



"Orphan Focus" Baan Jai Dee



Mia—pictured the day after she arrived. She had a shocking cough, a nose that just ran and ran, and dry, scaly skin. She brought along her little one eyed teddy!

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

We welcome little Mia.

During our time here we have visited many children's homes. Recently, Jordy's kinder visited a large orphanage and presented a play and sang some songs to the "kinder" age children.. (See main pic. above). Afterwards they presented the children with special "medals" that they had made especially for them.

by a social worker and asked if we would look after a little baby. We enthusiastically said "yes" and three days later, little Mia entered our home.



Mia was born locally to a mother from another Country. Looking through her Medical records, it appears Mia has been hospitalised 27 times in her short little life!!

After that visit to the orphanage, we submitted paperwork to be able to foster a child until they are either adopted or until they reach adulthood. For several reasons we hadn't submitted all the paperwork that was required. One morning Sam was impressed in her heart to ask God again for a child for us to look after so they didn't have to suffer from institutionalisation but rather that they could grow up in a family atmosphere. Later THAT morning, we were visited



Volunteering!



Volunteers.

One need we have is for long term volunteers. It is better for the children emotionally to have people commit to volunteer for 1 -12 months at a time. Nurse Jo Hain is seen pictured

with Mia -who thinks she's crazy—always a good sign in someone volunteering for us! Of course she probably thinks she is beautiful... or of course Mia could just be hungry :-).

Jo was instrumental in figuring out Mia's medical issues (helps to have a Doctor for a hubby!) and helping with Mia's dietary needs and skin issues. High maintenance (Mia is!) Thank you Jo!!

Current needs...

Each month we have many needs met and some others that are laid on our hearts.

An obvious and urgent need is to be able to house more children. In prayerfully contemplating this, several factors need consideration.

Purchasing a second car has become an urgent need.

Our current car has room for one more per-

son. We believe that soon after many of you read this, that seat will have been taken!

Because of the nature of our Ministry, we need a car at all times especially if any of the children have medical needs. We are finding it increasingly difficult to prioritise the use of the car. The children are taken to and from school each day. We need to conduct survey

work, go to the super market, collect people from the airport, attend meetings, medical appointments, church and take the children on outings.



2nd car: \$19000

We also need to be able to use a car for a full day travelling up the mountains to discuss the needs of the children or when we bring a child to Baan Jai Dee. This leaves no car for the day at the home.

In March we move from the city to a rural area, 35 minutes out of town. The property is on one acre—plenty of room for growing and rowdy kids to play!

Other needs...

Sometimes people ask us "what is your greatest need right now?"

Sponsors for the staff and children is an area of need. We now have several helpers, all of whom we will introduce to you soon.

Our first staff member is called Jee. The children call her Pee Jee "older sister" and we all love her very much. She is a 22 year old young woman who nursed her mum during the

last stages of cancer. Jee lost her mum 4 weeks before she joined us. She has such a lovely, happy face and is very nurturing. We enrolled Jee in a training program that will help her to further understand the special needs of the children.



Jee is Hmong and can speak to Jumpii in her native tongue. We are very pleased that Jumpii will not lose that part of her culture! She is also fluent in Thai.



Jee helps us learn the language, is a tireless worker and is a strong Christian witness and role model for the children.



Jee needs sponsoring. If you would like to assist regularly or occasionally, please let us know. She is an amazing blessing to us!

Serving others...



Jordy thoroughly enjoyed his time at the big orphanage. The other day he

asked "where are you going mum?" Sam said she was going to the big

orphanage. He said "Oh? "Are you going to get me a boy? One about 4—OK?" Even at the tender age of 4, Jordy knows of the tremendous need here and that there are many children without a family to care for them.



Family time.



We were thrilled to be able to catch up with our boys for 10 days recently. We took Coco with us and she enjoyed her first airplane ride, her first trip to the beach, and many other 'firsts' along the way. It was an impressive "paper trail" to get her on the plane but an amazing experience for her! She loved her big "brothers!"



"Baan Jai Dee" Home of
the Kind Hearted

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How you can help...

Project: "Baan Jai Dee".

Donation details:

Name.....

Address.....

Email.....

Phone:..... Mobile:.....

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 _____ Staff _____

\$45 month (tick) or \$ _____ per _____

Vehicle Fund: (designate gift "car" on back of cheque)

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Comments: _____

In Australia:

Please post cheque to:
Project:
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South Valley Baptist
Church, 238 South
Valley Road, Highton,
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Or: Direct Credit:
Commonwealth Bank,
BSB: 062 - 648
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