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Siam-Care 2017



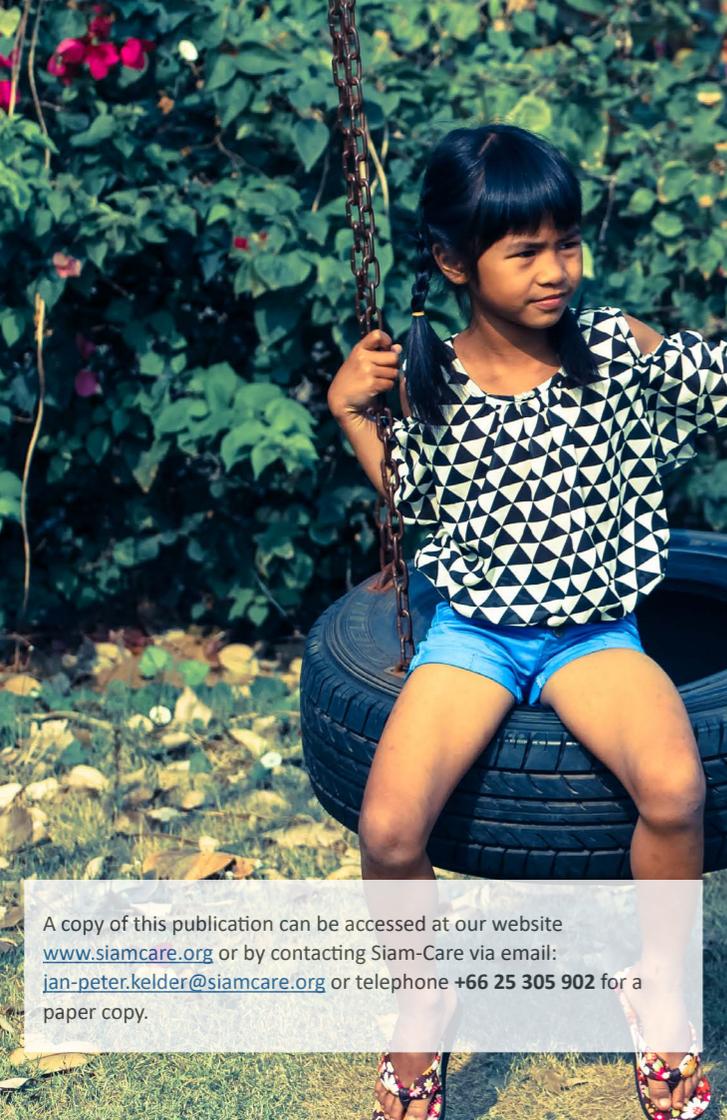


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FOREWORD

It is with great pride and pleasure that we present to you Siam-Care's report over the year 2017. We take pride in the things we do and in tangible results, confirmed in the stories highlighted in this report.

With the help of our foundation, many children were able to finish their education in 2017. Others were trained in the area of safe sex, or received counselling and spiritual, physical and financial support. We have seen people develop, many were blessed by the work of Siam-Care. But there were apparent setbacks as well. One of them was the split up of Siam-Care and Siam-Care UK.

It goes without saying that none of Siam-Care's staff or trustees likes to see sponsors go. Unfortunately, Siam-Care and Siam-Care UK faced unbridgeable disagreements. The most important one was Siam-Care's Christian identity. The donor encouraged us to change our Christian identity, but we were unable to comply with this request, since Christ is the foundation of Siam-Care. We treat everybody equally and affirm the worth of all people, regardless of religion, cultural background, ethnicity, or gender. But we are a Christian foundation and always will be. No donor can change that.

Jesus Himself reminded us of the importance of pruning: cutting of branches which seem essential to our wellbeing, like a donor who supports a lot of money. Yet; sometimes cutting

off a branch, helps us to bear better fruit, grow higher or to give the tree a more handsome appearance. Pruning doesn't seem pleasant, but it is necessary for health and growth. It was very comforting to see that, for the time being, another donor was found to take over the support for 70 children in need. Again, God provides everything we need.

We are thankful for other donors who remain, and who do not have anything against our Christian identity. Our work would not have been possible without your generous financial contributions and prayer and moral support. 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 2017.

Jan-Peter and Natasja Kelder
Leadership team Siam-Care



Thai fact 1:

68%

of HIV-infected adults in Thailand are on antiretroviral treatment

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 11 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 beneficiaries, community leaders, NGO's, governments institutions, churches, and donors.

Thai fact 2:

86%

of HIV-infected children in Thailand are on antiretroviral treatment



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Nit
Finished University
(environmental science)



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Mean
Finished Senior Vocational
school (business admin.)



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Beng
Finished Senior High school

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2017, 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 2017 the term of most board members was over and the full board decided to make place for a full new board. We would like to thank Mrs. Athicha Siripatcharotorn, Mrs. Porkaew Prasutsangchan, Mr. Jan-Peter Kelder and Mr. Daniel Nihil for serving faithfully as board members. Governance responsibilities are now assumed by: Mrs. Prasert Taksin, Rev. Dr. Srisuda Supsin, Mr. Kajohn Boonyaniyom, Mr. Vara Mejudhon, Ms. Chuenchit Mangkew.

PRISON PROGRAM EXTENDED

Up to 2015 just one prison was being visited by Siam-Care; the medical ward of the Klong Prem prison. In 2016 another prison was added to our program; the female correctional institution in Pathum Thani. We are proud to announce that in the beginning of 2017 we were invited by 2 other prisons to come and teach the inmates about the risks of (unprotected) sex: the youth prison in Pathum Thani and the youth prison in Ayuthaya. We were invited as the prison directors were impressed with the skills and knowledge of

Siam-Care's staff and wanted more inmates to benefit from this.

YOUTH FOCUS GROUP BANGKOK

Just like in 2016, in addition to home visits and regular counsel moments, Siam-Care Bangkok organized focus groups for youth. Once a month we gathered a group of teenagers for counselling, peer support and fun activities. We conducted 10 focus group sessions in 2017. 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. In Mukdahan and Phang Nga, youth focus groups will be started as well in 2018.

CHARITY DINNER THE NETHERLANDS

For the third consecutive year Siam-Care organized a charity dinner in Harderwijk, the Netherlands. We welcomed more guests than ever before: 65 people enjoyed a great evening with moving speeches, delicious food, a fun

Thai fact 3:

7.6%

of tuberculosis patients are co-infected with HIV

auction and great conversations.

The dinner was a great success and more than 3000 euro was raised for children in need. Special thanks goes out to the many restaurants and individuals who made this event possible.

NEW PARTNER: INTERNET FOUNDATION

Siam-Care is always looking for partnerships with other foundations. We know we cannot change Thailand alone and are happy to cooperate and join forces with third parties. In 2017 Siam-Care found a new partner in the Thai Internet Foundation. Their aim is social and economic development for rural areas as well as protecting children online. Siam-Care started conducting trainings in online child protection (safe use of social media, prevention of cyber bullying, prevention of child abuse through internet, etc).

YOUTH CAMP

In August 2017, we were able to gather a group of students older than 15 from all 3 Siam-Care



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Nong
Finished Vocational school



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Teuy
Finished Senior vocational school



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Cream
Finished Junior High school

locations, for a camp in Bangkok, 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. The main subject this time was: safe use of social media. We did not just train the children, but also helped them to pass on the knowledge to their peers.

NEW STAFF SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA AND MUKDAHAN

Finding new staff for Siam-Care can be rather challenging for several reasons: Siam-Care

prefers to work with people who are familiar with the work of Siam-Care and have a heart for reaching out to people in need. We also try to work with staff who aren't necessarily a Christian, but people need to be open to our Christian identity. Also: we want to work with skilled people who have knowledge in the area of HIV and counseling. It is challenging to find people who meet all these criteria's. Yet Siam-Care was able to add 2 people to our team. We finally found a new staff member for our office in Phang Nga, namely Palida Piwtong. She is a previous Siam-Care sponsor child, so she knows what it is like to be in need. In Mukdahan, we have added Jurarat Kongrod to our team, also a previous sponsor child. Both girls have undergone adequate training and have

a bachelor in Social Development. Furthermore, they are very compassionate towards the target groups of Siam-Care.

NEW DONORS

We are thankful to announce that in 2017 Siam-Care met several organizations who want to partner with us in the future. To name a few: Gerard van Hal has supported a large amount of money and also our new partner Stichting Wereldkinderen kept on supporting us. 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

HIV presents a major challenge to prison populations worldwide. The prisons in Thailand, 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 prisoners is poor; overcrowded cells, lack of stimulation combined with depression. The families of prisoners are often in need too, having lost the breadwinner. Over the past 10 years, Siam-Care has been teaching and counselling inmates in the areas of safe sex and sexual transmitted diseases. This project, which first started in the Klong Prem prison in Bangkok, has grown over the years and now consists of 4 different prisons/correctional institutions. In 2018, another prison will be added to Siam-Care's prison program.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

The most important goal of Siam-Care's prison program is to give love to the unloved. Many prisoners are facing a stigma and are often

looked down on. Especially HIV-infected prisoners often suffer from social isolation. Sometimes even relatives refuse to visit their family members in prison, as they are ashamed of their relative's imprisonment. Isaiah 42 tells us to shine light to those who are in the darkness (of prison). The first thing Siam-Care always tries to do, is show the inmates that we don't judge them, that we don't look down on them and that we believe that they deserve to receive love as well, just like any other person. Receiving love and attention is very meaningful for the inmates, but Siam-Care offers more: we train the inmates in the area of sex and sexual transmitted diseases.

WHAT WE DID IN 2017

In 2017 4 prisons in and near Bangkok were regularly visited by Siam-Care. We started off 2017 with 2 prisons: the medical ward of the Klong Prem prison and the female correctional institution in Pathum Thani. In April the youth prison in Pathum Thani was added to our program and in June Siam-Care was also

invited by the youth prison in Ayuthaya to come and teach teenage inmates about sexual transmitted diseases. We would like to thank Khun Chuenchit, who has been a linking pin between Siam-Care and the youth prisons, for connecting Siam-Care with the youth prisons. Khun Chuenchit has been reaching out to young inmates for years and is very knowledgeable in the area of counselling. We are very pleased that Khun Chuenchit decided to become a board member of Siam-Care (read more in the chapter: Staff, board and management). In 2017 the focus of our prison program was threefold:

1: We offered 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

2: We offered HIV-preventive training to those who are not infected and raised awareness to eradicate preconceptions of living with those who are HIV infected. The practical information

provided, means that other prisoners are less afraid to spend time with those who are HIV infected.

3: We help to rehabilitate inmates to reintegrate into the society they live in. Some prisoners have been locked up for 20 years and need to be prepared for their re-entry into society.

RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

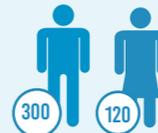
In total Siam-Care conducted 24 training sessions in the different prisons in 2017. The result of these programme meant that over 400 prisoners received assistance, training, and/or counselling. Before a sex education training, Siam-Care always does a pre-test and afterwards a after-test, to see if the inmates gained a better understanding of sexual transmitted diseases. Our tests show that on average the inmates had 63 percent more knowledge about sexual transmitted diseases. Next to group trainings, we were also engaged on a personal level through one-on-one counselling, ensuring that every individual person is cared for. 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 four prisons.

PRISON PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



4 PRISONS

Siam Care is now involved with 4 prisons



420 PRISONERS

have been helped this year
300 male/120 female

600 PRISONERS RECEIVED A GIFT PACKAGE with Christmas, filled with:



underwear



tooth brush



soap



stamps and postcards
(so inmates can write to their family)



little booklet about the gospel



8 VISITS to men's prison hospital



8 VISITS to woman's prison rehabilitation facility



4 VISITS to Pathum Thani's youth prison



4 VISITS to Ayuthaya's youth prison

KAIN MESSED IT UP AGAIN

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S PRISON PROGRAM

In Siam-Care's annual report of 2016, we introduced Kain to you, a father of two and sentenced to 25 years in prison. He was suspected of drug trafficking and put in Thailand's most notorious prison: Bangkokwan. This was last year. But then this year a miracle happened. And then Kain messed it up again. This is a story of failing and keeping on fighting.

One of Siam-Care's staff visited Kain every week. His family lived far away and was not able to visit him. They asked Siam-Care to visit Kain, buy him food (they paid for it), and check how he was doing. Our staff has done this for almost a year. And then suddenly, a very unexpected thing happened. Kain was released. We are not sure if he bribed his way out or if he was really found not guilty. It didn't really matter, we were happy for Kain that he could see his family again. But before Kain had the chance to hug his children, he messed up again.

"Even when people make stupid decisions, we value them."

SOLD DRUGS AGAIN

One of Kain's old friends contacted him and convinced him to sell a small amount of XTC. Kain first refused but then realized he needed the

money. So, he said yes and was arrested during the handing over of the drugs. He believes his old friend set him up and contacted the police. We are not sure anymore what to believe, but it is quite a drama.

DID NOT LEARN FROM PREVIOUS MISTAKES

We want the best for everybody we work with, also for Kain. Even when people make stupid decisions, we value them. But of course, we are disappointed that Kain did not make smarter decisions. We hoped he learned from what had already happened to him, he should have known better. Unfortunately, he made the same old mistake and now has to pay with a long time in prison, far away from his family.

KEEP ON FIGHTING

We will probably keep on visiting him. Maybe not every week, but once a month perhaps. Kain is a broken man who made very poor choices

"Kain is a broken man who made very poor choices himself, for sure. And yet we believe that God loves him and cares for him."

himself, for sure. And yet we believe that God loves him and cares for him. Some people we visit in prison have made one mistake, forced by poverty. Others have messed up many times. Both people are not perfect. Both people deserve to be in prison. Both people deserve to be loved. Thank you for allowing us to reach out to people like Kain. It is a very challenging job and sometimes we are so frustrated that we want to run away and never deal with people like Kain again. But we will keep on fighting. For him. And for his family.

Thai fact 4:

Since **1984**
1,135,415
Thai people have been infected with HIV/AIDS



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Meuy
Finished Junior High school



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Ball
Finished Junior High school



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Pun
Finished Senior High 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.

“ In 2017, 151 children received sponsorship to pursue 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 2017 around 151 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 2017

Together with over 151 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 2017 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 August 2017, we were able to gather a group of students older than 15 for a camp in Bangkok. Subject was safe use of social media and online child protection. We did not just train the youth, but also trained them in how to pass on this information to their peers. In Bangkok, we continued doing our focus groups: every 4 weeks we gather a group of teenagers for counselling, peer support and fun activities. We had 10 focus group sessions in 2017. In 2018 Siam-Care Mukdahan and Siam-Care Phang Nga will start organizing youth focus groups as well.

RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In 2017, 151 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 151 children would not have been able to go to school. We are truly grateful for the

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

SPONSORS



IN TOTAL 151 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



New sponsor children (who started in 2017): 11

dedication of all sponsors and hope to continue our relationship in 2018. As mentioned before, Siam-Care follows the children’s achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2017. 149 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 3 children failed their school year. In 2017 the sponsorship ended for 36 children. 22 children finished their study (all of them found a job and are able to take care of themselves now), and 10 families were able to take care of themselves now. 3 children dropped out due to learning disabilities. 1 child moved away to another province, too far away for Siam-Care to keep on supporting her. 11 new children entered our education sponsorship programme. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.

FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE



ORPHAN

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN

THE 7-ELEVEN BOYS

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

People often ask us: where do you meet the families which Siam-Care supports? Often people are being referred to us by local hospitals. We have good relationships with many Thai hospitals and doctors know we can offer more personal care than a hospital. But sometimes we meet families somewhere else; in front of a 7-11 (convenient store) for example, like the family of Bib and Boss (not their real names).

Bib is 7 years old, his little brother Boss is 4. They are not a family like any other. Their mother abandoned her children when they were 3 and 1 years old. She moved to another province and has never contacted her children since. She just ditched them with her mother; the grandmother of Bib and Boss. And their father? He is in prison. He was caught selling drugs and was sentenced for 21 years. So, they are being raised by their 57-year-old grandmother.

NOT A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To say that grandmother is not rich, would be an understatement. She earns money by selling sausages, in front of a local 7-11 convenience store. After school, the boys sit with their grandmother and can only go home once

“ They have no toys and simply have to sit and wait, outside”

grandmother has sold all her food. Often, they wait until 10 PM, while they have to go to school the next day. They haven't got much to do; they have no toys and simply have to sit and wait, outside, where it is very hot. The 7-11 is located next to a big road, so the air they breathe is very much polluted. All in all, it is not a safe and good environment for children to spend their every afternoon and evening in.

MOVE TO DIFFERENT PLACE

Siam-Care staff often buys food at this very 7-11 store and noticed these 2 little boys sitting outside, every single day. Our staff started chatting with grandmother and learned that Boss and Bib are being raised by their grandmother, who only makes about 250 Thai Baht (6 Euro) per day, which is hardly enough to survive on. After getting to know each other a bit better, Siam-Care decided to start supporting the education

of the two boys. Without support, it is very hard for grandmother to keep the boys in school. Siam-Care will also try to help grandmother to start selling food on a safer and cleaner place.

LITTLE BIT OF LOVE

There is not a whole lot we can do for Bib and Boss. We cannot buy them a new father or mother. We cannot give them a bag of money so they can buy a house. We can only help support this family and counsel them. Buy them some food, help support their education and invite them to fun events at our office. Life isn't always fair. It is hard for us to see in what kind of circumstances Bib and Boss grow up. The only thing we can do, is show them a little love and try to make life a little easier for them. Because of donors like you, we can reach out to them and make a little difference in the lives of people like Bib and Boss. Thank you so much, it means a lot to us and the families we look after!



Thai fact 5:

Since **1984**
595.830

Thai people died because of HIV/AIDS



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: **Luknaam**
Finished university
(journalism)



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: **In-Arm**
Finished university
(medical studies)



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: **Cheb**
Finished Senior High school



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: **Keng**
Finished Senior High school



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: **Ice**
Finished University
(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, for the first time, in some 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 21 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, 21 other families joined the programme and are undergoing training and counselling.

WHAT WE DID IN 2017

In 2017 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 2017 some families also received money, specifically for starting up their own shop or food stall. Furthermore, in 2017 Siam-Care also met families at our offices for specific training. In 2017, we conducted training in the areas of child protection, sex education, and how to take care of an infected family member, among other themes.

RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In 2017, a total number of 240 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 240 families, 127 families are being supported with family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (110 donors), America (1), Thailand (4), and the United Kingdom (12 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 financial support (e.g. to cover medical expenses), materials to fix a leaking roof, clothes or food. 240 minus 127 equal 113. This means we support 113 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 113 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/I1OTbU

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 2017, 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 2017

HIV-INFECTED MOTHER OF 2 IN PRISON

REAL STORY FROM FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

During one of our recent training sessions in prison, we met Plaa, a 29-year-old mother of 2 children. She has to stay in prison for another year and both her and her children are HIV-infected. Plaa did not see her children for 2 years already.

Only 3 months After Plaa's second child was born, in 2016, she was arrested for selling drugs, which is considered a serious crime in Thailand, with high penalties. Plaa was lucky and got sentenced to "only" 3 years imprisonment. Her husband was also arrested but hasn't been sentenced yet. Plaa's children are a 4-year-old girl and a 2-year-old son. They now stay with their grandmother, the mother of Plaa's husband.

WORRIES ABOUT HER CHILDREN

After one of our monthly training sessions in prison, one of the prisoners, namely Plaa, came to talk to our staff and soon started crying. She told us that her mother-in-law doesn't allow her children to visit her in prison. Furthermore, she shared that she worries for her children's health, as they are both HIV-infected and she is not

sure if her mother-in-law lets the children take medication. For HIV-infected people it is very important to take ARV-medication every day. Plaa begged us to visit her children as soon as possible to check if they were ok.

"She admitted that live is challenging for her; taking care of 2 grandchildren who are HIV-infected."

CHALLENGE TO FIND THE RIGHT HOUSE

Siam-Care promised Plaa to visit her children as soon as possible. Which was quite a challenge, since we did not have any contact information of Plaa's mother-in-law, but a vague description of Plaa where her children and mother-in-law live. A week later we decided to visit Plaa's children and after driving around for a while in Pathum Thani, where the family lives, and asking many people, our staff finally found Plaa's mother-in-law, who was not pleased to see us, to say the least.

THOUGHT THAT PLAA WASN'T ALIVE ANYMORE

It became clear right away that Plaa's mother-in-law very much dislikes her daughter-in-law. One of the first things she told us was: "I thought that Plaa died already, why do you come to visit me?". She did not want to talk to our staff at first as she thought we were friends of Plaa. After explaining what Siam-Care is and does, she slowly calmed down and started to listen to us. She admitted that live is challenging for her; taking care of 2 grandchildren who are HIV-infected. She works hard to make an income and doesn't want anyone else to know about the infection of her grandchildren, since the big stigma that infected people more often than not have to face.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO VISIT DOCTOR

Grandmother explained that she still lets her grandchildren take medication every day. Yet she shared that she doesn't always have enough money to travel to the hospital to pick up the medication. We also learned that the grandchildren are often sick. The oldest child goes to school already but often cannot go because she is not feeling well. We gave



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Ann
Finished senior vocational school (hotel studies)



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Ploy
Finished Junior High school



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Teui
Finished Junior High school

"Our staff was followed by multiple people, as they thought that we were undercover police officers."

grandmother some advice and promised her that we will keep on visiting her regularly in the future.

COMMUNITY FULL OF DRUG USERS

Plaa's 2 children grow up in quite an unsafe environment. In their community, it seems as if many people either sell or use drugs. During the home visit, our staff was followed by multiple people, as they thought that we were undercover police officers. Mother Plaa will be released from prison in a year and will then hopefully start taking care of her children again. Siam-Care will keep on looking after this family and try to help them out physically, financially and spiritually. Thanks to your support, we can make a difference for families like these.

Thai fact 6:

35%

of injection drug users use nonsterile injecting equipment

Thai fact 7:

80%

of HIV-positive gays have never been tested or thought they were HIV-negative

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 2017

In 2017 many different groups from many different backgrounds underwent child protection training and sex education training, conducted by Siam-Care staff. We cannot mention all groups as the list is long, but a couple are worth mentioning. In Mukdahan, Siam-Care staff started organizing monthly trainings in the 3 different local hospitals for newly HIV-infected people and for people who want to know more

about HIV. The goal is to prevent more people from getting infected and for infected people to get a better understanding of why and how they need to take medication. Siam-Care Mukdahan staff also was invited to train over 500 attendees of a conference in Mukdahan (Development of public and private partnerships and suppression of trafficking Conference, organized by the Ministry of Human Development and Human Security) in the area of human trafficking. Furthermore all 3 Siam-Care locations conducted several sex education trainings in over 10 different schools. Siam-Care Bangkok conducted multiple child protection trainings, using the materials of CSO (Child Safe Organization). Child workers from over several child development organisations were trained on 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.



Thai fact 8:

60%

of sexually active teenagers in Thailand do not regularly use condoms

Lastly, in 2017 Siam-Care joined several other foundations and government agencies in providing training on raising awareness. 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 total, over 3000 people (inmates, students, teachers, child protection workers, government officials, etc.) received training by Siam-Care in areas such as safe sex, child protection and human trafficking. Pre- and after training assessments pretty much always show that participants gain much knowledge and have a much better understanding of the subject they have been trained in.



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Base

Finished senior vocational school (engineering)



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Fame

Finished Junior High school



GRADUATED IN 2017

Name: Chin

Finished Junior 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 many 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). 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 work, 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 2017. We would like to mention a few in particular, because they had a great positive impact on our work.

First of all, there are the different churches who have supported Siam-Care with both finances and prayer. Thank you very much Evangelical Church of Bangkok, Christ Church Bangkok, Hervormde Kerk Ermelo, SamenWerkingsGemeente Lisse, en Bethelkerk Veenendaal, PKN Sassenheim, and VEG Burgt for believing is our foundation.

Also a big thank you for 2 Dutch partners who have been supporting Siam-Care for many years already: Kringloopwinkel Over/

Nodig from Putten, and Stichting Sonnevanc. Furthermore, in 2017 we received donations from relatively new partners, among them Stichting Wereldkinderen, Stichting HATCH, Willem Alexander School uit Harderwijk, Altrans, Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland, and Rotary Bollenstreek.

A special thank you goes out to Siam-Care UK, for supporting us for more than 10 years, and to Ms. Etsuko and Ms. Junko from Japan. 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 2017 and are about to change more lives in 2018.



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Ben
Finished Junior High school

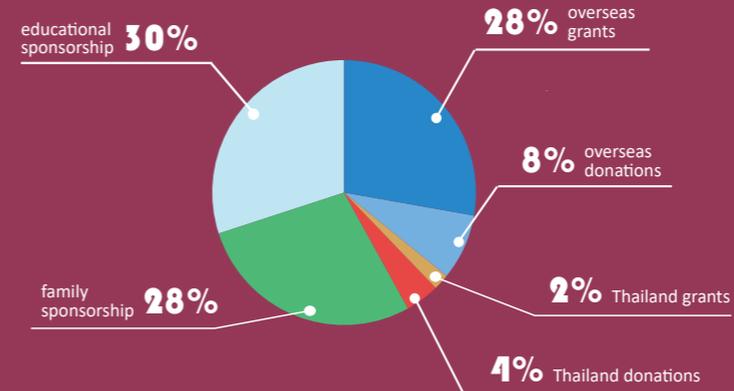


GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Nassari
Finished Junior High school



GRADUATED IN 2017
Name: Chang
Finished Senior High school

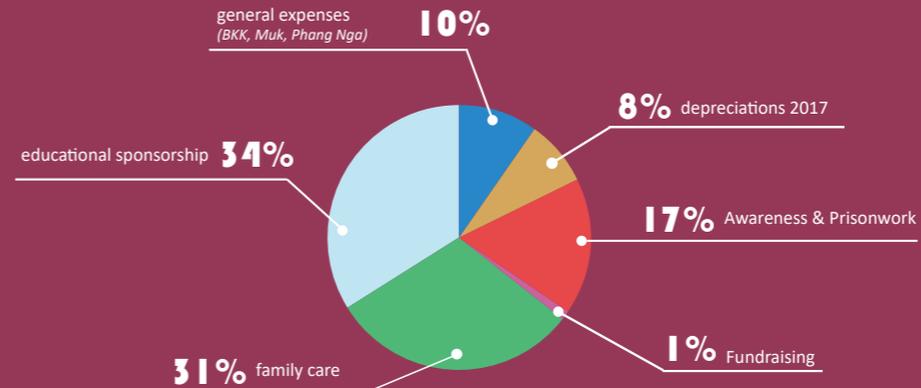
INCOME 2017



THB 5.100.000,-

Overseas Grants	1.398.000,-
Overseas Donations	397.000,-
Thailand Grants	90.000,-
Thailand Donations	215.000,-
Family Sponsorship	1.432.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.568.000,-

EXPENSES 2017



THB 4.700.000,- *

General expenses	500.000,-
Depreciation 2017	350.000,-
Awareness & Prisonwork	800.000,-
Fundraising	30.000,-
Family Care	1.450.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.570.000,-

* Designated Fund for Phang nga Car
THB 400.000,-

STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

2017 was a year of growth. 2 staff members were added to our teams: one in Mukdahan and one in Phang Nga. We have also replaced Siam-Care's board, since the term of the previous board had come to an end.

NEW STAFF IN MUKDAHAN, PHANG NGA

In Bangkok there was one staff transitioning out. After many years of faithful serving Suthisa Anuwongkumhang decided to start her own business and resign from her job at Siam-Care. In Mukdahan we welcomed Jurarat Kongrod, a former sponsor child of Siam-Care. She has a bachelor degree in Social Development and showed good skills and knowledge during an internship. Siam-Care prefers to work with staff who already know Siam-Care and have a heart for our work. For Jurarat this is obviously the case. She will serve as social worker in Mukdahan. 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. Until the end of 2017. Former sponsor child Palida Piwtong informed us that after finishing her study Social Development, she would like to work for Siam-Care. Palida will start in Phang Nga in April 2018.

BOARD

In the end of 2017, the term of the previous board ended and hence was decided to continue with 5 new board members, in order to make a fresh, new start. Thank you very much Mrs. Athicha Siripatcharotorn, Ms. Fonchan Suksaneh, Mrs. Mink Vatanatham, Mr. Daniel Nihil, Mr. Jan-Peter Kelder, and Mrs. Porkaew Prasutsangchan for assuming governance responsibilities up to December 2017. The new board, which was installed in January 2018, consists of Thai nationals only, namely: Mrs. Prasert Taksin, Rev. Dr. Srisuda Supsin, Mr. Kajohn Boonyaniyom, Mr. Vara Mejudhon, and Ms. Chuenchit Mangkew. The Board came together 6 times in 2017. Some board members 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. In 2017 2 female students from the Christelijke Hogeschool Ede, a Dutch University, did an internship at Siam-Care from February until May. They helped Siam-Care in raising funds and communicating with donors in Thailand and abroad. In 2017 Mrs. Gonneke Dekker from the Netherlands also volunteered at Siam-Care one day a week. She participated in all sorts of activities, such as home visits, fundraising and translating. Drew and Eunhea Strowbridge have supported Siam-Care in creating video's which are used in fundraising. Members from the Evangelical Church of Bangkok helped paint the office of Siam-Care Bangkok. Furthermore, a Thai student Sayfon Phanaphaisan did her internship at Siam-Care Bangkok from April until August 2017. Sayfon helped in communicating with Thai donors. In Mukdahan 1 sponsor child did an internship: Palida Piwthong.



Natasja
CEO, Manager Child and Family Care



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



Passawan
Social worker



Suthisa
Fundraising and homecare coordinator Bangkok



Pongsagon
Youth worker



Jurarat
Social 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



Rosarin
Fundraiser Thailand

CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

NETWORKS, PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONS

Siam-Care cannot and does not want to make a change alone. We recognize 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 2017 many have joined us in having an impact on the needy. Siam-Care maintains 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 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 is a member of CRC (the Coalition of Rights of the Child). CRC-network plays a central role in key child rights developments in Thailand and consists of leading experts in the area of child protection. Siam-Care is also a member of ICPN (International Child Protection Network, formerly known as 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 is also a member of the regional PWA-network (People Living with Aids).

Since 2017, Siam-Care Bangkok also works together with the Thai Internet Foundation, who's aim is social and economic development for rural areas as well as protecting children online. We also started working together with Save the Children and organize child protection training together with them. Save the Children supports the development of policies that help fulfil children's rights as laid out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly for migrant, refugee and ethnic minority children. Save the Children is also one of the leading responders in humanitarian crises, supporting children and their families who are caught up in disasters and conflict, working towards lasting peace and resilience in disaster-prone areas.

SIAM-CARE MUKDAHAN

Just like the other 2 Siam-Care locations, Mukdahan is part of multiple local networks. We are a member of 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 2017 Siam-Care staff from Mukdahan regularly acted as guest speaker and also conducted several trainings (Child protection, Sex Education, Human Trafficking), for different organisations. We joined and conducted (parts of) trainings for 2 different district health offices, for the Mukdahan migrant workers network, for the Mukdahan hospital and also the Mukdahan provincial health office. We have closely worked together with 7 different local churches in training people in the area of safe sex and child protection. In 2017 Siam-Care Mukdahan were also worked together with CRC (Child Rights Coalition), the Confederation of Christians and the ministry of social development and human security.



Thai fact 9:

40%

of sex workers in Thailand do not regularly use condoms.

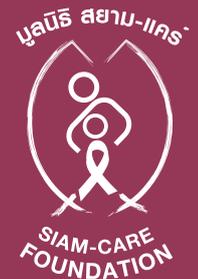
Thai fact 10:
As of

2009

Thailand has the highest prevalence of HIV in Asia

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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