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PRETTY GIRLS... AND NOW HANDSOME BOYS!

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PRAYER & PRAISE

- Pray for our "little" girls (all aged 4) as they adjust to school.
- PRAY please for the children. They have many needs.
- Praise God after a long time—we have committed staff.
- Praise for His goodness to us—every day!
- Long term volunteers have arrived!

We are excited that God has finally blessed us with a little boy to love.

He is simply gorgeous, with the brownest (Sam thinks "dreamiest") eyes and has little dimples when he smiles.

Brought up in the Government orphanage, little M was named after the local clinic where he was abandoned!

We are not sure how long little M will be with us...

(We cannot use his real name for privacy reasons.)



He then went to live with a delightful American couple for four months. Sadly, they had to return to The United States.

They requested that another

foreign couple look after him instead of him returning to the large orphanage.

The children love him and little M loves being with us!

His favourite activities are reading, chasing the chooks (chickens) and being held and going for walks

holding someone's hand. He is a very affectionate little fella and eats both Thai and

"foreign" food with much gusto!

We don't know how long little M will be with us. He will be adopted overseas at some stage in the future but while he is with us, he will be much loved on—that's for sure!

Outside with Pee Bear.



LONG TERM VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE...

Emmanuel and Marie Clare Azali have a heart for God and love children.



They arrived in April to volunteer for us at Baan Jai Dee. They can look back and see God's hand in leading them throughout their lives. Emmanuel is a high school teacher and Marie Clare is a nurse. They are able and willing to volunteer for Baan Jai Dee for a period of two years. This longer time frame will help us to give further stability to the children. God will surely use them to bless the children and us!

Pee E (as Emmanuel is now

called) is responsible for "tech" support, the children's homework, teaching English and helping with short term volunteer teams,

Pee Marie Clare is our Medical officer and assists Pee E with English teaching, publicity and is now our "event planner" - a title she relishes! Gifted in many ways, this delightful couple are a joy to work with and are an asset to the Baan Jai Dee Ministry.



We recently bought some fish from friends—the "catch?" (pardon the pun!) We had to kill, scale and degut them!!

Marie Clare readily offered to help us with the smelly task. Allan was amused as Sam and MC laughed or squealed each time a fish flopped around on the bench!

CHILD UPDATE—TARNI



Our little six year old, Tarni has a serious personality most of the time. She can also be full of giggles and dimples and can be loving and affectionate. She struggles in obeying and is often

given the benefit of the doubt due to being exposed to 3 languages! Please pray that she will learn to trust us and that she will thrive at Baan Jai Dee. She also needs two more sponsors.

Tarni's current needs:

1. An education scholarship.
2. Sponsorship to visit her parents.
3. Her own bike.

TO MARKET... TO MARKET...

Baan Jai Dee currently feeds between 20 and 24 people per meal per day! As you can imagine, we have to shop a couple of times per week to fit all that food in the fridge! Sam and one or two other people

have started shopping at a large market in town. If we take any of the children with us, the people comment on how cute the children are. If the older ones come, then they are bombarded with questions, if Jordy shops

with us, he is "oo-ed" and "ahh-ed" over and when they hear that he can speak Thai he is taunted until he reacts... so Jordy has decided not to join us in our shopping expeditions! Fair enough for now we think!



A pig's head for sale at the market.

VOLUNTEERING

We love having volunteers at Baan Jai Dee!

Our immediate needs are:

1. Pre school teacher—1 year commitment.
2. Nanny—1 year commitment.
3. Gardener—full time—3 month commitment.
4. Builder— short/medium



Some of the activities enjoyed by volunteers: gardening, swimming, teaching English, face painting, accompanying the children to the zoo, taking a child to the Elephant camp, helping at the local school, cooking and art and crafts. Volunteers have hammered, dug gardens, painted, tapped away at a computer, conducted sewing lessons, changed nappies, fixed "owies", medicated sick children, walked and bathed babies, sung songs, guided, directed and diverted! Don't recognise yourself—ask us how to help... you'll be glad you did!



Baan Jai Dee... caring for kids

OUR DETAILS

Donations:

AUSTRALIA:

Personal support:

Commonwealth Bank. A/S Schmidt BSB 062 648 Account No. 10090035

Baan Jai Dee support:

Commonwealth Bank. A/S Schmidt BSB 063 504 Account No. 10086740

USA:

The Second Tunic, 314 Clay Road, Lititz, PA 17543 USA

Your gift is tax deductible and you will receive a receipt from the Second Tunic.

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The things kids say!

Coco wants to go to school and asks most days. Daddy bought her a back pack like all the other children and she often accompanies them on the "school run". She is eager and ready to go when the big day dawns (in about 2 years!!). Pee E is in charge of home work and has allocated a homework book for Coco. She relishes the idea of learning (she IS actually very smart) and sits up at the table when the school aged children work on their home work. She very animatedly said the other day "Look mummy! L. (is for) Makham. B (is for) Coco." Guess she'll get there eventually!

BAAN JAI DEE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

We had our first annual board meeting recently. We are very happy with the selection of the Board Members.

Our President is a Pastor and an esteemed leader of another Foundation (pictured at back).

Our Secretary, Sawat, is a wonderful asset to us at Baan jai Dee. He



The man in white is also a Pastor and is our Vice President. He runs two children's homes and

is a respected leader in the local community.

He liaises closely with Officials in and works with many and varied people who need help.

The lady in the photo is a wonderful Christian woman and is a school teacher at the girl's school. We have another Pastor serving on our board (not pictured) so we are sure you will agree that we are very blessed!



works very closely with us in many aspects of our work. He is the contact person for parents and liaises with Pastors and Village leaders for Baan Jai Dee.

Left: Sawat