har (government) School, Tambon Borkaew, Ampur Samerng, Chiangmai, it has come to our knowledge that during the rainy seasons, pupils loathe to wear their socks to school, as they will be soiled with red dirt from the country roads as they walk to school. Thus before the start of the new academic year, the Foundation was happy for the opportunity to receive donations of 10 bicycles in cooperation with the Unilever Thai Trading Pte Co., in their "Moo Rider - this bike for kids" Project. In this project, the school receives 9 bicycles while the pupil who writes a winning essay on "Various academic subjects that I can learn from the bicycle" receives 1 bicycle of his/her own. The Foundation liaised to publicise to the pupils in the school to write on this topic. As a result, Nikom Tontalik of primary 5, won the prized bicycles for himself and his school.

## 2. Mangrove Rehabilitation Project



On 29-30 April, the core group of 40 young leaders from Bangkok, nearby vicinities and Chonburi areas gathered at the Conservation Centre for Mangrove Swamps, Baan Klong Kone, Samut Songkhram province, to study and be involved in replanting mangrove trees, in the honor of the king of Thailand. They had the opportunity to learn directly from the locals on their way of life which was highly dependent on the health of the mangrove swamp. At the same time, these young leaders brainstormed and planned for the coming National Camps in the coming July.

## 3. Feeding the Family Project



On top of the present economic situation and increasing loss of jobs, school term reopened in mid May, resulting in heavy expenses especially for the poor and underprivileged. The Foundation worked with the Anglo Singapore International School since April in a charitable drive to collect donations of rice and daily necessities for about 150 families especially in the Klong Toey communities. The teachers and students from the school personally handed the good-bags to some of the families, as well as conducted activities for the children and youths who come to the weekly Brigade program at the Baan Chiwit Mai Centre on 27 July.

## 4. Educational Support



The Foundation contributed educational toys, stationery and books to the educational centre for the Akkha hilltribe children in the Ah-yoke and Toong Praporn Villages, Tambon Huay Klang Pla, Ampur Mae Chan, Chiangrai province in April, to prepare for the new academic year.

## 5. Centres for “Moulding the NeXt Generation”

For the new academic year, all the 20 activity centres in Bangkok and upcountry provinces begin to pick up speed as developmental work restart and lessons in life skills are taught in the areas of education, the physical, spiritual and service to the communities.

*The Foundation is grateful for your continued support of our programs so that children and youths may be duly developed in the past trimester, what with the downturn in the economy and the prevalence of H1N1 flu 2009 that is causing the whole country to be in anxiety. May the Lord bless you and your family with true happiness and prosperity!!*