

"Orphan Focus"

Schmidt family newsletter.

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A door opens...

We have prayed for wisdom in knowing where God would have us live in Thailand, the best way to obtain a 12 month visa and how we might go about learning to live and effectively Minister in Thailand.

God has led us to a wonderful family who are already in Thailand. They have commenced a children's home in the same town we will live in. They have offered to assist us in settling in—such a blessing!

They understand we

will need to learn the language, to set up our home, attend the "Children with Hope" International training course in Bangkok and see our boys from time to time.



What better partnership than with those whose eyes also sparkle at the smell of Vegemite and whose heart's desire it is, along with ours, to rescue and care for orphaned, abandoned and relinquished children in Thailand.

We have committed to working alongside them for one year. Our joining with them will, among other things, allow them to have a much needed break and eventually to be able to spend time in Australia.

Special answers:

- God has brought potential partners into our lives!
- God is raising up many people to help us look after the precious children who need help in Thailand.

Baan Jai Dee

Psalm 127:1a

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

This verse was given to

us when we first went into Ministry with NTM.

How amazing that the Lord would have us go from a Ministry of building homes, to one of building up little lives for His glory! Allan once thought he'd like to

change direction from the "building game" but God clearly has other ideas!



## What's next?



Sam and Helen Mottee

We are speaking at various churches in Gee-long and Melbourne during March and April. It is always an exciting time, meeting up with

old friends and catching up with new ones!

We said a fond but sad farewell to our lovely friends, the Mottees (Sam and Helen Mottee pictured) who have gone to serve in Hong Kong. Jordy is getting so used to people coming and going in our lives. He often asks "Where is so and so?"

We explain that they have gone to PNG or Hong Kong etc. He asks "Can we go see 'em?" Hard to explain to a 2 year old that it's not just around the corner!

Jordy now asks "Can we take this to Thailand?" He realizes his missing toys are packed! We are trying to explain...



Crossroads International in Hong Kong where the Mottees now live and work, provide shipments of much needed items to children at this orphanage in Mongolia..

We are hopeful that Baan Jai Dee may also be a recipient of much needed items from Crossroads. They just need many hands to pack the items!

## Changes and old friends



Jordy was delighted to catch up with his friend Dillon. He really grieved for quite some time

when we left Laurieton, so we chose to wait for a while before the two boys saw each other. As it happens, Dillon has moved into the house we were living in! They are hilarious when they see each other. Last time they ran into each others arms. Where is the movie camera when you need it?



Jordy with friend Stevie Castelijjn. Stevie lives in the jungle in The Philippines where his parents are Church planting and Translating the Bible. We are privileged to have been there and now Jordy wants to go see Stevie there too!

Old friends and new ones. A challenge as well as a privilege of being an MK (Missionary Kid)

## Introducing Samuel!

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to little Samuel.

Samuel is 7 months old and is one of the children we will be getting to know as soon as we arrive in Chiang Mai. He is



currently in the children's home where we will be volunteering.

We have been told that he is very happy and only fusses when hungry! We are looking forward to a cuddle with him!

Jordy delights us in how he warms so quickly to other children. That'll come in handy!!

Child Sponsorship.



Many people have asked us about the possibility of sponsoring a child.

In order to care for the children's needs, each child will need sponsorship.

The difference between us and some of the more well known,

larger organizations is that with the larger organizations, the children stay at home with their families. Sponsorship supplements the children's needs and benefits the community.

The reality is that some children are just not able to live at

home. Their parents may have died, the children may have been abandoned or more increasingly, and sadly, there is an alarming increase in children being relinquished by their parents which understandably has a devastating impact on the children.



Child Sponsorship continued...

With Baan Jai Dee, the responsibility of all the children's needs will rest with us.

Depending on the age of the child, they will need nappies and clothing, formula and food, toys, car seats, strollers, an education and Medical care.

As you can imagine, it is a BIG task!!



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If you would like to sponsor a child (like Joel) in the coming

months, please contact us.

We already have one child partially sponsored! We are excited by that!!

A child sponsorship at \$40 per month is critical in establishing and maintaining a strong support system for the children.

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Setting up the home.



Let us know if you'd

like to catch up with us while we are in Victoria. Jordy is used to traveling and so he won't mind coming to see you!

Our next speaking appointment is in Port Macquarie on 4/3.

We will be in Victoria from 9th March until we leave on 23rd April. We are busy every Sunday between now and then. Looking forward to seeing you soon!  
Love Allan, Sam, Jesse & Jordy.



APRIL 23rd we fly to Thailand.

Baan Jai Dee

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How you can be a blessing...

In Australia:

Please post cheque to:

Project: "Baan Jai Dee",  
South Valley Baptist  
Church, 238 South  
Valley Road, Highton,  
3216.

Or: Direct Credit:

Comm Bank,  
BSB: 062 648  
A/c: 10090035  
A & S Schmidt.

In USA:

The Second Tunic  
314 Clay Road,  
Lititz, PA 17543  
Note: Baan Jai Dee.

We receive 100% of  
all donations

Project: "Baan Jai Dee".

Donation details:

Name.....  
Address.....  
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Email.....  
Phone:..... Mobile:.....  
Church Affiliation.....

Orphanage expenses:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Schmidt family support:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Child Sponsorship: (payable monthly, quarterly or yearly)

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for: 1 month/3 months/1 year (circle one)

New Sponsorship:

(Please tick): Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_

\$40 month (tick) or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_

Building Fund: (designate gift "building fund" on back of cheque)

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ month/quarter/year/one off

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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