



"Princess" Mia

# "Orphan Focus"

## Baan Jai Dee

### Newsletter

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

We welcome little Wasana.

Sam and a staff member travelled to Chiang Rai, 2 1/2 hours away to receive little Wasana. Wasana is Hmong (pronounced "Mong"). The Hmong people originated from Laos. Her people group wear elaborate clothing, with intricately hand woven patterns and beads sewn on them. We now have three Hmong children—Jumpii 11, Chabaa 3 and Wasana who just turned 5. Wasana arrived with a bag containing all her possessions.

We peered inside keen to see what was there. What clothing would she have? What things did she bring that she might treasure?

In her bag was a new and very beautiful Hmong outfit, 3 very dirty boys t-shirts, 2 pairs of nylon tracksuit pants, a towel and two apples— that was it! No special toys. No underwear, toiletries or pretty clothes!

In the container that arrived from Australia, someone had donated some new clothes.

They fit Wasana and she just beamed at receiving her new treasures!

Wasana is a very shy little girl but has a ready smile for everyone. One of the things we have found is that she just loves it if we sit there and are just "available" to her. She loves cuddles, loves to follow us around when we are doing things, she watches and then offers to help.

We want the children to know that they are of infinite worth to us, to God and that there are people like you who pray regularly for the children, who care deeply about them and who help us to care for the children in an effective, loving and responsible way.

Wasana's mother has given her away, as she has done with all of her brothers and sisters. It is so sad when this happens and difficult to know what to tell the children in our care, when they are older.

Would you consider blessing little Wasana by becoming her sponsor?

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Jumpii and her brother in Hmong dress



## Container!

It was quite a job to unload the donated items in the shipping container that was sent from Australia! So many people gave so generously of their time, finances, goods and muscle! Clothing, bikes, games, toiletries, crockery... so many wonderful blessings! Thank you and may the Lord bless you for showing such kindness to all of us.



### As time goes by...



Jumpii is the “organiser” and is the “person in charge!” Thai culture mandates that the oldest child is responsible for the little ones- which suits Jumpii down to the ground! She is amazing in the games she plays— mostly made up ones. Having come from a village with no toys, she spent the first 9 years of her life making her own fun. It is just lovely to see and we have to say, refreshing, not to feel as though we need to entertain them all the time -not a game boy in sight! Having said that—they would be glued to the t.v. if we let them—just like many children would be!

As time goes by, the children feel safe and start to know their place in our growing family.

Hannah is the “clown” and is loud, fun, loves Jordy, is sometimes bossy, is full of energy, has more

facial expressions than anyone else and loves to help as long as it is not on her “chore” list! She loves to cook and help prepare the evening meal. At least that way, she knows she will eat.



Photos above : top left-Hannah and Jumpii clowning around, Top right -Hannah at an amusement park, Chabaa and Jumpii sharing a ride, Chabaa- smiling as usual!

### Goodbye . . .



It has been a difficult few months with young Thomas. As time progressed we became aware of his neglect and abuse issues that came out in antisocial behaviour, some of which was dangerous to the other children in the home.

After consultation with two Specialists, it was deemed necessary to find another Ministry who specialises in the high level of care that Thomas needs.

We are thrilled at how God led us to this new family and how, after just one meeting, GOD had burdened THEIR hearts for little Thomas!

They have a strict criteria for entry into their home and Thomas was a ‘fit’ right from the beginning. They have a small number of

children with a maximum capacity of twelve. Thomas’s sister—Hannah and the other children here will be still be able to have contact with him.

As you can imagine, moving a child is not done lightly and will impact the children that we currently care for. Please pray for Thomas to settle in quickly to his new home and for our kids’ adjustment to not having Thomas here.





These photos were taken by our friend, dj paine –a talented photographer. We can't wait until he can take photos one day of all our family! We missed Benj being in our photos! Dj travels extensively so when you need some beautiful photos taken- phone dj 0434 102072 [www.djpphotography.com](http://www.djpphotography.com)





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