

Report from Foundation for Life January - March 2008

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 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 January to March 2008

(1) Project Toys for Kids

Together with The Girls' Brigade, the Foundation and the volunteers of Mahachai Christian School (Samut Sakhon) organised the collection of toys and second-hand clothes from January to 14 February (Valentine's Day) for the underprivileged and the disabled in Klong Toey Community. On the 16 February, these gifts of love were handed to the abovesaid. In tandem with this event, Mdm Tang Sor Hee (a retiree from Singapore) applied her hair-cutting skills for the children in Klong Toey, as a means to help reduce expenses for the families. Furthermore, Singaporean volunteer Mr Sze Kung, who is an expert in design and has experience in interior decoration, visited the local homes in Klong Toey in the Project "A Liveable Home" run by Baam Chiwit Mai, to give his recommendations for improvements. The Foundation for Life also donated a sum of money to aid in this project for the slum dwellers.



(2) Project “Training of Volunteers in Practical Skills for the Improvement of Life Quality for the Youths and Their Families on the Theme- Leaders and Passing On of Vision”

The Foundation organised a 4-day training from 17-20 March for 30 volunteers from Bangkok and upcountry on the Theme of “Leaders and the Passing on of Vision” at the Baan Phetsarmran, Prachuab Kirikhan. The main speaker, Ajarn Chamnan Saengchai from the Society of the Lanna Thai (equivalent of Toastmasters), taught participants on Public Speaking with good poise and in a way that hearers will understand and be impressed. Both the theory and the practical sessions, enabled trainees to further appreciate the importance of verbally imparting one’s vision to the next generation so that present development will see lasting effects.

On top of that the Foundation also trained volunteers in the skills of using Powerpoint so that their presentation and teaching will be interesting to children and youths. They were also encouraged to pass on what they had learnt to the kids in their care.



(3) Award Ceremonies in 18 Centres where “Moulding the NeXt Generation” Programs are run in the past year



Being the final month of the academic year, March is the month where all 18 Centres in Bangkok and upcountry give awards to members who have faithfully attended the weekly sessions and completed their badgework activities, aiming for wholistic development, namely educationally, physically, morally and socially. Come May 2008, a new term begins and developmental activities will recommence.

The Foundation is grateful to all supporters without whose help we will not be able to support such worthwhile activities in the past quarter of the year.

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

