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A Ministry to AIDS Victims in Northern Thailand

AIDS Care Mae Sai Has Started on 1 May

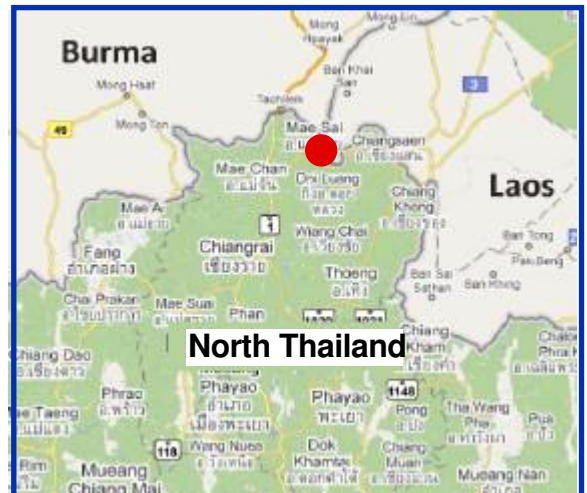
AIDS Care's new project in the border town Mae Sai has had a fine start.

As a start we have already found five children whom AIDS Care will be supporting in 2010. A local volunteer who will act as a contact person to the families has also been found.

The children have been chosen through the co-operation with the local school, and most of the children attend the school in the village of Nam Jam.

The leader of the local school introduced Chalor, AIDS Care's project leader, to several HIV positive children and said: "It is very important that the migration children finish their education, because then we can help them get identification papers."

We thank you for your support of this new project in Mae Sai and ask for your prayer. ■



Mae Sai is the fourth place in North Thailand where AIDS Care has a ministry.

Around the World

6.000 reasons

- and each has a name
- and each has a face
- and each has a history

Today -

like every day

- 6.000 children will lose a parent to AIDS
- we have 6.000 reasons to care
- we have 6.000 reasons to offer hope

Help us to care and bring hope

Purpose:

- Support of AIDS children's schooling
- Help with acute need for clothing, food etc.
- Support of AIDS medicine
- Visitation in homes, hospitals etc.
- Advice and encouragement

The ministry is based on individual donations

Send your donation to your local OMF Office. Mark the donation #L84133, Mekong Office or donate through the AIDS Care web-site www.aids-care.dk

In Denmark AIDS Care is a mission project from Bethania Church, Aalborg - a member of the Danish Evangelical Covenant Church.

In Thailand AIDS Care is a OMF Mekong related project.

AIDS Care cooperates with other organizations who has children and parents with AIDS as

The First Children in AIDS Care Mae Sai

In Mae Sai, Chalor has chosen to start AIDS Care by supporting these children.

Most of them are HIV positive, and the hospital gives them life-extending medicine for free.

We expect to be able to increase the number of children in 2011. ■



Dom - 8 years, HIV+



Gafin - 7 years, HIV-



Winat - 8 years



Naen - 11 years, HIV+



Nat - 7 years, HIV+



Chalor Roberts - AIDS Care project leader in Mae Sai

(HIV+ = HIV positive - HIV- = HIV negative).

One can't help all, but all can help one.

The good news is that we don't have to give up hope.

God invites us to join in sharing the hope He offers in the middle of the AIDS crisis.

"Every time I look into the eyes of a person dying from AIDS, I get the feeling that it is Jesus looking into mine."
Mother Theresa



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Pray for Naen and Nat in Mae Sai



Naen - 11 years, HIV+



Nat - 7 years, HIV+

Naen and Nat are sisters and live with their grandmother, who is 78 years old. The grandmother's younger brother, who is sick with AIDS, lives there too.

The grandmother tries to make a living for the whole family by taking on odd jobs, but it is a difficult situation and the family is very poor.

Naen and Nat's parents died from AIDS several years ago.

Naen and Nat's health is not good, but the government pays for their AIDS medication.

Naen has problems with her eyes, and we are trying to get her to an eye clinic to see if anything can be done to prevent her eyesight from getting worse and making her blind.

Both sisters have been through a lot of traumatic experiences during their short lives.

Their mother died from AIDS, and when their father learned that he too was HIV positive, he drove his motorbike straight into an oncoming car and was killed on the spot.

Luckily they have a grandmother who loves them and who does all she can to give Naen and Nat all the care and love they need.

Please pray for this family. ■

Somchai in Mae Hong Son Is Now at Peace

Somchai, a little Shan boy, died in the beginning of May. After Somchai's parents had died from AIDS, he moved in with his grandmother in a mountain village. AIDS Care supported Somchai and visited him on a regular basis.

Somchai was HIV positive, and through the last couple of years it turned into AIDS. Especially during the last year Somchai has been in the hospital in Mae Hong Son many times.

Toi, AIDS Care's project leader in Mae Hong Son, visited Somchai every time he was at the hospital.

AIDS Care has paid for the transport to and from the hospital, provided food and clothes and other necessities for Somchai when he was hospitalized.

The course of his illness has been very painful and in the end his little body gave in. In the beginning of May he went home to Jesus.

AIDS Care was involved in his funeral and paid for part of it.

Somchai died at the age of five. ■



Further education



Thanks to the profits from the sale of cards, angels, and bows, AIDS Care is now able to help these three girls in their further education.

“The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.”
Mother Theresa

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A New House for Pi

In the last two newsletters we have told the story about Pi, a now 14-year-old boy, who on his own had to look after his maternal grandmother, his old great-grandmother and his paternal grandmother who was dying from AIDS.

That grandmother is now dead and Pi lives alone in her house.

The house that Pi lives in had no doors nor windows so he was always afraid that someone would enter the house and steal what little he had left of any value when he wasn't home.

AIDS Care has now paid for the renovation of Pi's house – and the result is very satisfactory.

We thank you for your support that has made it possible for us to pay for the renovation of the house. ■



Summer Camp in Doi Law and Chiang Mai

In Thailand, April is the month of summer vacation. And every April AIDS Care organizes a summer camp.

This year the summer camp was in Chiang Mai and was attended by children from the projects in Chiang Mai and Doi Law.

All in all 40 children and 9 adults took part in the camp, which offered songs, games, sexual education and bible teaching. ■



*AIDS Care
brings the number
of children up to
120 in 2010*



AIDS Care Presentations

An important part of AIDS Care in Denmark is visiting churches, congregations, societies etc. to inform about the ministry.

AIDS Care has a lot of interesting and challenging stories to tell and has done so in many different settings: services, study groups and other kinds of gatherings and meetings.

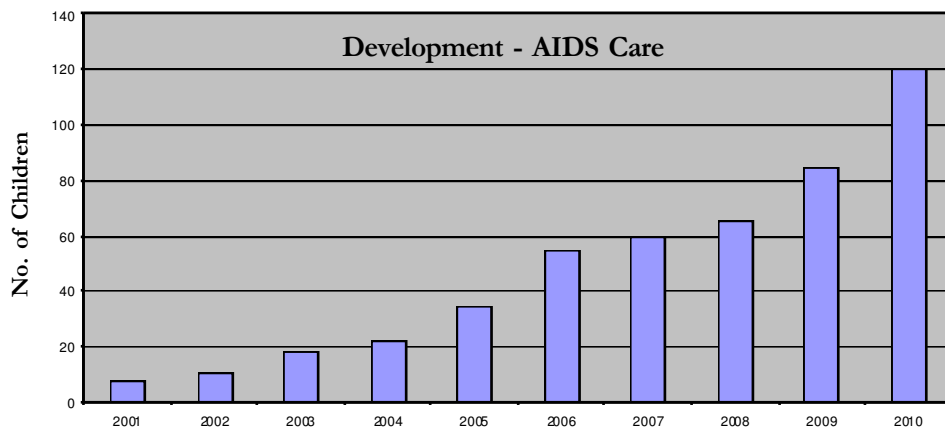
Whether the audience is 5 or 50 people doesn't matter.

Visits from AIDS Care are free of charge. We think that it is very important that as many

people as possible get the opportunity to learn about AIDS and the possibilities there is in a ministry like AIDS Care.

We have different presentations to give an insight in both the general situation around the AIDS crisis and in the work that AIDS Care does, such as:

- The future is cancelled – AIDS information
- AIDS Care's stated objective and work.
- Stories – about AIDS Care has changed lives.



Prayers

- Praise God that the first half of 2010 has been positive.
- Praise God for the new helpers and co-workers.
- Pray for the new children in Chiang Mai and Mae Sai.
- Pray for all the children and families being supported by AIDS Care in 2010.
- Pray for AIDS Care's workers, volunteers and ministry leaders and the economy

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