



# ANNUAL REPORT

*Siam-Care* 2016



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# FOREWORD

**It is with great pride and pleasure that we present to you Siam-Care's report over the year 2016. We take pride in the things we do and in tangible results, confirmed in the stories highlighted in this report.**

2016 was a very difficult year for Thailand. His majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej passed away. He lost his life on 13 October 2016, after a long illness. He was the most loved person in the country. For foreigners, it is very difficult to comprehend how meaningful the King has been and will continue to be for the people of Thailand. He was regarded far and wide as father of the nation and took the country out of several deadly turns with his wise counsel. We cannot and do not want to write this report, without first honoring his majesty and remembering his death.

Although the passing away of Thailand's King was a very painful event, Siam-Care had to continue reaching out to those in need. In 2016 we have enabled children to study and families to stand on their own feet (again). We have encouraged inmates to continue fighting, and have trained hundreds in the area of HIV/ aids and safe sex. We have shared God's love with many and have seen change. This report will give you a clear idea of how lives were changed. A clear picture of how we have used your donations for the benefit of those in need. Our work would not have been possible without the generous

Thai fact 1:

Thailand's capital Bangkok has the longest official city name in the world:

*'Krung Thep Mahanakhon  
Amon Rattanakosin Mahinthara  
Ayuthaya Mahadilok Phop  
Noppharat Ratchathani Burirom  
Udomratchaniwet Mahasathan Amon  
Piman Awatan Sathit Sakkathattiya  
Witsanukam Prasit'*

financial contributions and prayer and moral support of all donors and sponsors. We sincerely thank you on behalf of the many families, children and partners that we serve. We hope and trust that you will keep on supporting us and we look forward to continuing our partnership together.

We would like, as ever, to thank our staff and our excellent volunteers for their outstanding dedication, effort and skill. We would also like to thank the board of Siam-Care for their support and counsel.

We trust that you will enjoy reading about Siam-Care's highlights in 2016. We welcome your feedback or questions through [info@siamcare.org](mailto:info@siamcare.org)

Jan-Peter and Natasja Kelder  
Leadership team Siam-Care



# SIAM-CARE IN BRIEF

SIAM-CARE WAS FIRST FOUND IN 1996. THE FOUNDATION WAS FIRST REGISTERED AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (NGO) IN THE NETHERLANDS. IN 2005 SIAM-CARE BECAME A LEGAL ENTITY (NO. KOR THOR 1446) IN THAILAND AS WELL, WITH THE OFFICIAL STATUS AS NGO WORKING ON HIV/AIDS. IN 2011 SIAM-CARE ALSO ACQUIRED OFFICIAL STATUS AS HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRAFFICKING ISSUES FOUNDATION. NOWADAYS 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 THREE MANAGERS FOR BANGKOK, MUKDAHAN AND PHANG NGA. A BOARD AND AN ADVISORY BOARD HOLD DIRECTOR AND MANAGERS ACCOUNTABLE. SIAM-CARE HAS 10 FULL-TIME STAFF.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE DO?

Siam-Care helps children at risk and their families, to develop psychosocially, physically, financially and spiritually until they can take care of themselves.

## VISION: WHY DO WE DO IT?

Siam-Care's fights for equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for children and families affected by HIV/Aids, until Thailand is HIV-free.

## CORE VALUES: HOW DO WE DO IT?

- **Bible centred**  
The word of God is foundational to all we do. We seek to be obedient to biblical teaching, evaluating our work and attitudes in light of the bible.
- **Transparent**  
We are open about our income and expenses. We report our work and make reports insightful for others.
- **Honest**  
We are accountable to God for the use of our time and resources, but also to our target groups, partners and supporters by being honest, trustworthy, and transparent in all we do.
- **Non-discriminatory**  
We affirm the worth of all people, regardless

of religion, cultural background, ethnicity, or gender and treat everybody equally

- **Prayerful**  
Prayer is key to everything we do. We commit to deepening our relationship with God, and increasing in knowledge of His will through prayer for each activity, need and decision.
- **Professional**  
We commit to providing our beneficiaries, partners, supporters and colleagues with an excellent quality of service in a professional manner.
- **Collaborative**  
We commit to achieving common goals through partnership with

Thai fact 2:  
In Thailand the adult prevalence of HIV is

# 1.3%

This is the highest of all countries in Asia



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Loon  
Finished hotel school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Pim  
Finished junior high school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Ung  
Finished junior high school

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2016, A NUMBER OF KEY EVENTS AND THEMES SEEM TO STAND OUT AND DEFINE IT. HERE IS A SHORT SUMMARY OF SIAM-CARE'S MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In 2016 Mrs. Athicha Siripatcharotorn accepted a new job in the United States of America and hence had to give up her position in the board. After her departure three new board members were added: Mrs. Michelle Tan (Malaysian nationality), Ms. Fonchan Suksaneh (Thai nationality) and Mrs. Mink Vatanatham (Thai nationality). Together with Mr. Daniel Nihil (Australian nationality, treasurer of board), Mr. Jan-Peter Kelder (Dutch nationality, regular board member), and Mrs. Porkaew Prasutsangchan (Thai nationality, secretary of board) they assume governance responsibilities.

## FAMILY FINANCE TRAINING

All families in Siam-Care's family care program have attended and successfully finished a family finance training. The families in our program often experience financial troubles due to unemployment, overspending, unexpected emergencies, or mismanagement of finances. Every family has the responsibility to provide for its own needs to the extent possible. During a

one day course, we helped families to live within their means, to save for unexpected expenses, avoid debts, so that they can become more financially stable. Wise financial management can provide security and promote family well-being. Most attendees gained a much better understanding of their income and expenses. During the training, every family made their own family budget and tried to live according to this budget. In 2017 follow-up trainings will be organized, to measure the impact of the training.

Thai fact 3:

The HIV prevalence among injected drug users in Thailand is around

**40%**

## YOUTH FOCUS GROUP BANGKOK

In addition to home visits and regular counsel moments, Siam-Care Bangkok started organizing focus groups for youth. Every 4 weeks we gather a group of teenagers for counselling, peer support and fun activities. We conducted 8 focus group sessions in 2016. The main purpose of the focus group is to create a stronger relationship with our youth, hopefully resulting in higher quality counselling and thus better wellbeing of the children.

## YOUTH CAMP MUKDAHAN

In September 2016, we were able to gather all students older than 15 from all 3 Siam-Care locations, for a camp in Mukdahan, for the third consecutive year. Just like previous years, the camp was very well received by all attendees. Siam-Care brought the children together for peer support, but also to train them in several areas. We helped them to prepare for job interviews, trained them how to give presentations and trained them how to train others in the areas of safe sex, drugs and child protection.



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Palm  
Finished high school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Nuy  
Finished his university study marketing



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Bent  
Finished junior high school

## NEW OFFICE SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA

In the beginning of 2016, Siam-Care Phang Nga took the opportunity to move their office to a cheaper and better venue. Phang Nga is the only Siam-Care location which does not have their own building. The previous office building was small and without air-conditioning. The new location is a little further outside the centre of Phang Nga and thus cheaper.

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

We are thankful to announce that in 2016 Siam-Care met several organizations who want to partner with us in the future. To name a few: Stichting Wereldkinderen approached Siam-Care in 2016 and already started funding a part of the family care program Siam-Care conducts. Rotary Bollenstreek is another donor who approached Siam-Care for a partnership. We are looking forward to see the fruits of the new partnerships and are thankful for all of those who chose to have an impact together with Siam-Care.



# A LIGHT TO THOSE IN THE DARKNESS OF THE PRISON HOUSE



## PRISON PROGRAMME

In 2007 the Klong Prem prison in Bangkok approached Siam-Care. They requested us to assist the medical correction institute in setting up an outreach programme for sick detainees who are admitted in the hospice ward. Siam-Care decided to start training sick inmates and have never stopped visiting the medical ward of the Klong Prem prison since. Over the years Siam-Care's prison programme has grown and now 3 different prisons are regularly visited for training and counselling.

## PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Siam-Care's purpose of the prison programme is to shine light to those who are in the darkness of prison, like Isaiah (42) tells us. HIV-infected prisoners are often seen as "unclean", because of the two major cultural stigmata attached to them. They are often rejected by friends and family and have health care concerns. They have poor emotional well-being, live in overcrowded cells and often struggle with depression. In short, life is hard for most inmates. Unfortunately

they don't get much help from the outside world, which often believes in karma and that everybody gets what they deserve. Siam-Care believes that everybody deserves a second chance. We help the prisoners in their immediate surroundings, and also help to rehabilitate inmates to reintegrate into the society they live in. For over 8 years, Siam-Care has been working with the Department of Corrections to help prisoners, especially those who are HIV infected, to gain more understanding about the virus and the different treatment and prescriptions of ARV that they can take. We have established a good working relationship with the government agency throughout our time there. Siam-Care works to fight against stigma and discrimination through raising awareness and counselling activities, helping the prisoners to become aware of the hope that they have at another chance in life.

## WHAT WE DID IN 2016

Siam-Care's staff has worked to focus on three prisons in 2016: the Klong Prem prison in

Bangkok, the female's correctional institution in Pathum Thani and at the end of the year one new prison was added to the list: a youth prison in Pathum Thani. The prison director invited Siam-Care, after he heard how Siam-Care had a positive impact on the wellbeing of inmates of other prisons. In all 3 prisons we have mainly focused on offering support and counselling on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who live with HIV/Aids. We have provided them with crucial information, not only on their condition, but also regarding their social rights to free treatment and government benefits to help them combat the virus inside their bodies.

Furthermore Siam-Care offered HIV-preventive training to those who are not infected and raised awareness to eradicate preconceptions of living with those who are HIV infected. Many of our activities are fun and light-hearted, designed to lower the tense atmosphere of life inside a prison. The practical information provided, means that other prisoners are less afraid to spend time with those who are HIV infected.

Just like every year, Siam-Care's staff and a large group of volunteers, sang Christmas carols in prison. This year we were also given the opportunity to explain why Christmas is celebrated. The event was much appreciated by both prison staff and the inmates. Also we handed out gift boxes with basic supplies, in all three prisons.

## RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

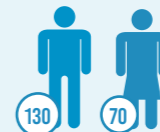
Siam-Care made 23 visits to the men's prison hospital, the woman's prison rehabilitation facility and the youth prison in Pathum Thani in 2016. The result of these programme meant that over 200 prisoners received assistance and counselling. Because of the success in previous years, we decided to again conduct a session with non-infected and infected prisoners to raise awareness. The result is a better understanding between these two groups in living together. We were also engaged on a personal level through one-on-one counselling, ensuring that every individual person is cared for.

## PRISON PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



**3 PRISONS**

Siam Care is now involved with 3 prisons



**200 PRISONERS**

have been helped this year  
130 male/70 female

**300 PRISONERS RECEIVED A GIFT PACKAGE**  
with Christmas, filled with:



underwear



tooth brush



soap



little booklet  
about the gospel



**10 VISITS** to men's prison hospital



**10 VISITS** to woman's prison rehabilitation facility



**3 VISITS** to Pathum Thani's youth prison

# DO CRIMINALS DESERVE TO BE LOVED?

## REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S PRISON PROGRAM

A guy who killed somebody. Or a drugs dealer. Maybe a rapist. Do they deserve to be loved? To be treated with dignity? In Thailand, many people don't think so. Siam-Care disagrees and weekly visits people who messed up. This is the story of Kain, a father of two and sentenced for 25 years.

Kain doesn't look like the typical criminal, if such a person exists at all. He has a friendly face, a tiny body and a warm and friendly voice. He didn't make it easy for himself in life. Before he moved to Thailand, he was wanted in the country where he was born. He was suspected of drug trafficking and decided to move to Thailand. He changed his name and started a new life in Thailand. But unfortunately, he came in touch with the police again.

### NEED HELP AND LOVE

A friend of Kain was in the possession of drugs and at the very moment the police arrested him, Kain was visiting his friend. Hence Kain was arrested as well and got sentenced with 25 years. He says he is not guilty. We don't know who to believe, but for Siam-Care, it doesn't matter that much. We believe that especially people, who

messed up, need help and need to receive love. We are a Christian foundation. Jesus inspired us to reach out to sick people, to people who messed up and need help. People like Kain.

### DIFFICULT LIFE IN PRISON

Living in prison in Thailand is not easy. Every time we visit, Kain complains about overcrowded cells. He told us none of the cells have beds. He

**"If Kain needs to go to the toilet during the night, he has to clamber over all the limbs."**

used to have a blanket but the prison staff took this away from him. According to him, because they don't like him. Kain sleeps head to foot with 60 others in a small room. There is an open toilet in the same room with a low wall around it. If Kain needs to go to the toilet during the night, he has to clamber over all the limbs. For this reason, the light is left on all night. Kain complains that he hardly gets any sleep. He sometimes says he wish he was dead, instead of having to live in hell on earth, as he refers to prison sometimes.

### LOVE FOR THE UNLOVED

Siam-Care believes that people need to be treated with respect. Even though Kain made a mistake (or many mistakes), he cannot lose his human rights. Kain does not have any family in Thailand. His wife and two children (2 and 7 years old) moved back to their home country and cannot visit their husband and father. Except for Siam Care nobody else visits him, so nobody buys him food, helps him contact his family or tells him what is going on in the outside world. We visit him every week and buy him some food. We listen to his stories and sometimes contact his family. It is not much, but it is something. A little bit of love that might keep him going.



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Bell  
Finished junior high school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Som  
Finished cooking school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Sopha  
Finished vocational school

# GIVING HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEED

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Many Thai families who are touched by HIV/Aids struggle to survive financially. It is tempting for them to let their children work from a young age, so that they can help make money and make ends meet. While Siam-Care understands this, we believe that children have a much greater chance of getting a good job and escaping the wheel of poverty, if they finish their education. This is the main idea behind Siam-Care's educational sponsorship program. In the last 20 years hundreds of children were able to finish their education due to Siam-Care's support. By enabling children of disadvantaged families to go to school, we give them an opportunity to improve the lives of their families. In 2016 almost 200 children received support; the vast majority comes from families that have been affected by HIV/Aids. Some children in Siam-Care's educational sponsorship program are HIV-positive themselves; others have been orphaned by HIV/Aids and hence have no parents to pay for their education. Siam-Care's

goal is to allow children to study until at least the third grade of high school.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2016

Together with over 200 individual donors from all over the world, Siam-Care gave scholarships for Thai disadvantaged children to study. None of them would have been able to study without financial support. Before inviting children to join our programme, we do a thorough screening of a family's financial situation, to ensure that only the most vulnerable children join our programme. Once part of our programme, Siam-Care regularly visits sponsored children. During home-visits we counsel children and their families in multiple areas, such as child protection and school performance. In 2016 we conscientiously followed the children's achievements in school and coached them in areas of struggle. We often brought children together for peer support and to let them have a dialogue on issues related to child rights, health and sexuality. In September 2016, we were able to gather all students older than 15

for a camp in Mukdahan. We helped them to prepare for job interviews, trained them how to give presentations and trained them how to train others in the areas of safe sex, drugs and child protection. In Bangkok, we started doing focus groups: every 4 weeks we gather a group of teenagers for counselling, peer support and fun activities. We had 8 focus group sessions in 2016.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In 2016, 180 children received sponsorship to pursue their education. More details on the school level of supported children are provided on the right page. Without the help of individual donors these 180 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 2017. As mentioned before, Siam-Care follows the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2016. 178 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 2 children failed their school year. In 2016 with the help of Siam-Care

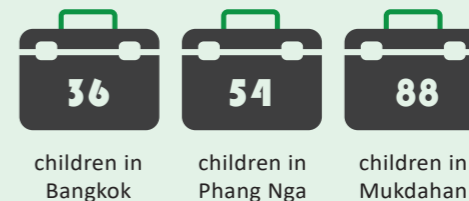


## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

### SPONSORS



### IN TOTAL 172 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



26 children graduated

New sponsor children (who started in 2016): 18

### FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE



ORPHAN

### EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN

26 children were able to finish their education. All of them found a job and are able to take care of themselves now. In 2016 the sponsorship ended for 38 children. 26 children finished their study and 7 families were able to take care of themselves now. 1 girl became pregnant and discontinued her education. 1 child unfortunately passed away. 1 child dropped out due to learning disabilities. 2 children moved away to another province, too far away for Siam-Care to keep on supporting them. 18 new children entered our education sponsorship programme. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.

# LAM MAKES HER MOTHER PROUD

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

My name is Lam (not her real name) and I am 10 years old. I live in Nakhon Pathom, a city close to Bangkok. I am HIV-infected and I live with my grandparents. My mother died three months after I was born. My father left my mother before I was born and I have never seen him or heard from him.

**“ Until I was 6 years old, I was not able to go to school because my family had not enough money”**

“I was born in 2008 in Korat, the second biggest city of Thailand. My mother was HIV-infected and didn't use any medication, so I was born with the infection as well. After my mother died, not long after I was born, I moved in with my grandparents of my mother's side, who live in Nakhon Pathom. They are farmers and grow rice or sugar canes, depending on the season. They are not infected, but due to their high age, 72 and 77, it is hard for them to work and make enough money for us to survive. We have always struggled to make ends meet and until I was 6 years old, I was not able to go to school because my family had not enough money.”

## A STRANGER COMES TO HELP

“Four years ago, the hospital told me about Siam-Care. They told me there was an organization that helps children like me to go to school. I was really surprised and could not believe they would be willing to help me. Why would they? They didn't even know me. A couple weeks later, three people visited me: two Thai women and one foreigner. They asked my grandparents and me many questions and told my grandparents it was important for their granddaughter, so me, to go to school. They told me somebody from Europe wanted to pay for my school. I could not believe what I had just heard. Why would a stranger do this for me?”

## FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

“With the financial support of Siam-Care, I was able to buy a school uniform, books and some

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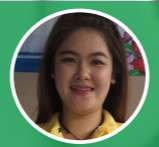
other necessities. I still remember very well the first day I went to school. I was so proud and happy that I was able to study and to learn how to read and write. Even though it is four years ago, I still remember that first day very well. Now, in 2016, I still go to school and made many new friends. My favourite subject is music. I really like to sing and dance. I still feel very proud that Siam-Care chooses me to study. I will never forget what they have done for me.”

## MAKE MY MOTHER PROUD

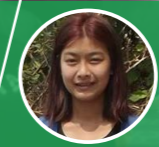
“Like I said, I was very young when my mother died. I was too young to understand what was going on. I don't remember what my mother looked like, obviously. I still have pictures of my mother and me though. I know she loved me very much. I know she would have liked to have more children. It may sound weird because she is not here anymore but I want to make her proud by finishing my study. I want to make her proud by getting a good job, so I can take care of my grandparents. With the help of Siam-Care I think I can finish my study. Something I didn't think a couple years ago.”



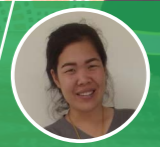
Thai fact 5:  
**70%**  
of all sexually transmitted HIV infection cases in Thailand are occurring among people between the ages of **15 & 24**



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Gan  
Finished his study graphic design



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Som  
Finished high school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Nen  
Finished her study social work



# MAKE THEM INDEPENDENT

## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

In all Siam-Care does, we focus on creating independency. Much energy is put into enabling people to take care of themselves. This is also the main goal of our family care programme. By helping families to develop psychosocially, physically, financially and spiritually, we help them take care of themselves. In some cases, take care of themselves for the first time. In other cases, take care of themselves again after depending on help for a while. Once families are enabled to stand on their own feet, Siam-Care and the family split ways. Sponsorships shouldn't last forever.

We are proud to announce that 16 families left Siam-Care's family care programme, because they are now able to take care of themselves. They underwent training and received coaching in different areas, resulting in improved life skills and an improved ability to look after them. In their place, 17 other families joined the programme and are undergoing training and counselling.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2016

In 2016 Siam-Care supported a little over 300 vulnerable families in Bangkok, Mukdahan

(northeast Thailand) and Phang Nga (south Thailand). Trained and skilled homecare staff regularly visited families in their homes and in hospitals. Siam-Care aims at providing specific care, which is different for every family. Some families benefit most from psychosocial counselling or health information. Other families are more in need of job training or need help with getting access to welfare support. Siam-Care also assures access to and proper use of medication. In 2016 some families also received money (in most cases a loan), specifically for starting up their own shop or food stall. Furthermore, in 2016 Siam-Care also met families at our offices for specific training. In 2016, we conducted training in the areas of family finances; children's rights and positive parenting among other themes.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In 2016, a total number of 275 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 306 families, 126 families are being supported with family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (108 donors), Australia (1), America (1), Thailand (2), and the United Kingdom

(14 donors). Due to these individual donors Siam-Care can conduct multiple home visits per year and support families in times of (personal) crisis. For example with cash support (e.g. for transportation to see a doctor), materials to fix a leaking roof, clothes or food. 306 minus 126 equal 180. This means we support 180 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 sponsors for these 180 awaiting families. Scan the QR-code to find more information about becoming a family sponsor.



### BECOME A FAMILY SPONSOR



Scan the QR-code or visit:  
[goo.gl/i10TbU](http://goo.gl/i10TbU)

## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

### PEOPLE WE HELPED



families received support



orphans didn't have to go to an orphanage of because Siam-Care's support



persons got access to medication



people all together received support

### HOW WE HELPED

In 2016, we conducted training in the areas of family finances; children's rights and positive parenting among other themes.



persons were admitted to the hospital

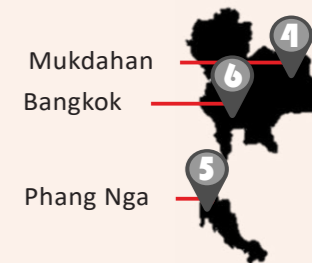


families were enabled to take care of themselves again

### TUBERCULOSIS



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



### OTHER THINGS



families in our program don't have a donor yet



families entered our family care program in 2016

# PRAYER AS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR WORK

## REAL STORY FROM FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

He was on his way to school. Had just left the house. Loong was only 9 years old. He lived with his grandparents, who have a house very close to Loong's school. It was a Monday morning. Loong had just said goodbye to his grandparents and then it happened. It changed his live forever.

Two years ago, our staff in Mukdahan, northeast Thailand, received a call from the hospital. A nine-year-old boy was hit by a car and very badly injured. He broke many bones and his brain was damaged so much, that he already had surgery more than 4 times. He was now ready to go back home, but he would never be able to see, talk or walk again. His family, consisting of his two grandparents and his mother, who lives and works in Bangkok, didn't have the money and the knowledge to take care of him. The hospital told us that Loong needed specific care and that he had to wear diapers as well.

### NOBODY TO HELP THE FAMILY

We usually reach out to underprivileged people who are HIV-infected. But in some cases, we decide to support vulnerable families with other

problems as well. Especially when a family really needs help and has nobody else to take care of them. Loong's family didn't have an insurance and the guy who hit Loong, visited him once and after that never offered any help or showed

**“Grandfather stays with Loong all day, feeding him and massaging his muscles to keep his body flexible and strong.”**

interest in the family. So, we promised the hospital to reach out to Loong's family to see what we could do. This was a year ago and since then we have visited him and his family very often. We found him a donor who supports him on a monthly basis. From the supported money, we buy Loong diapers and sometimes food.

### GRANDFATHER QUIT HIS JOB

Loong is very blessed to have a committed grandfather who takes fulltime care of his grandchild now. He quit working and read books and studied how to take care of his grandson, who now has to be fed through a tube and

Thai fact 6:

HIV is the **#5** killer in Thailand, responsible for **4%** of all deaths in Thailand.

During the height of the epidemic, it was the **top killer** in the country.

breathe through a hole in his neck. Grandfather stays with Loong all day, feeding him and massaging his muscles to keep his body flexible and strong. He made a great sacrifice, cause now he cannot work and make money to support his family any more. It is Siam-Care's responsibly to help this family survive. But we get something back as well: inspiration. It is very inspiring to see how grandfather takes care of his grandson. The future perspective is not good, Loong will never recover. And yet grandfather does not give up and keeps on fighting for his grandson.

Thai fact 7:

In 2016 around

**14,000**

people died because of AIDS



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Jame  
Finished his mechanical engineering



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Mek  
Finished high school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Beng  
Finished study to become a teacher

# REDUCE STIGMA AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Prevention is better than cure. Siam-Care reaches out to HIV-infected people in the Thai society, but much rather we would like to see people protect themselves enough so that the HIV-virus would not spread any further and would come to an end. This is the main reason for the existence of Siam-Care's awareness programme. It helps educate the public on HIV-related issues such as sex education and HIV-prevention, but also on issues such as child protection and human trafficking. Our knowledge and experience in these areas is officially recognized by the Thai government, as in 2011 Siam-Care acquired official status as NGO-working on human trafficking issues. From 2011 until 2015 we have carried out a project, funded by Tear Fund, called 'Safe and Informed Migration' (SIM). This project seeks to inform those who are considering migration to do this safely and to prevent migrants from falling into the trap of human trafficking. Many church and community

leaders have been trained and, through them, many more have gained knowledge. Although the SIM-project has officially ended, church and community leaders still often consult Siam-Care staff concerning human trafficking issues. Siam-Care still looks after 15 migrant families who sought refuge in Thailand. Our staff met them during the SIM-project and since then Siam-Care has been providing assistance by conducting home visits, meeting the families' basic needs, granting educational sponsorship, and providing holistic counselling as well as raising awareness on human trafficking.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2016

In 2016 Siam-Care staff attended a trainings programme named 'Dream makers'. During a 5-day long training our staff was made familiar with the dream maker curriculum. This curriculum is designed to train teenagers in 3 different areas: 1. Life planning (mainly emphasizing the importance of education and preparing for the future), 2. (The risks of) drugs and alcohol, and 3. Safe sex (sexually

transmitted diseases, pregnancies, etc.). Our staff is now qualified to carry out the training and trained over 150 students in 2016, as a pilot. In 2017 more schools will follow. Siam-Care Bangkok also conducted multiple child protection trainings, using the materials of CSO (Child Safe Organization). Child workers from over 30 child development organisations were trained how to raise and teach children according to international child protection standards. The training included topics as safe ways of punishing/correcting your child and how to recognize child abuse and neglect. As part of the training, all child workers had to write a child protection policy for their own child development centre.

Furthermore, in 2016 Siam-Care joined several other foundations and government agencies in providing training on raising awareness (learn more in the "chapter networks, partnerships and relations"). Many of our subjects include Child Protection, HIV prevention, and other high risk issues.



### RESULT OF THE PROGRAMME

The programs were met with general positivity. In 2017, Siam-Care plans on expanding the Dream maker programme and the CSO-child protection training, by taking the training to more schools, communities, and churches throughout Thailand. The challenge is in meeting the demands of Thai communities - the need for awareness building is great, but our resources and personnel that are available is relatively small.

Thai fact 8:

Thailand has about

# 140,000

orphans due to AIDS aged

# 0 - 17



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Onan  
Finished middle school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Muey  
Finished middle school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**

Name: Ning  
Finished high school

# FINANCIAL REPORT

All staff and the board of Siam-Care realize very well that without the generous support of our donors, we would not be able to impact so many lives. With the help from people from all over the world, Siam-Care is able to help over 300 families and many students to try to take care of themselves (again). We highly appreciate all the help and feel the need to be completely transparent about our financial situation. Furthermore, we are accountable towards God, towards the Thai government and towards our donors. Hence we report and publish our financial records, which undergo official public audit on an annual basis (financial audit report is available on [www.siamcare.org](http://www.siamcare.org)). We hold true to our commitment to bring the entirety of the funds donated for family and educational sponsorship to the family and child, and we are delighted that our financial report this year has affirmed this. Siam-Care's other projects such as Prison and Community work, Awareness training,

and general expenses to keep our offices from falling apart were also made possible by the generous support from donors and grant supporters like you.

## THANK YOU

Like we mentioned before in this report; we are very grateful to all our friends and partners who partnered with Siam-Care in 2016. We would like to mention a few in particular, because they had a great positive impact on our work. Theo van den Hombergh has been a close friend of Siam-Care for many years and in 2016 he helped us to raise funds in the Netherlands. He helped us connect with De Hervormde Kerk Ermelo and Kringloopwinkel over-nodig from Putten, who have supported Siam-Care in 2016. Other churches who financially supported us are the Evangelical Church of Bangkok, Samenwerkingsgemeente Lisse, and Bethelkerk Veenendaal. A special thank you goes out to the

Nederlands-gereformeerde vrouwendag, who made a great donation.

Four other long-term partners that we would like to mention are Siam-Care UK, with mainly Dr. Richard Burack, and Stichting Sonnevandck and Ms. Etsuko and Ms. Junko from Japan. These four partners have been supporting us for many years. Furthermore, in 2016 we received donations from a couple of new partners, among them Stichting Wereldkinderen, Rotary Bollenstreek and Stichting Hand&Feet. We are thankful for new and old partnerships.

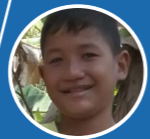
Last, but not at all the least, an extremely heartfelt "Thank you" from everyone at Siam-Care to all the sponsors in our family and educational sponsorship programmes who have become our committed partners in making better life a reality for many of our families and sponsored students. Together we have changed lives in 2016 and are about to change more lives in 2017.



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
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Finished middle school

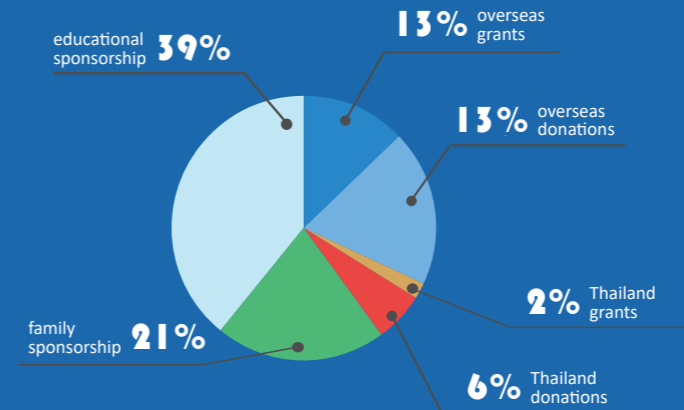


**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Mint  
Finished middle school



**GRADUATED IN 2016**  
Name: Nu  
Finished high school

## INCOME 2016

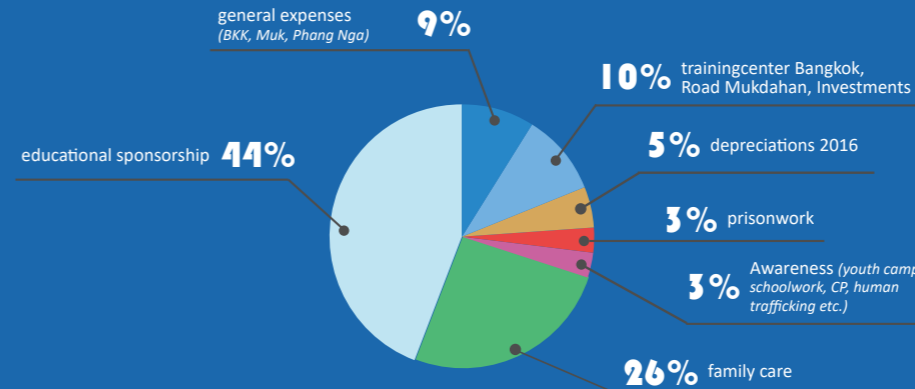


**THB 5.413.000,- \***

Overseas Grants	692.500,-
Overseas Donations	1.041.500,-
Thailand Grants	120.000,-
Thailand Donations	338.000,-
Family Sponsorship	1.146.000,-
Educational sponsorship	2.075.000,-

\* This includes THB 983.500- designated funds to spend in 2017

## EXPENSES 2016



**THB 4.295.000,-**

General expenses	421.500,-
Trainingcenter	450.000,-
Depreciation 2016	240.000,-
Prisonwork	133.000,-
Awareness	115.000,-
Family Care	1.138.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.932.000,-

# STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

2016 was a pretty steady year staff-wise, compared to 2015. Not much has changed and most teams stayed completely intact. In 2015 Natasja Kelder, from the Netherlands accepted the challenge to lead Siam-Care. 2016 was her first complete year as the CEO of Siam-Care. Both board and staff are satisfied with Natasja's performance and so she will continue to lead Siam-Care in the future, together with the management team and the board of Siam-Care.

## NEW STAFF IN MUKDAHAN, BANGKOK

In Phang Nga and Mukdahan there was no staff transitioning in or out. Since Theerawan Butsut (Em), who worked for Siam-Care Phang Nga from 2005 until 2015, resigned to become a fulltime mother of her beautiful daughter, we have been looking for someone to take over her job. Several candidates applied but no suitable candidate was found yet. Your prayers for a new capable staff member are much appreciated. In Bangkok Jay Ruansang, Siam-Care's communications officer and translator, resigned

due to a new job in the United States of America. Siam-Care decided to not hire a new translator, since the foreign staff is now able to speak Thai well enough. Volunteers will now translate letters from and for donors. In November 2016 Rossarin Tongsom joined Siam-Care's team in Bangkok. Her main responsibility will be fundraising in Thailand.

## BOARD

In 2016 Mrs. Athicha Siripatcharotorn accepted a new job in the United States of America and hence had to give up her position in the board. After her departure three new board members were added: Mrs. Michelle Tan (Malaysian nationality), Ms. Fonchan Suksaneh (Thai nationality) and Mrs. Mink Vatanatham (Thai nationality). Together with Mr. Daniel Nihil (Australian nationality, treasurer of board), Mr. Jan-Peter Kelder (Dutch nationality, regular board member), and Mrs. Porkaew Prasutsangchan (Thai nationality, secretary of board) they assume governance responsibilities. The Board came together 4 times in 2016. The full board also joined Siam-Care's Christmas celebrations in the different prisons Siam-Care works in.

## VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Siam-Care often welcomes volunteers or students to be with the organization for practical learning. Unlike previous years, this year there was no student from the Christelijke Hogeschool Ede, a Dutch University. In 2017, 2 Dutch students will come to do an internship with Siam-Care for three months. In the end of 2015 two Dutch volunteers arrived in Bangkok: Ms. Mariet van Raalte and Ms. Wietske Venderbos. They spend 4 months in Thailand and participated in the activities of the staff in Bangkok and Mukdahan. They assisted in the work with children and youth, taught English at a church and attended home visits for observation and report writing. Also they helped out with writing and designing of newsletters, this annual report and other magazines. They left in February 2016. Since September 2016 Ms. Gonneke Dekker from the Netherlands volunteers at Siam-Care one day a week. She participates in all sorts of activities, such as home visits, fundraising and translating.



*Natasja*  
CEO, Manager Child and Family Care



*Jan-Peter*  
Communications coordinator, fundraising, and foreign assisted projects



*Passawan*  
General assistant Bangkok



*Sutthisa*  
Fundraising and homecare coordinator Bangkok



*Joshua*  
Youth worker



*Umaporn*  
Church, community and prison work coordinator



*Siriboon*  
Homecare coordinator Mukdahan



*Banyen*  
Administration and Finances, homecare assistant



*Nethima*  
Office Manager, homecare coordinator Phang Nga



*Nid*  
Fundraiser Thailand

# CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

## NETWORKS, PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONS

Siam-Care realizes very well that we need to collaborate with donors, government and local foundations/NGO's, in order to be successful in changing lives. We are pleased that in 2016 many have joined us in having an impact on the needy. Siam-Care maintains close working relations with NGO's and GO's 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 MUKDAHAN

Siam-Care Mukdahan is a member of several local networks, such as the provincial Multidisciplinary Child Protection Working Group. This group acts in cases of child abuse. Our Mukdahan staff also has 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. Furthermore, Siam-Care Mukdahan is a part of the Woman Enterprise Network, a group that aims at developing support for woman's enterprises.

In 2016 Siam-Care staff from Mukdahan conducted several trainings and often acted as guest speaker. We were invited by World Vision, the local government in Mukdahan, the Mukdahan hospital, local HIV-networks and some other organizations, to share our knowledge on HIV and child protection. In 2016 Mukdahan staff also joined several meetings of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, concerning child protection and family violence. Besides this Siam-Care Mukdahan staff maintains close relationships with the local churches and often is invited as guest speaker on subjects as human trafficking and child protection (see chapter: 'Awareness programme').

### SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA

Siam-Care Phang Nga is also a member of several local networks, such as the Working Group on Child Protection, initiated by the provincial department of Social Welfare and Human Security. This network consists of 10 organizations and 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. Siam-Care Phang Nga is also very much involved in meetings discussing labour migration and human trafficking, organized by the Department for Security Information (DSI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The meetings are aimed at improving the accessibility of services for migrant workers in the Mekong Region.

Lastly Siam-Care Phang Nga acted as guest speaker and shared our knowledge about sexual transmitted diseases and child protection with several local schools, foundations and churches.

### SIAM-CARE BANGKOK

Siam-Care Bangkok is a member of CRC (the Coalition of Rights of the Child). CRC plays a central role in key child rights developments in Thailand and consists of leading experts in the area of child protection. Siam-Care Bangkok is also a member of ICPN (International Child Protection Network, formerly known as

Thai fact 6:  
Every year around

# 10,000

new people get infected with  
HIV/Aids  
**80%**  
from unsafe sex

CEOP: Child Protection and Online Protection Centre) and attended 2 meetings to learn and share about child protection. ICPN focuses on building relationships across sectors and across geographic borders in order to make every child matter everywhere. In the chapter about awareness raising, more information about training conducted by Bangkok staff in the areas of child protection and sexual transmitted diseases is provided. Siam-Care Bangkok staff was also invited to join a meeting organized by the national Thai government, with the purpose of drafting guidelines for child protection for ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations). Siam-Care Bangkok is also a member of the regional PWA-network (People Living with Aids).



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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