



Project "Baan Jai Dee"

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NEWSLETTER

"The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avail eth much"

Please pray:

\* For all our paperwork to come through which will allow us to open our doors to children.

\* For God's provision for the Tribal children.

\* For wisdom in knowing which children to help!

\* For Jordy to find some friends.

\* For our boys back in Australia.

\* For ongoing committed prayer and financial partners in this most necessary and urgent work.

THE TRIBAL CHILDREN...

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We have met an extraordinary family living near us. This particular family love children and decided to offer a 'forever family' to lots of different special needs children—those that are often so hard to place. They now adopt children from all over the world.

They are relaxed (believe it or not!), organised, loving and such a happy bunch! They have children who were born in Romania, Uganda, The USA, Hong Kong, India, South Korea and some other countries!

This amazing family lived in Uganda for 9 years looking after many children. At one stage they had over 200 living under one roof—I guess it was a large house! They are keen to return again to the work they started.

Recently, the husband was away for a while and when he returned home—it was to 5 more children! Since they

have been in Thailand, they have taken in a tiny newborn baby boy that they are hoping to adopt.

During their time in Chiang Mai, they also had four Tribal children from up in the mountains referred to them for immediate care. They said 'yes'.

This family is leaving the country at some stage in the near future and owing to the fact that they do not have custody of the Tribal children, they can't take the children with them.

We have been asked to pray about taking any or all of the children into our care as soon as possible.

Please pray that these children will find safe housing quickly. We need wisdom—please pray that we will know if Project Baan Jai Dee is the right place for them.

Whatever the outcome for them—they have several

immediate needs.

They were very thin when they arrived into care and are in need of clothing and they may need to change schools. The children are from a very poor remote location. They have no contact with their fathers and limited contact with their mothers (who have moved to another town a long way away). How very sad for them.

The children are aged six, six, ten and twelve.

Pray for the best outcome for the children.

Thank you.



Tribal children from a village in the mountains.  
Pic: Lyle Kindleysides



Enjoying a BBQ at our home church in Geelong. John, Scott (the drama King?!), Allan and our mate Dave.



Jordy hugging his friend Melody



Jordy hugging a gum tree!

Sam, Benj, Allan and Jordy.

We couldn't believe it - while taking a family photo, this beautiful, wild parrot flew out of the bush and landed on Sam's hand. We are very thankful that God orchestrated such a wonderful experience to happen just before we left Australia. What a treasured memory!



Coffee with Grandma and enjoying my last day at the beach with Jesse.



We would like to thank Jimmy and Meagan for allowing us to stay in their beautiful home while they were in the U.S. Thank you too to Lyle and Neecey for allowing us to stay with them in Brisbane and for all the kind people at Stafford Heights Baptist for looking after us.

Thank you to Stuie and Melissa, Melody and Kiel for affording us the luxury of being so close to our boys in the last couple of weeks before we go to Thailand. We cannot speak highly enough of our dear friends.

Thank you to those wonderful friends who have showered love on us. You have shown Christ's love to us in a way that has been a joy to watch. Seeing how we all play a part in God's Redemptive purposes is such a joy.

Seeing God at work through so many people has blessed us beyond anything we could have asked.

Sam has been busy putting together a proposal to share our hearts and what we believe God has called us to do—to meet the requirements of the Foundation. We hope to meet with the board in the next week or so to answer any questions they may have.

Part of the proposal reads: "All children will receive a primary and secondary education with the opportunity for advanced education."

The children we are hoping to take in

Now unto Him, who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think—we sure saw this realized in and through so many people.

Thank you to the Pastors who have so wonderfully supported us. We are humbled by you.

And...thank you to our family. We could not 'do what we do' without your loving support. We love you.



Jordy and Kiel are similar in age. They just LOVED playing together! Jordy misses his little friend...and talks about him often.

soon are in need of urgent Dental care (we don't think they brushed their teeth prior to the last 10 months!). If you would like to sponsor some dental work—let us know. (it is much cheaper here in Thailand than Australia or the U.S.).

They have several urgent needs which of course take money—but we serve a big God...don't we?

With love, Allan, Sam and Jordy.

