

# Report From Foundation for Life July to September 2008

This report is a series of reports given regularly to friends, supporters and new partners who would like to be updated on the happenings of the work of our Foundation. As such we need to repeat the Introductory section for the 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. Kanchanaburi, Khon Kaen, Chonburi, Chiangrai, Phisanuloke, Rayong, Samut Sakhon, Samut Songkhram, Roi Et, Sisaket, etc.)

In 2004, the Foundation for Life (licence number nm. 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.

## (1) Liveable Home

This project is carried out in co-operation with the Baan Chiwit Mai, so as to help educate families in the Klong Toey Slum Community in healthy, clean living and looking after their homes. Volunteers help with the physical cleaning, simple and practical interior designing and to lift the flooring up, repairing of roofs, painting the walls, upgrade the kitchen, toilets and to change broken down furniture as needed, so as to be a model home for the neighbourhood. At the moment, the needs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> family are being evaluated and educated on how to upkeep the home after renovations are done.





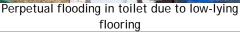


The home has been renovated to make it more tidy and spacious, so that it can be model for the neighbours



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Leaking in the roof



Remove uneven and weak wooden floor, and use cement instead

### (2) Expansion of Centres to "Mould the NeXt Generation" and follow-up in the Northern Region

The Foundation surveyed the local communities in the Ampur Mae Chan, Chiangrai so as to start new centres to "Mould the NeXt Generation" for girls coming from the lowlands and the hilltribes, in collaboration with the Sahardsueksa School. It is in the pioneering stages of its activities with emphasis on wholistic development in areas of the physical, mental and social. The Foundation took the opportunity to visit the government office in the Ampur Sameong, so that together with the local volunteers, we are better able to understand and address the problems faced by local Karen youths there.





# (3) "Book Lovers" Project





The Foundation had a part in giving educational sponsorship for needy families on a case by case basis. At the same time, English language books were donated to the library of Sahardsueksa School in Chiangrai, together with the distribution of uniforms for activities to the girls from the hilltribes.

## (4) Project "Moulding the NeXt Generation"

There are 18 activity centres spread around Bangkok and the provinces that run weekly programs for the young people so that they may wisely use their time in wholistic development throughout the school term.





The Foundation is grateful to all who help support our programs so that sustainable development may be realised.

May the Lord bless you and your family with true happiness and prosperity.



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