



# ANNUAL REPORT

*Siam-Care 2014*





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# FOREWORD

It is with great pride and pleasure that we present to you Siam-Care's report over the year 2014.

Since the beginning Siam-Care has been growing into a ministry that impacts hundreds of lives, especially those of underprivileged families and vulnerable children who have been impacted by HIV. Over the years and including 2014 the circumstances in Thailand have changed a lot. Yet our challenge remains unchanged: share God's love in places of despair and difficulty. Our approach stays the same: we strengthen marginalized and underprivileged people so that at one point they'll be able to take care of themselves (again). We have found that a holistic approach to the situation is necessary for sustainable transformation. In 2014 we supported over 200 Thai families and enabled over 200 children to go school.

We are very pleased to share the stories of our families with you. We take pride in the things that we do and in the tangible results, confirmed in the stories highlighted in this report. We acknowledge that without the generous financial and moral support of all donors and sponsors, Siam-Care would not exist. Therefore we sincerely thank you from ourselves and also on behalf of the families, children and partners that we serve for your ongoing support. You are part of our success and part of the impact that we provide to those in need. We feel blessed by your prayers and support and we are looking forward to continue this partnership. May you continue to join with us in the journey to fulfill this great mission!

With great pleasure we have created the annual report from 2014, we hope that you enjoy reading it.

# SIAM-CARE IN BRIEF

What began as Christian Outreach AIDS project in 1991, became the start of the Siam-Care Foundation in 1996. The Foundation was first registered as NGO in the Netherlands and of June 2005 as legal entity (No. Kor Thor 1446) in Thailand, with official status as NGO working on HIV/AIDS. In 2011 Siam-Care also acquired official status as Human Rights and Trafficking Issues Foundation.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the word of God and His love for mankind and the world, Siam-Care seeks to strengthen marginalized and at risk children and families through psychosocial support, access to health, educational scholarship, family reconciliation, spiritual transformation, legal rights, child protection, HIV awareness raising and advocacy. Siam-Care works together with partners in communities and supports them in raising issues of common concern for the betterment of the quality of life of targeted beneficiaries.

## VISION

Siam-Care's vision is to witness marginalized and at risk children, families and communities holistically transformed and stigma free.

## ORGANIZATION & GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Siam-Care works in 3 geographical areas in Thailand, from three offices: Bangkok, Mukdahan and Phang Nga. The Bangkok office serves as the central office for overall management. Executive responsibilities are in the hands of a Management Team consisting of the Director and 3 Managers for Bangkok, Mukdahan and Phang Nga. Director and managers are held accountable by a Board and an Advisory Board. Siam-Care has 12 full-time and 4 part-time staff.



**"My dream is that Siam-Care will work on a sustainable development of children, youth and families. And that because of our assistance to the disadvantaged people they will be able to take care of themselves."** Yen, Siam-Care Mukdahan

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2014 has again been a year of transition for Siam-Care. It was the first complete year without founder and Director of the organization Adrienne Blomberg. Jan-Peter and Natasja Kelder, a couple from the Netherlands, experienced their first calendar year with Siam-Care. In 2014 Natasja Kelder has accepted a role as manager of the Bangkok office and now serves on the management team together with the managers of our offices in Phang Nga and Mukdahan.

We take great pride in the completion of the ChildLife project, which ended in October 2014. This project, carried out in Nakhon Pathom, was funded by the Global Fund to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria through the Aids Access Foundation and World Vision. The project focussed on the strengthening of multi-disciplinary Child Action Groups (CAG), for improved community services for vulnerable children, includ-

ing HIV-positive children. Siam-Care carried out this project for 3 years and got a positive evaluation from donor World Vision.

2014 was the second year of the Safe and Informed Migration (SIM) project, implemented by Siam-Care Mukdahan with funding of Tearfund. The Siam-Care project team works together with churches, NGO's and government partners in Mukdahan and the bordering area Savannakhet in Lao PDR, aiming at prevention of human trafficking. Another purpose of the project is to encourage and train churches to reach out to surrounding local communities. Which is a new element for local churches in Mukdahan, as they traditionally have been focussing on evangelizing, rather than on holistic missions. The implementation of the SIM-project strengthened the partnership between Siam-Care, churches and local government. The cooperation provides for an opportunity for these sectors

to come together and prepare for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), which will be a factor in 2016. It is expected that the AEC will induce increased movements of cross-border migration, both legal and illegal.

In 2014 the target group of the SIM-project was expanded to immigrant families living in Mukdahan. These families do not have official status in Thailand and hence were struggling to survive. Siam-Care provided access for the migrant families to basic needs services so that they could enjoy better quality of life. Last but not least the integration of Child Protection and HIV-awareness features prominently in all areas of Siam-Care's work. Siam-Care's expertise and active networking has resulted in new opportunities for fundraising among the Thai public, as well as in acquiring projects commissioned by local government and local NGO partners.



**"My dream is that Siam-Care will keep on helping families, children and communities to develop. That we will have enough sponsors and can save money for the future, to ensure we can always continue helping." Lek, Siam-Care Bangkok**



# PROJECTS OF SIAM-CARE



FAMILY CARE



PRISON WORK



EDUCATIONAL  
SPONSORSHIP



AWARENESS



**"My dream is that Siam-Care – staff and board together – will continue to help families and children who lack social opportunities. That they will be self-reliant and able to take care of their families again."** Leng, Siam-Care Bangkok







# ‘SIAM-CARE HAS BEEN AN AMAZING HELP FOR ME AND MY BABY’

FAMILY CARE

## PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The family care program is perhaps one of the most impactful programs of Siam-Care. We build long-term relationships with families in need, mainly families that are affected by HIV/Aids and struggle to survive. We stand next to them and guide them through difficult times. The program's aim is to enable underprivileged families to take care of themselves (again).

## WHAT WE DO

Siam-Care supports the most vulnerable families, needing support in multiple areas, such as spiritual, economic, mental and social support. Siam-Care visits families in their homes and in hospitals and aims at:

- providing psychosocial counselling
- providing health information
- assuring access and proper use of medication

- mediating for access to welfare support
- giving emergency food aid
- coaching in the areas of budgeting, positive parenting and life planning.

Family reconciliation is another focus area of Siam-Care's work with families. This entails bringing families together to discuss issues related to the upbringing of children in a safe environment, child protection, domestic violence and the laws in Thailand, communication in families, good nutrition and hygiene, teenage pregnancies and HIV-awareness.

## FAMILY SPONSORING

In 2014, a total number of 311 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details in each location are provided in the infographics on the right page. Of these 311 families, 113 families are being supported with family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (96 donors) and the United Kingdom (17 donors). Due to these individual donors Siam-Care can conduct multiple home visits per year and support

families in times of (personal) crises. For example with cash support (e.g. for transportation to see a doctor), materials to fix a leaking roof, clothes or food. 311 minus 113 means we support 198 families who don't have an individual donor. From a financial perspective this is a challenge for Siam-Care and we are still looking for donors for these 198 awaiting families.

## EXITS IN 2014

As mentioned before, Siam-Care's aim is to enable families to stand on their own feet (again). Sponsorships shouldn't last forever, at some point families should be able to take care of themselves. In 2014 the family sponsorship ended for 15 families, for different reasons. We are proud that with our support 10 families were enabled to help themselves. 2 families the sponsorship ended because of irresponsible behaviour and 3 families moved to a place too far away for Siam-Care to visit. Siam-Care will stay in touch with these families and will try to counsel them when help is needed, but unfortunately we cannot provide as much support as before, due to afore mentioned reasons.



“My dream is that Siam-Care will be known nationwide.” Em, Siam-Care Phang Nga





# I WAS HUNGRY & YOU GAVE ME FOOD

MATTHEW 25:35

## WHO DID WE HELP?



311

Families received support



220

Persons access to social welfare



270

Persons access to medication

## INCOME

150<sup>THB</sup>

Average income Siam-Care's families

300<sup>THB</sup>

Minimum wage Thailand

## HOW DID WE HELP?

Families received food aid, clothing, medicines, transportation money, and emergency financial aid for funerals and for house repair.



35

Persons admitted to the hospital



4

Disabled children helped with a wheelchair



85 %

of our families receive educational support for their children under the child-sponsorship programme

## TUBERCULOSIS

7



cases have been helped and guided in the process of receiving treatment and medicines from a local hospital

Mukdahan (4)

Bangkok (2)

Phang Nga (1)



**We'd like to introduce you to the Lhekyang family, consisting of grandmother Plaa and her 15 year old granddaughter View. View's parents died because of HIV when View was very young, so her grandmother Plaa has always taken care of her. Until a couple months ago, when something went really wrong.**

View is HIV-positive, just as her parents were. She used to be quite open about this and shared it with her classmates. They didn't react in a positive way: they started bullying View and hence she started feeling more and more insecure. At one point she couldn't take it anymore and decided to start all over again at another school. At the new school she only had lessons on Sundays, so the rest of the week she could work and support her grandmother, who cannot work because she is almost completely blind. So far, so good. We were very happy with this solution, for View was still studying and she could support her grandmother, although here income was very low.

### **15 and pregnant**

But then the relationship between grandmother Plaa and View got worse. The old grandmother didn't quite understand her teenage granddaughter and View didn't show a lot of respect to her grandmother either. Therefore View suddenly decided to move to a friend's house. She still went

to school by that time and regularly visited her grandmother. For a moment it seemed like the situation improved but then View found out she was pregnant. Thereafter she and her boyfriend split up and she was all alone. She also didn't want to take her medication any longer which meant she put not only her own life, but also the life of her unborn child in danger.

**'She puts not only her own life, but also the life of her unborn child in danger'**

### **No contact with grandmother anymore**

After she got pregnant View ran away from home and didn't want to have any contact with her grandmother anymore. Grandmother Plaa worried a lot, as you will understand. Being a 15 year old pregnant and HIV-positive orphan makes View a very vulnerable girl. She might have been kicked out of school also if her teachers found out she was pregnant.

### **Story isn't over yet**

We would like to end this story with a nice ending. We would like to tell that View is doing fine now and that she is living with her grandmother again. Unfortunately this is not what happened so far. This sad story isn't over yet. Our staff are still trying to convince View that she should start taking her medicine again. We are the only one she still trusts and we are doing our very best to guide her in this difficult process. We hope she'll move back to her grandmother. Whatever she decides, she needs financial and moral support. She is just 15 years old and has no experience in raising a child. Thanks to the support of our donors we are able to help vulnerable children like View. She made some wrong decisions in her life but she has been very unlucky, growing up as a poor and sick orphan. Our donors enable us to support View with some basic supplies, like food and oil to cook.

**'She won't be able to survive on her own.'**





# 'BECAUSE OF SIAM-CARE I HAVE A JOB'

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Siam-Care's office in Bangkok has a big sign on the front that states: "Providing a hope and future for Thailand's children". This mainly refers to our educational sponsorship program; Siam-Care's longest running project. By enabling children of disadvantaged families to go to school, we give them a better chance to a better future. Siam-Care provides scholarships for more than 200 children; The vast majority comes from families that have been affected by HIV/Aids. Some children in our educational sponsorship program have been orphaned by HIV/Aids, others are infected themselves.

### WHAT WE DO

Siam-Care seeks individual donors for Thai children who would not be able to go to school without financial support. Officially education is free in Thailand. But due to additional costs, such as costs of school uniforms, travel expenses and materials as books and pencils, poor families struggle to send their children to school. Families are screened thoroughly before they enter our program, to ensure only the most vulnerable families receive support. Once part of our program, Siam-Care regularly visits spon-

sored children. During home visits we counsel children and their families in multiple areas, such as child protection, spirituality and school performance. We conscientiously follow the children's achievements in school and coach them in areas of struggle. At least twice a year we bring all sponsored children together to have a dialogue on issues as child rights, religion, health, sexuality or how to deal with HIV. When the budget is sufficient, Siam-Care organizes camps for the whole family, to let children escape their dire situation and help them forget about their challenges.

### HOW MANY CHILDREN WE SUPPORT

We are proud to say that in 2014, 202 children received sponsorship to pursue their education. More details are provided on the right page. Without the help of individual donors these 201 children would not have been able to go to school. We are truly grateful for the dedication of all sponsors and hope to continue our relationship in 2015.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM

As mentioned before Siam-Care follows the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2014. 195 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 6 children failed their school year.

In 2014 with the help of Siam-Care 20 children were able to finish their education. All of them found a job and are able to take care of themselves now. In 2014 the sponsorship ended for 31 children. 20 children finished their study and 1 child moved to another country. 5 families can take care of themselves now and 5 children discontinued their education.



# BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO FINDS WISDOM

PROVERBS 3:13

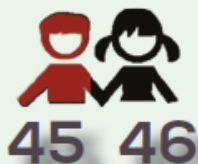
## HOW MANY CHILDREN DID WE HELP?



Primary school



Vocational school



Highschool



University



Kindergarten

202  
Children in total

## FAMILY SITUATION



52

Orphan



150

1 or 2 parents

## GRADUATED CHILDREN



20 in 2014



23% HIV-positive

**"My name is Fluk and I am 22 years old. I live in Bangkok and just finished university. But this story starts 22 years before today. Back then no one expected me to finish university. They didn't thought I would be able to go to school at all. I was living with my old grandmother who was too old and sick to take care of me. But then Siam-Care showed up and my life changed drastically."**

#### **July 1992, Mukdahan**

"I was born near Mukdahan which is in the north east region of Thailand, called Isaan. Isaan is considered the poorest area of Thailand. Most people are farmers and grow rice or sugarcanes. Just like my parents. They were both Hiv-positive, already before I was born. I was my parent's first child and also the last one. My mother would have loved to have more children but her physical situation didn't allow her."

#### **May 1995, Mukdahan**

"After my birth my mother's body got weaker and weaker. When I was only 3 years old, she died. I was too young to understand what was going on. I don't really remember what my mother looked like, to be honest. Thankfully I still have some pictures of me and my mother. After my mother died, my father took me to Bangkok, because there he would have a better chance to find a job. He ended up working as a construction worker, for about 12 hours a day. He made around 250 baht a day (8 USD)."

#### **November 1997, Bangkok**

"The health situation of my father was not improving. Despite the fact that he used medication to suppress his HIV infection, he became weaker and weaker. At the end of 1997 he died in Bangkok. I was only 5 years old but already an orphan. I moved back to Mukdahan to live with my grandmother. She was almost 80 and too old to work. Hence I wasn't able to go to school, because how would we ever be able to pay for the uniform and travel costs, to name just a few expenses."

**'5 years old but  
already an orphan'**

#### **January 1998, Mukdahan**

"One of our neighbours brought us in contact with Siam-Care. I'm not infected myself but that didn't matter for Siam-Care. After they heard my story Siam-Care found someone in Europe who wanted to support me. I was able to go to school and that made me so happy. I still remember the first day I went to school. I was so proud to wear my uniform. There was

someone I didn't know who though I was precious enough to support. That made me feel so special."

**'I still remember the  
first day I went to  
school'**

#### **May 2014, Bangkok**

"After finishing primary and high school I moved to Bangkok again to study at university. My grandmother had passed away by now, but because of Siam-Care's support I was able to study. I paid for my own food because I had a part-time job in a restaurant. Now that I've finished my study to become a teacher, I can start working after the summer holiday. I am so proud that I can take care of myself now. Of course I miss my parents but at least I know that my future is wide open. I can work, take care of myself and start a family one day. Thankfully my children won't need the support of Siam-Care, but I am so thankful that Siam-Care was there for me!"





# ‘I BECAME A CHRISTIAN, THANKS TO SIAM-CARE’S WORK’

## AWARENESS

### WHAT WE DID

For years Siam-Care has been committed to working on human trafficking issues, which resulted in 2011 in acquiring an official status as NGO working in this area. From 2004 until 2012 Siam-Care Mukdahan worked together with World Concern and other partners to implement the ‘I am a Child’ project, which focused at raising awareness on human trafficking among teachers and children in the Mukdahan province and in Savannakhet in Laos. Also Siam-Care Phang Nga has for years been highly involved in prevention of human trafficking in the southern area of Thailand. Siam-Care’s staff are often invited by the government or other NGO’s to speak on this matter and Siam-Care Phang Nga is a respected member of the Phang Nga NGO Migrant network on migration, which works together with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

#### WHAT WE DO

In 2014 Siam-Care Phang Nga organized multiple trainings for high school teachers on the subject of human trafficking. 51 teachers from 27 schools within the Phang Nga province attended the training. During the meetings teachers were trained how to pass on information regarding human trafficking to their students.

After the “I am a Child” project, Siam-Care Mukdahan started a new project: Safe and Informed Migration (SIM), funded by Tearfund. The project’s aim is to prevent those who are considering migration from falling into the trap of human traffickers. The SIM project promotes knowledge, based on correct information and better understanding of what safe and informed migration is about, so migrants can protect themselves. The SIM project also seeks ways for migrants to access social and other basic rights.

#### LOCAL CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

In the first two years, the SIM project trained local churches to gain knowledge in safe and informed migration. Siam-Care works directly with 7 churches in Mukdahan and 3 churches in Savannakhet who are the main partners in this project. Siam-Care’s aim is to encourage churches to focus on holistic missions and to reach out to underprivileged people in local communities, including prisoners. The ultimate goal of involving local churches in the SIM-project is to ensure the sustainability of the projects. After a three year process of training, networking and capacity building, churches will have the knowledge and skills to continue to reach out to (migrant) families in need and to raise awareness on human trafficking.



**“My dream is that Siam-Care will be able to continue helping families and children who lack opportunities. And that we will receive adequate financial support to organize activities.”**

Ard, Siam-Care Bangkok





# I WAS SICK & YOU VISITED ME

MATTHEW 25:36

## HIV IN THAILAND IN 2014



**490** thousand  
people with  
HIV



**67,8** million  
Total population  
Thailand

## ESTIMATED NUMBERS



**23** thousand  
AIDS deaths  
a year



**1%**  
adult (15-49) HIV  
prevalence

## ADULTS (15+) LIVING WITH HIV

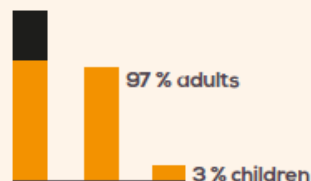


**470**  
thousand



**43%**  
of them are women

## TREATMENT



**71%**  
of people in need of  
treatment are  
receiving it



**90%**  
of ARV medicines is  
paid for by govern-  
mental health security



# AWARENESS

## HIV/AIDS

### 490.000 INFECTED PEOPLE

The importance of raising awareness in the area of HIV/AIDS is underlined by some staggering numbers: an estimated 490.000 people live with HIV in Thailand, of which approximately 20.000 are less than 15 years old. More than 23.000 people have died from the virus, in 2014 alone, which makes it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. Despite improvements in HIV treatment, there is still an important job to do in raising awareness and enhancing understanding about this terrible disease. There are also steps to take in the process of teaching people on ways of prevention and to separate myths from facts.

### SEX EDUCATION! WHY SO IMPORTANT?

Thailand is an example of how you fight HIV: due to a massive program in the 1990's the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases decreased dramatically. Yet most teenagers and young adults do not remember the prevention campaigns carried out in the 1990's and therefore are unaware of the risk of unsafe sexual behaviour. Premarital sex has become common among Thai youths, but only 20-30 percent of sexually active young people are using condoms consistently. Hence Siam-Care

feels a need to teach young people about the risks of unsafe sex. Siam-Care works together with PLWH groups (People Living With HIV), schools, churches, youth groups and leaders in communities to provide sex education and awareness about HIV/AIDS and unwanted (teenage) pregnancies. Students of more than 30 schools were trained by Siam-Care on this matter in 2014.



**"My dream is that Siam-Care keeps on operating on a basis of love. That we will keep on encouraging children, youth and families in all aspects of their lives. That they will have a positive attitude to live together and will happily contribute to activities of the society."**

**Air, Siam-Care Mukdahan**







# ‘SIAM-CARE TOLD ME THERE IS A SECOND CHANCE FOR ME’

## PRISON WORK

### PRISON WORK

HIV presents a major challenge to prison populations worldwide. The prisons in Bangkok, as elsewhere, house a disproportionate number of individuals of low economic and educational status. This puts them statistically at risk of both incarceration and HIV. Apart from health care concerns, the emotional well being of the prisoners is poor; overcrowded cells, lack of stimulation in combined with depression. The families of prisoners are often in need too, having lost the breadwinner.

### EXTRA PRISON

Siam-Care's prison program visits 100 prisoners with HIV. As part of a follow-up to their release, we offer counseling and financial help to provide for the health and well being of their families. Until November 2014 Siam-Care's prisons project was limited to the Medical Correctional Institute of Klong Prem Prison. Due to a generous gift we were able to expand our prison ministry with the Pathum Thani Correctional Institute. The prison management invited Siam-Care to start a project; hence starting from 1 January 2015 Siam-Care serves prisoners in 2 prisons. Siam-Care is the only Non-Governmental Organisation that is al-

lowed into the Klong Prem Prison, which underlines the importance of our work. If Siam-Care doesn't reach out to these inmates, no one will.

### WHAT WE DO

In 2014 Siam-Care staff have paid 12 monthly visits to the Klong Prem Prison. The number of prisoners attending our activities varied between 20 and 40. During our visits, usually from 10:00 until 12:00, our staff met the prisoners in a special activity room within the prison walls. After a recreational activity to break the ice the inmates were being trained in certain areas: how to take their medication, how to prevent spreading their infection, but also on topics like living skills and feature plans.

Once an inmate had almost served his time, we prepared him for his re-entry into society. The transition can be very difficult, regardless of the amount of time served. A large number of inmates that are released from prison will re-offend and subsequently return to prison, so called recidivism. Siam-Care's goal is to prevent ex-inmates from making the same mistake again.

### GOALS: EMPOWER AND GIVE BACK DIGNITY

The most important goal in Siam-Care's prison project is twofold: first of all we want to empower inmates and give them more knowledge

about their HIV-infection. Second of all our aim is to give inmates their dignity back. Most of them are convicted of smuggling drugs and have lost their dignity. Crime often occurs against a backdrop of poverty: many prisoners and the families have big needs. Supporting their well being will improve quality of life and gives a change to a better future.

### SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

As tradition prescribes, in December 2014 the staff of Siam-Care in Bangkok visited the inmates of the Klong Prem prison to sing Christmas carols. Siam-Care has been doing this for many years and the event is highly appreciated by both inmates and prison staff. It enables inmates to be distracted from the difficult situation. For Siam-Care it is a great opportunity to encourage the prisoners and to share the true message of Christmas: no matter what they did, the Creator of Heaven and Earth loves them so much that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Thanks to a donation of the Evangelical Church of Bangkok we were able to hand out gift boxes to the inmates, consisting of basic supplies such as soap and tooth brushes and a booklet about the gospel. Staff and volunteers (14 people all together) sang songs in two different departments of the Klong Prem prison: the male hospital section and female hospital section.

# I WAS IN PRISON & YOU CAME TO ME

MATTHEW 25:36

in 2014

## HOW MANY PRISONERS DID WE HELP?



105

Prisoners are counseled, empowered and given more knowledge about HIV

## OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTBOXES were filled with:



Soap



Shampoo



Toothbrush



Evangelization booklet



Sanitary napkin



Underwear

## WHY ARE THEY IN PRISON?



Use of drugs



Murder



Drugsdealing



Theft

## NUMBER OF PRISONS WE VISIT



in 2014



in 2015

**This is the story of Chai. He is a 50 year old farmer from a small city near Bangkok with 3 children: Chok (14), Leng (9) and Boss (5). Chai's father was a farmer as well and so was Chai's grandfather. A couple years ago an awful accident changed Chai's life forever.**

Chai was driving his car to pick up his children when he crashed. He broke his backbone and ended up in a wheelchair. Hence he couldn't work as a farmer anymore. He was desperate and didn't know how to support his family any longer. Then a friend offered him a solution: if Chai would deliver some drugs for him, he would pay all of his bills. So he accepted. Unfortunately it took a turn for the worse and Chai got caught by the police and ended up in jail.

**'If he delivered some drugs for his friend, his friend would pay all his bills'**

#### **Wife died because of HIV**

This happened in 2004, Chai has been in jail for 10 years already. He won't be released in another 15 years. About 6 years ago Chai suddenly started feeling sick and found out he was HIV-positive. And so was his wife, who was still taking care of their children back then. She died 3 years ago. Chai had more luck: the medication made him feel better and now he doesn't feel sick anymore, though he is still infected.

#### **Share dreams**

Siam-Care visits Chai twice a month in the Klong Prem prison in Bangkok. We taught him how to take his medication and how to take good care of himself. We also talk with him about his future and his dreams. We cannot bring his wife back and we can-

not release him from prison. But we can accompany him in taking his medicine and taking care of his sick body. No one else will do this. But for Chai our help makes a big difference.

**'We talk about his future and his dreams'**

There is someone from outside prison who he can talk to and share his experiences with. We are glad that we can make a difference for people like Chai. Live in prison is difficult enough, we believe that everybody deserves a shoulder to cry on.



**"My dream is that Siam-Care will have a positive impact and less people need help from us. I also hope people will not see themselves as underprivileged neither needy, because they already receive support by Siam-Care."** Torung, Siam-Care Bangkok





# OTHER PROJECTS

The following projects are too small to be mentioned as a separate project, but yet too important to be ignored in Siam-Care's annual report.

## CRAFTS

Siam-Care's crafts program isn't as extensive as it once was, but still the program enables HIV infected women to make a living. Unemployed women who struggle to find a job due to their infection, can become part of our crafts program. In this program women are trained to make coasters and jewelry and subsequently sell these at markets or events. Siam-Care is involved by monitoring the progress, providing support and by representing the women at international events where English speaking persons are needed. The program gives women back their dignity, as they provide an income for themselves.

## CARE FOR GRANDMOTHERS

Normally Siam-Care's care is limited to families with children. Often grandparents are the educators of their grandchildren, after parents have died or simply left their family behind. After children graduate Siam-Care usually stops supporting these families, for they are able to stand on their own feet. There are some exceptions: some grandmothers are left alone and are too old and sick to take care of themselves. Siam-Care does not drop the support for these grandmothers but keeps on reaching out to them. In 2014 Siam-Care supported 5 grandmothers without family.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As can be seen from the previous chapters, Siam-Care is partnering with local government from district to municipality level, churches, schools, local NGO's, in reaching out to people. In 2014 Siam-Care completed the ChildLife project, a project carried out in Nakhon Pathom, focussed on the strengthening of multi-disciplinary Child Action Groups (CAG), for improved community services for vulnerable children. Another community development project will start in March 2015 and will be carried out in a slum community near the office of Siam-Care in Bangkok. This project will be focussing on creating a positive environment for children to grow up in. Among other things we will teach English and teach about childrights.

## TOYS FOR REFUGEES

In 2014 hundreds of asylum seekers from Pakistan sought asylum in Bangkok. Thailand has not signed the United Nations 1951 Convention regarding the status of asylum seekers and refugees and therefore all refugees and asylum seekers are considered illegal in Thailand. Hence they face many problems, like not being able to work due to their illegal status. Asylum seekers are not part of Siam-Care's target group, yet Siam-Care was able to share toys with refugee children. Every year Siam-Care receives a great amount of toys from a local school and decided to share these gifts with Pakistani children in very dire situations.



**"My dream is that the help of Siam-Care will be accessible for those in need. That we may support without limitations and don't require any special conditions for people to receive Siam-Care services." Siri, Siam-Care Phang Nga**





## IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TOGETHER

Nobody can change the world on his own. With this thought in mind Siam-Care staff are maintaining close working relations with NGOs and GOs on issues relevant to our beneficiaries; child protection, HIV/Aids, human trafficking and legal rights. Siam-Care's experience and knowledge are much appreciated by partners and hence staff of Siam-Care is frequently invited to act as guest speaker and trainer on these topics.

## SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA

Siam-Care Phang Nga has been working with various NGO and GO partners for a long time. First of all Siam-Care Phang Nga is a member of the Working Group on Child Protection, initiated by the provincial department of Social Welfare and Human Security. This network consists of 10 organizations meets monthly to discuss a broad range of child protection issues. In this network and in other networks Siam-Care's staff had different opportunities to share experiences with other NGO's and GO's, in the area of child protection, family care and migrant work.

Siam-Care's staff in Phang Nga also maintains a close relation with the Department of Social Development and Human Security of Phang-Nga Province, which is part of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. In 2014 there have been numbers of meetings where multiple issues have been discussed and the Department funded a part of Siam-Care's child and family care projects.

In 2014 Siam-Care Phang NgaW partnered with the Public Health Department, which is part of the Ministry of Public Health. Siam-Care was requested to facilitate a workshop regarding HIV/Aids and safe sex for the MSM group (Men who have sex with men) of Phang Nga. Additionally, Siam-Care was funded by the Department of Diseases Control of the Nakhorn Sirthammaratch Province (which is part of the Ministry of Public Health) to form up a network group of HIV-infected people living in the Takuapa District. Purpose of this network group is to help people have better access to proper medical treatment. The Department of Diseases Control also funded Siam-Care to organize a series of trainings in the area of "unwanted effects of unprepared sexual relationships of teenagers", for students of 5 different schools (read more about this in the chapter 'Awareness').

## SIAM-CARE MUKDAHAN

In Mukdahan, Siam-Care is a member of the provincial Multidisciplinary Child Protection Working Group that acts in cases of child abuse. It has also a seat in the subcommittee on Child Protection, which is part of the Working Group installed by the Governor, in which 7 sectors (health, education, protection, social welfare, legal, employment and recreation) are represented.

On the side of NGOs, Siam-Care Mukdahan has been asked by Community Children Fund Foundation (CCF) to implement a project on child protection, sex education and prevention of teenage unwanted pregnancies in Mukdahan and Sakhon Nakon province. Partnership with churches

is prominent in the Safe and Informed Migration (SIM) project, and Siam-Care takes part in their monthly consultations.

## SIAM-CARE BANGKOK

Siam-Care Bangkok is part of Unicef's CRC-network (Convention of the Right of the Child). In 2014 our staff attended multiple network meetings to discuss several issues relevant to our work. Staff in Bangkok also attended network meetings of the CEOP Command (formerly the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre). CEOP is a network of child protection partners and aims at identifying the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account. Siam-Care and other network partners try to protect children from harm online and offline. Siam-Care Bangkok is also a member of the regional PWA-network (People Living with Aids).

In 2014 two staff members from Bangkok attended a training in proposal writing, organized by the government of social development and the Thammasat University.

In 2014 Bangkok staff have been contacted by several organizations, for mutual exchange of knowledge, among these organizations are: World Vision, Think Small, Good news team Bangkok and Child Line. Siam-Care's brand awareness and good reputation resulted in the support and funding from multiple donors from all over the world. In the financial section of this annual report we provide detailed information about these donors.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

Siam-Care's accounts are audited yearly by DIA International Audit Company. In 2014 Siam-Care was funded by various donors of different signature, both old and new donors. There is no way to fully express our gratitude for all donations being made in 2014 and before. We realize that without donors, Siam-Care would not exist and we would not be able to have an impact on all our target groups. On behalf of all our staff we would like to thank everyone that made our work possible with prayers, practical help or financial donations.

In 2014 these individuals and organizations enabled Siam-Care to make a difference in many lives:

**In Thailand:**

The Royal Thai Government (Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Social Development and

**Human Security)**

Churches (Christ Church and Evangelical Church Bangkok)

Nuffic Neso (for donating desks, a TV, and many other great office supplies)

Global Fund through World Vision Thailand  
BCTFN (British Community Thailand Foundation for the Needy)

Many individuals through bank accounts and donation boxes

**In The Netherlands:**

Churches (Evangelische Gemeente Harderwijk, Samenwerkingsgemeente Lisse, Hervormde Kerk Ermelo, Christ Church Amsterdam),

Stichting Sonnevank  
Kringloopwinkel Over-nodig, Putten  
Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden Nederland  
Stichting HAMIN

Many individuals (among them Theo van den Hombergh)

**In the United Kingdom:**

Tearfund  
Siam-Care UK  
Many individuals

**In Japan:**

Individuals  
Sponsoring children through Ms. Junko and Ms. Etsuko

**Individuals in countries:**

Australia  
Cambodia  
Hong Kong  
Malaysia  
Norway  
USA



**“My dream is that all our families will be able to stand on their own feet, thanks to the tools we offer them. That all children will be able to finish their education and find a proper job to support their families.”** Natasja, Siam-Care Bangkok

## REVENUES



Overseas Grants / Tearfund SIM 2014 (10,3%)	1.078.000,-
Thailand Grants / Global Fund (29,2%)	3.066.000,-
Child Sponsorship (21,8%)	2.287.000,-
Donations Thailand (13%)	1.360.000,-
Overseas Donations (10,9%)	1.145.000,-
Family Sponsorship (11,5%)	1.208.000,-
Donation Boxes Thailand (3,4%)	356.000,-

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## EXPENSES



Safe & Informed Migration & Migrant families )10%)	1.078.000,-
Global Fund (Prevention Child Rights in Communities) (28,4%)	3.066.000,-
Child Sponsorship (21,2%)	2.287.000,-
Prevention at Schools (Seks & Child Rights) (10,2%)	1.100.000,-
Prison work (0,5%)	55.000,-
Family Care (12%)	1.300.000,-
Location Mukdahan (7,8%)	840.000,-
Location Bangkok (5,7%)	615.000,-
Location Phang Nga (2,9%)	315.000,-
General (1,3%)	144.000,-

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# STAFF, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT

As mentioned in the executive summary, 2014 has again been a year of transition for Siam-Care. It was the first complete year without founder and Director of the organization Adrienne Blomberg and the first full year of Jan-Peter and Natasja Kelder, a couple from the Netherlands who arrived in the beginning of 2013. Just before their arrival Ms. Supapan Singhor (Ting), Manager of the Bangkok Office, had left Siam-Care and her departure created a considerable gap in the management of the organization. A long quest for a new manager for the Bangkok office led to Ms. Mattika Mathurapotwachana (Pou), who joined Siam-Care in June 2014. Unfortunately both Siam-Care as Ms. Mattika Mathurapotwachana had different expectations of each other and in November 2014 she left Siam-Care. Subsequently Natasja Kelder was appointed as the new manager for Siam-Care Bangkok. We are very pleased that she is willing to fill in this position.

## HARIETTE MINGOEN LEAVES US

After years of doing volunteer work Hariette

Mingoen has left Siam-Care in 2014. She and her husband moved back to Holland, after living in Bangkok for 5 years. Hariette Mingoen had been with Siam-Care since 2009 in different capacities as volunteer and consultant. Her presence and help was highly appreciated by both the staff and board of Siam-Care. She supported Siam-Care in report and proposal writing, management issues, revising policies and many other things. After the departure of Adrienne Blomberg, Hariette Mingoen also supported and guided Jan-Peter and Natasja Kelder in executing their tasks. We want to thank Hariette for everything she has done for Siam-Care, she will truly be missed.

## NEW BOARD

In 2014 the board continued with the same three members as in 2013: Ms. Natagamon Roongtim (chair person), Ms. Kimberley Quinley (treasurer) and Mr. Jirapat Junnawat (secretary). The board came together 6 times in 2014. In the end of 2014 the board resigned and a new board was appointed. At the moment of writing this annual report the new board members have not been officially approved, hence will not be mentioned in this

report.

There is an Advisory Board to support the Board and the management of Siam-Care. 5 persons with expertise in respectively HIV/AIDS, fundraising, human resources, finances and law, have a seat in the Advisory Board.

## VOLUNTEERS

Every year Siam-Care receives a group of young volunteers, sent by Tearfund UK, who spend around 4 weeks in Thailand. Siam-Care offers them an opportunity to be a short-term volunteer and get an insight of the work of an NGO like Siam-Care. In 2014 6 students from the UK visited Siam-Care and participated in activities of Siam-Care's offices in Bangkok and Mukdahan. They taught English, organized an fund-raise activity, organized an English is fun camp for children in Bangkok and Mukdahan and joined Siam-Care in home and prison visits. From January until April Evie van Maanen, a student Communications from the Netherlands, did her internship with Siam-Care. In October Theo and Annie van den Hombergh did a 3 week volunteer program and supported our staff in several areas.



**“My dream is that we will keep on having a great impact on vulnerable people here in Thailand. An impact on their financial situations, on the way families raise children, on how people see themselves and on their spiritual lives.” Jan-Peter, Siam-Care Bangkok**





TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE  
LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS, YOU DID IT TO ME

MATTHEW 25:35-40



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