



Allan is standing in Chabaa's village. Nice view!

" Orphan Focus "

Baan Jai Dee

Mark 10:16 " And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them. "

We welcome little Chabaa.



1. Chabaa at the door of her house. 2. Eating inside her house 3. Her house. 4. Her "kitchen". 5. In her village

Allan and two friends arrived at "the top of the world" to collect dear little Chabaa. Her village is so high up Allan said "you'd get a nose bleed!" There is a huge Military presence there, and Chabaa would run screaming whenever she would hear the military gun ship helicopters start up! She was in urgent need of care and arrived on 5th January.

the village leaders who showed an interest in our project and in our process of identifying those children who were in need of urgent care. As they were talking, Allan looked up and saw a very tiny woman walking down the side of the mountain with a bundle on her back. The bundle was in fact little Chabaa. She was filthy dirty and her only clothing was an oversized t-shirt (see pic at right—this is what she came home in!) She was taken inside her house, sat on the dirt floor and ate a meal of rice and dirty water. The team left with Chabaa some time later and after screaming the place down, little Chabaa eventually fell asleep in someone's arms. She came home and had a meal and a bath. The water was so brown after they finished scrubbing her. Chabaa, aged 3 years and 3 months is only slightly taller than Coco who is 17 months.

She is a tiny little girl who is full of smiles, loves life and is simply a delight. She is severely malnourished and it will take some time to get her healthy. The team arrived around lunch time after a very long trip. They met with



This is the referral photo we received of little Chabaa. Chabaa was left to fend for herself. This is where she would stay (see photo on left) relying on handouts of food from anyone who would care.

Her diet consisted mainly of plain boiled rice and junk food. Her belly is so big because of malnutrition. Her siblings have all been relocated too. Would you consider blessing little Chabaa by becoming her sponsor? info@baanjaidee.org



By definition...



It takes a LONG time for some of the children not to be frightened of taking a bath. Often being used to being bathed in very cold water doesn't help! They need to learn that they can trust us. Not long after Coco arrived, Jumpii told her "you are very lucky. You live with "Farang" (foreigners).

You will always have warm water. No more cold baths. Isn't that great?" Amazing what we take for granted isn't it?!

By definition, we think of an orphan as someone without parents. That isn't the case in Asia. If a child has been abandoned or given away or has lost their father, they are classified as being an orphan. A very big problem in Asia is that if a parent wants to remarry, their new spouse will not be interested in 'inheriting' children, so the parent will give up the child in favour of the new spouse.

This sad fact means that while there are many thousands of orphans in the "Western" sense of the word there are many more children who are simply thrown away.

This has been a very hard thing for us to see. Hard to understand. We see children as precious gifts and are very humbled to be able to help them. We can love them, teach them and nurture them so that they will grow into productive, healthy Thai citizens.

Oh that they would come to know their Maker in a real and life changing way!

They all have huge emotional baggage from being thrown away. One of our children has a deep seated fear that we will abandon her like she has been on several occasions.

We told her that not only will we NOT abandon her, she is stuck with us until she is 60 something. She asked why and I said "coz we'll be 100 by then! She replied "oh, I think when I 25 or 26, then maybe I can live somewhere and then visit you. Or maybe I (will) just stay (with) my mummy and my daddy." Precious and tender hearted is this child!

Pee Goi ...

Goi has just joined the Baan Jai Dee family. She is a Karen Tribal girl. She was married but sadly her husband took his own life last year. When asked if she knows why, she said he was in debt but she doesn't know why. She has had a big adjustment for a 21 year old—losing her husband and moving out of her village and away from her support network.

She had never changed a nappy (they don't use them in a village), has never driven a car or a motorbike, eaten foreign food and certainly hasn't ever had to hear English spoken all day!

This is a big adjustment for Goi. She is a caring foster mum to little Mia who has medical and emotional needs. Mia adores her—which was the aim- to have Mia attach to one primary caregiver. This will stand her in good stead and help "normalize" her

life and hopefully help her catch up! The other night, Goi, a very quiet girl was on her way to bed. She said softly "Good night daddy" then she ran back and hugged Allan. These were her first words in English! That was a very special moment. She is indeed a blessing to the Baan Jai Dee family.



Goi with Mia.
Below—helping her learn to walk, which she is now doing well!





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