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CWEFT

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SERVING THE CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES OF THAILAND SINCE 1988.

At CWEFT, our mission is to empower underprivileged children, women and families through holistic education and training. We work with communities and many partners to protect and promote those in need, emphasizing improving the capacity for the underprivileged throughout Thailand, through a variety of programs. In the last year, we have seen lives changed and families flourish, because of supporters like you! Here are just a few 2020-2021 highlights:

Concordia Daycare Center (CDCC)

Serving the families of a slum in Bang Na district, Bangkok, CDCC welcomes children ages 2-5 who would otherwise be left at home and exposed to many dangers while parents are working. At the center, not only are children safe, nurtured, and shown the love of Christ 5 days a week, but they are prepared to enter elementary school successfully when they reach compulsory age, giving them a chance to change the course of their future. *(Children served: 33)*



Saturday Program

To further support children in Bangkok slum communities with learning and developmental delays, CDCC organizes Saturday tutoring classes to supplement learning in mathematics, English, and Thai language. In addition, once a month we host community training topics on life skills such as sports, art, and cooking, as well as social subjects to promote family health, such as healthy discipline, self-expression, organization, and knowing how to recognize and report child labor and human trafficking. *(People served: 77)*

School Vacation Program

CWEFT cares for children during school breaks, reducing community exposure to pornography, gangs, and addictive behaviors. *(Children served: 24)*



Elderly Ministry

The Concordia Daycare Center (CDCC) team organizes volunteers to visit the elderly in slum areas, offering them hope, friendship, and education on health and income generating. We also provide essential items they often lack, such as non-perishable foods, hygiene products, and medicines. *(People served: 72)*

**CHILDREN HELPED
THROUGH THE WORLD HELP
SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

78!



Hostel Outreach

Meanwhile, in Northern Thailand, CWEFT supports 3 educational hostel ministries: **Manaporn Student Center** and **Grace Hostel Student Center** in Chiang Rai province, and **Lamthum Church Children's Ministry** in Chiang Mai. These ministries primarily serve children of the Lahu ethnic hilltribe. These children often lack resources and support due to poverty, lack of papers, language barriers, and/or "stateless" status: being neither Thai citizens nor citizens of any other country (which means they do not receive equal access to school, health, and legal resources). Children often move away from their villages where there are no schools, to be closer to Thai public schools. On their own, they are at great risk to labor and sex traffickers, abuse, drugs, and other dangers.

Our hostels provide safety, nutrition, strengthening of Thai skills, fostering of spiritual health with regular Bible study, and life skills in sustainable farming, cooking, and healthy relationships. With the help of the wonderful leadership in each of these ministries, children and teens are learning about God's great love for them, and earning an education that will change not only their own, but their whole family's lives.

(Students served: 67)

A NATION IN CRISIS

AN UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN THAILAND

After a relatively successful control of the virus in 2020, a devastating outbreak began sweeping the country in March of 2021. Daily cases nationwide are averaging over 20,000 as of August, and the capital of Bangkok, where the Concordia Daycare is located, has been hit the hardest. CWEFT and those we serve have been affected in major ways:

- All organized programs and events, including the daycare, are closed, due to government restrictions to curb the spread.
- Public schools have been operating through either hybrid or all-virtual classes, greatly affecting students with low to no access to internet.
- Many children have lost close family members to the virus, and unemployment or severe reduction in wages is widespread.

In July, a community outbreak was discovered in Bang Na, and the village was sealed off as a result. To date, 19 children and 142 adults (including elderly and those on sick bed) have been diagnosed with Covid-19, and another 64 families were exposed and forced to quarantine, without any way to make an income, or financial aid to help them get through.

We knew that we had to respond...

CDCC has become the center for providing crisis relief aid to over 13,000 people in 11 disadvantaged communities in Bang Na district. Our staff is tested regularly, and continues to serve and



advocate for the people who often have no voice. We make sure that the children who normally attend the daycare program are fed each day, and along with local partners, make sure that community members are given access to food and drinking water.

As hospitals in the capital are at capacity, people often wait days for a hospital bed, so we have also begun providing over-the-counter medicines to treat symptoms at home. Since April 19, 2021, we have distributed:

11,309
HOT MEALS

3,506
DRY FOOD BAGS

+ MEDICINE,
HYGIENE,
& PPE KITS



"Thank you for saving me and my family. Thank you for all your gifts, hot meals, and prayers for me. I made it and am back home now!"

- Toey (14), following her recovery in the hospital from Covid-19



From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much for the love, care, and support you have shown us through this unique and trying year. Thank you for investing in the lives of the children, women, and families of Thailand, and sacrificing so generously so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. God bless you!

**Sincerely,
The CWEFT Team**