

# "Orphan Focus"

Schmidt family newsletter.

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## Welcome little Thomas

We have welcomed little Thomas into the Baan Jai Dee family.

Five year old Thomas is Thai. His mum died and he was in a very bad environment. Another organisation was notified of his plight. They contacted some people they knew in Chiang Mai who take in babies. Clearly at five, Thomas does not fit their criteria so they suggested that the organisation contact Baan Jai Dee to see if we had vacancies. We were keen to see how we might help little Thomas. Please pray we will have the resources to

help this little boy. He has never been to kinder/school and just started at Jumpii's school. Jumpii commented today "I tell him I come and see him after lunch. I not supposed to but he is my little brother. I tell teacher I need to see my little brother is OK". Jumpii's tenderness continues to delight all of us. Thomas is fascinated with the toilet (he always flushes twice and watches the water go down and grins and



babbles away), the car (he always shuts the door twice and winds the window down each time he gets in!), he eats as many bananas as we let him, he asks for our dinner while he is eating his, he sleeps well and always nods off in the car. He would make a Thai wharfie blush with his vocabulary (apparently... cos WE don't know when he is swearing!).



## Prayer matters.

Please pray for wisdom in caring for little Thomas, for sponsors and for the finances to send him to a school set up by a Pastor here to care for children like Thomas.

Please pray for people who will be willing to help us for a longer period of time.

Pray please...for our boys in Aust.

## Needed—can you help?

We are often asked—"what do you need?" Our four greatest needs are:  
\*\* Your prayers! This is vital to our work.  
\*\* Regular financial support. We need to be able to plan for the needs

of the children—especially their education which is less complicated when the income is known.  
\*\* Sponsors for the children. ...and  
\*\*YOU!!

We need volunteers that could commit to a period of 3 months or more. (12 month commitment to be hands on with babies). Please consider using your time, talents and resources to help some VERY needy kids.

## Servants hearts.



Ric and Colleen Knox.

Jesse turned 20 in July and was treated to dinner at a Thai restaurant by our dear friends—Ric and Colleen Knox. They are like Jesse's grandparents in Port Macquarie and we are so very grateful for

their loving kindness to us and our Jess.

Being away from our family is the HARDEST thing. We really do miss our boys every day.

We are hoping to be able to spend some time with them soon. We are all feeling the distance. Thank you for praying for our family.

Jai and Jesse came over

in September and Thomas just LOVED having big brothers to "rough house" with. Coco and Jumpii were also adoring of their big Australian brothers!



## Family time.



(Below) Jai and Allan. They really enjoyed seeing each other and they all had a kick of the footy together!

(Right) Jordy just grinned and grinned seeing his two big brothers! He missed Benj when he left and seeing his other brothers helped soften the blow!



Seeing family and friends is such a blessing to us.

Jesse has passed the half way mark with his Uni course. Jai is nearly finished.

Benj has moved to Perth and is busy in his new job.

Thank you for praying for our boys!

## Another new arrival...

In October, we welcomed Thomas's sister Hannah into our home. She is 7 years old. She has a lot of "spunk", has a servant's heart, is loud and fun loving and is constantly wanting to help. The day she arrived, she had a play in the

toddler pool and then as we were setting up a table outside to have lunch she watched Allan and then proceeded to help move the chairs in place. After we finished eating, she cleared the table, went inside and

began washing the dishes! We were all sitting there grinning at this little one who so wants to "fit in" and be a help.



## "Oi" becomes "Hannah"

Hannah's Thai nickname (all Thais have one or more nicknames) is "Oi". As her background is so horrific, we asked her if she wanted a new name as she begins a new life with her new family. We told her the name we had chosen if she said yes. She put her head down, grinned and said shyly, "chorp Hannah" which meant "I like the name

Hannah." Thomas of course kept calling her "Oi". Hannah would grin and say "Mai chai Oi. Chuu Hannah". Roughly translated this was "my name is not Oi. It's Hannah." So... Hannah it is! She loves having a mum and dad and says to Jordy "Pom suay" which means beautiful hair. Jordy adores her. One of the funniest photos we have of

Hannah is of her and Jordy. Jordy was having a "time out" on the step. Hannah went and joined him to keep him company!! (see below)



Our dear friend Helen Mottee visited recently. She gave Hannah a gift. Allan helped her unwrap it and he assured Hannah it was "all hers!" She hugged her new treasure and ran up and hugged us. She is just soaking up all the changes in her new

family. She squealed with delight after her first escalator ride and is amazed at all the new food at our home. We mainly eat Thai food. She told us that her diet consisted of pork, chicken and junk food. It took a while, but now she eats a large variety of food!



Here is Helen getting to know Coco. Helen is an award winning singer and passionate advocate for Refugees. [www.helenmottee.com](http://www.helenmottee.com)

"Baan Jai Dee" Home of  
the Kind Hearted

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How you can help...

Project: "Baan Jai Dee".

Donation details:

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

Orphanage expenses:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Schmidt family support:

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Child Sponsorship: (payable monthly, quarterly or yearly)

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for: 1 month/3 months/1 year (circle one)

New Sponsorship:

(Please tick): Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_

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

Building Fund: (designate gift "building fund" on back of cheque)

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

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