



# ANNUAL REPORT

*Siam-Care* 2018





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# FOREWORD

We hereby present to you Siam-Care's report over the year 2018. We take pride in the things we do and in tangible results, confirmed in the stories highlighted in this report.

2018 was a year of extremes. Siam-Care has been successful in many areas, which we share with a grateful heart. Lives of vulnerable people were changed. Almost 200 children were enabled to study. Many more were trained and counselled in prison. Hundreds of people received education in the areas of sex and self-protection. Others received counselling and spiritual, physical and financial support. Quite a number of Thai families has grown so much in 2018, that they can now take care of themselves, which puts a big smile on our faces. Another big blessing in 2018 was the number of donors that was added to our list. Many people, from all over the world, decided to start supporting our work. Because they believe in what we do and because they want to partner with us in changing lives. Words cannot express our gratitude. We realize very well that without the generous support from people like you, we could not do this work.

And yet, sometimes one event can make you forget all the positive things which happened. In September 2018, when we were gathered for training in Bangkok with all our staff, we got a phone call. It was the police, informing us that one of the children we look after, a 6 months old boy named Winner, was murdered. We were all in shock and our hearts were broken. Winner's mother is a 17-year-old girl, HIV-infected and working as a prostitute. Winner's father died before Winner was born, and mother's new boyfriend was violent and abusive. He took

Winner's life out of frustration as Winner did not stop crying, perhaps because the little boy was hungry. These kinds of terrible events show that we as a foundation cannot control everything. We do our very best to love and protect vulnerable people. And oftentimes, we are able to bring about a positive change. We see people grow and develop themselves. We see people take responsibility and face their issues with a positive mindset. But sometimes, things go wrong. Sometimes people don't take the chance we offer them and fall. In some cases, this has a small impact. And in some cases, the impact is huge and lives are being ruined. This is heart-breaking and sometimes makes us wonder why we do this kind of work.

Yet we will not give up. There are many children out there like Winner, who grow up in a dire situation, without loving parents and a steady family to protect them. We will keep on fighting for their rights, with everything that we have. Siam-Care wants to be a father to the fatherless and show love to the unloved. Will you stand with us? 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 2019. We welcome your feedback or questions through [siamcare@siamcare.org](mailto:siamcare@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 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 1:  
Thailand has one of the highest HIV prevalences in Asia and the Pacific, accounting for

# 9%

of the region's total population of people living with HIV



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: June  
Finished Senior Vocational School (Administration)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: May  
Finished Senior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Pa  
University (Social Development)



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2018, 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.

## 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 and in 2017 2 other prisons were added to our program. The growth has not stopped in 2018: we now train inmates in 7 different prisons: 1 male prison, 1 female prison, and 5 juvenile prisons, all in and around Bangkok. In 2019 new locations will be added to our program, which goes to show that our work is appreciated and acknowledged by prison directors. Our main goals in this program are to prevent young people from getting infected with this HIV-virus and to offer counseling and training to infected people.

## YOUTH FOCUS GROUP

Just like in the previous years, 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 12 focus group sessions in 2018. 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. Seeing the success of Bangkok's focus group, our offices in Mukdahan and Phang Nga decided to organize a focus group sessions as well, which were well received by Siam-Care's youth.

## CHARITY EVENTS IN THE NETHERLANDS

For the fourth consecutive year Siam-Care organized a Charity Dinner in Harderwijk, the Netherlands. We welcomed more guests than ever before: 70 people enjoyed a great evening with moving speeches, delicious food, a fun auction and great conversations. The dinner was a great success and more than 3500 euro was raised for children in need. Special thanks goes out to the many restaurants and individuals who made this event possible. Furthermore, Stichting Hands & Feet organized a cycling tour through the Netherlands, to raise funds for Siam-Care as well. They raised a little over 15.000 Euro, a fantastic amount!

## INTENSIFIED COLLABORATION WITH CHILD RIGHTS COALITION THAILAND (CRC)

CRC is network of child protection organizations, who's main goal is to create a safe environment for

Thai children to grow up in. Siam-Care is one of the main partners of CRC and Siam-Care staff served as speaker during several events. We trained other organizations in the areas of cyber bullying, safe use of social media, among other themes. A group of Siam-Care youth in Bangkok also conducted a research regarding bullying and presented their results during a national conference in Chiang Mai. 12 youth from different Siam-Care locations also functioned as guest speaker during a child protection training and trained other teenagers in the area of child rights and child protection.

## YOUTH CAMP

In October 2018, we were able to gather a group of students older than 15 from Bangkok, for a camp in Khao Yai National Park. Mukdahan also organized a camp for students, they spent a weekend in Nakhon Ratchasima. 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: raising youth leaders. We did not only train the children, but also helped them to pass on the knowledge to their peers.



### GRADUATED IN 2018

Name: Som  
Finished University  
(Teacher)



### GRADUATED IN 2018

Name: Kai  
Finished Senior Vocational  
School (Engineer)



### GRADUATED IN 2018

Name: Fon  
Finished University



## NEW DONORS

We are thankful to announce that in 2018 Siam-Care met several organizations who want to partner with us in the future. World Outreach International has found us a couple of individuals who support in generous ways. Furthermore, In the Netherlands, one individual decided to start supporting a large number of children. We are also grateful for organizations who decided to donate again in 2018, after giving in the past, such as Stichting Hands & Feet, Stichting Sonnevanc, Stichting Wereldkinderen, and others.

## VOLUNTEER TEAMS VISITED SIAM-CARE

Next to our 11 fulltime staff, we often see volunteers from mainly Europe come to Thailand to come and help out in practical ways. In the summer of 2018, a group of young adults from 'Bethelkerk Veenendaal'

came and served as volunteers for a number of weeks. They organized fun activities for Siam-Care's sponsor children, taught English in local schools and helped fix houses of Siam-Care's families, among other things. In 2019 Siam-Care will welcome multiple youth groups, who will come and help out Siam-Care in multiple ways.

## 28 FAMILIES ENABLED TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET

One of Siam-Care's most important goals is to help families become self-sufficient. We are proud to share that 28 families from Mukdahan, Bangkok, and Phang Nga, were enabled to take care of themselves. Some people found a better job through Siam-Care, others finished their studies with Siam-Care's help and hence became self-supporting. After becoming self-supporting, the families left our program and made way for new families to join our program.

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



## PRISON PROGRAMME

In preventing the HIV-virus from spreading, reaching out to prisons is an essential thing to do. Study has shown for years that 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 12 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 7 different prisons/correctional institutions. In 2019, it is likely that more prisons 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 protect people from getting infected with sexual transmitted diseases, such as HIV. We do this, first of all, by loving the unloved. Many prisoners are facing

a stigma and are often looked down on. Especially HIV-infected prisoners often suffer from social isolation. Siam-Care shows 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. In 2018 and the previous years, our focus has gradually shifted from working with infected inmates only, to protecting healthy inmates against the risks of unsafe sex. We still work with infected prisoners, but in most prisons (5 out of 7), we work with youth who is healthy. Study shows that although the HIV-epidemic is in decline, the prevalence remains high among youth between 16 and 25. Especially among young men who have sex with men (prevalence rate is a stunning 9.15 % in 2017), which is a common thing in prisons. Siam-Care believes that training young people in prison, is an important step in stopping HIV from spreading.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2018

In 2018 7 prisons in and near Bangkok were regularly visited by Siam-Care: a youth prison in Pathum Thani, 2 youth prisons in Ayuthaya, a youth prison in Nonthaburi, a youth prison

in Samut Prakan, the female correctional institution in Pathum Thani, and the medical ward of Klong Prem prison in Bangkok. The fact that Siam-Care is being invited to train and counsel inmates by more and more prisons, is a confirmation that our program is being well received and appreciated by both inmates, prison staff, and prison management. We would like to thank Khun Chuenchit, who has been a linking pin between Siam-Care and most 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 serves Siam-Care as a board member as well (read more in the chapter: Staff, board and management).

In 2018 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.

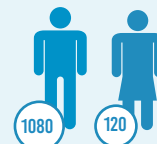
3: We help to rehabilitate inmates to reintegrate into the society they live in. Some prisoners have been locked up for 20 years and need to be prepared for their re-entry into society.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In total Siam-Care conducted 48 training sessions in the different prisons in 2018. The result of this programme meant that over 1200 prisoners received assistance, training, and/or counselling. Before a sex education training, Siam-Care always does a post-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 72 percent more knowledge about sexual transmitted diseases after being trained. 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 seven prisons.

## PRISON PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



1200 PRISONERS  
have been helped this year  
1080 male / 120 female

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



underwear



tooth brush



soap

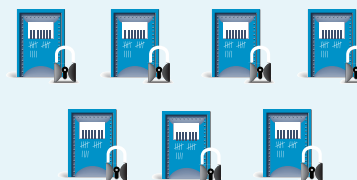


stamps and postcards  
(so inmates can write to their family)



little booklet  
about the gospel

Siam Care is now involved with  
7 PRISONS



-  10 VISITS to men's prison hospital
-  10 VISITS to woman's prison rehabilitation facility
-  4 VISITS to Samut Prakan's youth prison
-  10 VISITS to Pathum Thani's youth prison
-  8 VISITS to Ayuthaya's youth prison
-  4 VISITS to Ayuthaya's correctional institution facility
-  2 VISITS to Nonthaburi's youth prison



# WONG'S LIFE ISN'T OVER JUST YET

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

Wong (an assumed name) is an 18-year-old boy, who will spend the next 10 years in prison and he is HIV-infected. A while ago, his circumstances made him feel so depressed that he tried to kill himself. Thankfully, Siam-Care was able to help him.

Wong comes from Nakhon Phathom, a province near Bangkok, where he grew up together with his mother and 2 younger sisters. His father left the house just after his youngest sister was born. He started a new family and hasn't been in touch with Wong or his family for more than 10 years already. Wong's mother makes a small income by growing vegetables and selling these at the local market. The family struggles hard to make ends meet and forced by the family's dire financial situation in combination with having bad friends, Wong started selling drugs when he was 14 years old.

**“ During his first month as a drug runner, Wong made more than his mother makes in a whole year. ”**

### ARRESTED AND SENTENCED

During his first month as a drug runner, Wong made more than his mother makes in a whole year. He enjoyed his life, had many friends and did not worry

about a single thing. Until he was arrested a couple weeks later. One of his clients set him up and called the police. Wong was arrested and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. In prison, Wong started feeling sick. He subsequently underwent a medical test and discovered that he was HIV-infected.

### END HIS LIFE

Wong's world collapsed. He felt so depressed after hearing about his condition that he tried to kill himself. Thankfully, the prison staff was able to save Wong and they contacted Siam-Care, as we work with HIV-infected prisoners. Our staff made an emergency visit to prison, as no regular visits were scheduled for that week. We talked with Wong and painted a picture of what his future could look like, if he is willing to fight hard and not give up. Wong felt relieved hearing that HIV-infected people can live a pretty normal life, as long as they take their ARV-medication.

### STARTED FIGHTING AGAIN

This all happened in February 2018 and Wong is still in prison. There isn't much we can do for him, but visiting

**“ Wong felt relieved hearing that HIV-infected people can live a pretty normal life, as long as they take their ARV-medication. ”**

him regularly. Just by informing him about his infection and offering him a shoulder to cry on, we gave him some hope. He still doesn't feel too happy as he will be in prison for many more years, but at least he is now fighting again and has enough hope for the future not to give up in life.

Thai fact 2:

Thailand is the first country to effectively eliminate mother to child transmissions, with a transmission rate of less than

2%

Thai fact 3:

Thailand hopes to be one of the first countries to end AIDS by

2030



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Wut  
Finished Junior High School  
(Engineer)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Kiaw  
Finished Senior Vocational  
School (Engineer)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Joy  
Finished Junior High School

# GIVING HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEED



## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Siam-Care's goal is to give future to children and their families, and to have a positive impact on the underprivileged. One of the most concrete ways of doing this, is through 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 escape the wheel of poverty. In 2018 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. When children finish their education, they have a much greater chance of finding a job. Siam-Care's goal is to allow children to study until at least the third grade of high school.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2018

Together with over 143 individual donors from all over the world, Siam-Care gave scholarships to Thai

disadvantaged children so they can 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

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their families in multiple areas, such as child protection and school performance. In 2018 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 October 2018, we were able to gather 2

groups of students older than 12 for a camps in Khao Yai (children from Bangkok) and Nakhon Ratchasima (children from Mukdahan). 2018 was the first year for all 3 locations to organize focus groups: every 4 weeks we gathered a group of teenagers for counselling, peer support and fun activities. In Mukdahan and Phang Nga, the educational sponsorship program has been the main focus in 2018. As for Bangkok, staff has been more and more occupied by the extended prison program and thus had less time to focus on the educational support program. As a result, the number of children receiving support in Bangkok has shrunk. In Mukdahan and Phang Nga it has grown.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

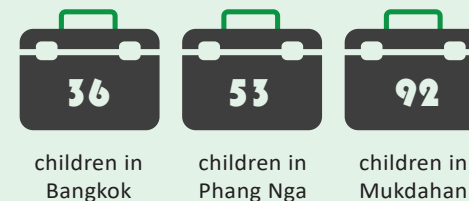
In 2018, 181 children received sponsorship to pursue their education. More details on the school level of supported children are provided on the right page. Without the help of individual donors these 181 children would not have been able to go to school. We are truly grateful for the dedication of all sponsors and hope to continue our relationship in 2019. In 2018 Siam-Care followed the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2018. 176

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

### SPONSORS



### IN TOTAL 151 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



29 children graduated

New sponsor children (who started in 2018): 21

### FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE



ORPHAN

### EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN

children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 5 children failed their school year. In 2018 the sponsorship ended for 36 children. 29 children finished their study (all of them found a job and are able to take care of themselves now), and 28 families were able to take care of themselves now. No children dropped out due to learning disabilities. 2 children moved away to another province, too far away for Siam-Care to keep on supporting her. 21 new children entered our education sponsorship programme. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.



# THE STORY OF WINNER (MARCH 2018 – SEPTEMBER 2018)

## REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Actually we shouldn't be sharing the story of a boy named Winner just yet. In 6 or so years, we would have loved to share how much Winner is enjoying school, and how thankful his mother is with Siam-Care's educational support. But things took a turn for the worse and as we write this, Winner is not there anymore. He was murdered when he was only 6 months old.

Early in 2018, one of our Bangkok staff was contacted about a 16-year-old girl named Oi (an assumed name, for her protection). This girl was HIV-infected and selling her body on the streets of Bangkok. We were hoping that we could get Oi back into school, so that she could get a different job. We started visiting Oi and soon discovered, that she was pregnant, most likely with her boyfriend. We also learned that Oi was abandoned by her parents at a young age and had no family left to look after her.

### BOYFRIEND PASSES AWAY

Oi's boyfriend was HIV-infected as well, just like Oi. Unfortunately, he refused to take ARV-medication. As a result, his body's resistance became too low and even before Oi gave birth, he sadly passed away. Oi was heartbroken but after only a couple weeks, she already had a new boyfriend. After meeting him, we feared that he would not take good care of Oi and soon, it became apparent that our fear was justified. He started beating up Oi, who accepted this violent behaviour, as she had no one else to be with her and love her.

### BRUISED ARMS AND CHEST

In March 2018, Oi gave birth to a handsome little boy, who she named 'Winner'. Siam-Care helped Oi to raise her Babyboy and he even stayed with our staff for 3 nights per week, so that mother could work. Oi's boyfriend was still the violent person he was before, and we also noticed that Winner often had bruises on his arms and chest. We informed the local government emergency shelter, but nothing was done. Mother denied that her boyfriend was being abusive and did not listen to our advice to split up from her boyfriend. We worried a lot about Oi's and Winner's wellbeing, but did give mother the freedom to make her own decisions.

### EXTREMELY STRESSFUL TIME

In September, as we were gathered with all our staff in Bangkok for a week full of training, we suddenly received a phone call. Close to our office, the body of a baby was found and it turned out to be Winner. The media was all over this case right away and a stressful and extremely sad period began for our staff. We had to identify the body, talk to the media, and also arrange

a funeral as Winner's mother and her boyfriend were now in prison and Winner had no one else to organize a farewell.

**"Winner's story inspires us to fight even harder"**

### KEEP ON FIGHTING

For our staff, especially for the ones who had looked after Winner, this was a very tough time. Siam-Care's aim is to protect children and give them future. We would have loved to find a donor for the young winner, so that he could have started going to school at the age of 4. Unfortunately, things don't always turn out the way we want them to. Siam-Care often thrives and is able to change lives. But sometimes things go terribly wrong. We will not give up and Winner's story only inspires us to fight even harder for other children in similar situations. Will you fight with us? Thank you so much for making support to vulnerable children possible!



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Yeut  
Finished Vocational School (Administration)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Few  
Finished Senior Vocational School (Electricity)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: James  
Finished University



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Em  
Finished Junior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Peter  
Finished Junior High School



Thai fact 4:

Nearly

**10,000,000**

people avoided HIV transmission because of early intervention programmes with key affected populations between 1990 and 2010

Thai fact 5:

Between 2005 and 2016, AIDS-related deaths declined by almost

**66%**



# MAKE THEM INDEPENDENT

## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

The main purpose of Siam-Care's Family Care Program is to help families develop, until they can take care of themselves. Sometimes this process takes only 2 years, sometimes it takes much longer. Once families are enabled to stand on their own feet, Siam-Care and the family split ways. Which allows Siam-Care to let a new family enter the Family Care program. Families are thoroughly screened before entering our program, to ensure only the most vulnerable families receive support. Another purpose of this program is keeping families together and thus preventing children from growing up in an orphanage. 80 percent of children in Thai orphanages are not actually orphans, but parents don't have the financial means or the knowledge to take care of their own children. Study has shown that children in orphanages develop much slower than children who grow up within a family. Hence our goal to keep families together.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2018

In 2018 Siam-Care supported a little over 300 vulnerable families in Bangkok, Mukdahan, and Phang Nga. Trained and skilled staff regularly visited families in their homes and in hospitals. 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 2018 Siam-Care regularly met families at our offices for specific training. For example, training about child protection, sex education, and how to take care of an infected family member. In 2018 we have included some families in our program who are not affected by HIV, especially in Mukdahan. In that province, we are the only foundation and hence feel the need to accept other families who are in need. Among the families who joined our program, were multiple migrant families and also families with physically disabled family members.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In 2018, a total number of 252 families received support from Siam-Care. Of these 252 families, 133 families are being supported with family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (116 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. In 2018 we supported 119 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 119 awaiting families.



**“ In 2018 Siam-Care supported a little over 300 vulnerable families in Bangkok, Mukdahan, and Phang Nga.”**

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/110TbU](http://goo.gl/110TbU)

## 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 2018, we conducted training in the areas of child protection, sex education, and how to take care of an infected family member, 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



Mukdahan

Bangkok

Phang Nga

### OTHER THINGS



families in our program don't have a donor yet



families entered our family care program in 2018

# “ I AM ABANDONED BY MY FATHER ”

## REAL STORY FROM FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

Most families Siam-Care works with, are affected by HIV-Aids. Some of our families, have other struggles to deal with. Like the Naree family from Mukdahan, northeast Thailand.

“She will never be able to walk, talk, or take care of herself”

Mother Aew (1987) had it all sorted out: she had a good job in the local hospital of Mukdahan and was happily married. But when she got pregnant, everything changed. During the regular check-ups, the doctors did not notice that something was wrong with Aew's unborn child. Only when the baby was born, it became clear she had serious physical issues: she will never be able to walk, talk, or take care of herself. When Aew's husband found out about this news, he left his wife and newborn baby right away, never to contact the family again.

### NOT ENOUGH INCOME

An, who was born in 2017, who goes by the nickname 'friendly', is a 1-year old girl who is physically disabled.

She lives with her mother (1987) and grandmother (1967) in Mukdahan, in the poor and dry northeast of Thailand. Mother had to quit her job, as she needs to take fulltime care of her handicapped daughter. The only income the family has, is through Aew's mother, so Friendly's grandmother. She sells Thai desserts, which are made by mother when Friendly sleeps, but her income is not steady. During the rainy season, she hardly has any customers. The family struggles hard to make ends meet.

### FATHER ABANDONS DAUGHTER

Friendly's father has completely abandoned the family and doesn't support his daughter and ex-wife financially. Unfortunately, this is a common situation in Thailand. When Siam-Care was introduced to this family, we accepted them into our program right away, even though no one in this family is HIV-infected. If we will not support this family and look after them, then who will? In Thailand families like Aew don't get much support from the government, expect for a little bit of financial support, around 500 Thai Baht per month (around 12 Euro).

### SIMPLE BUT STEADY HOUSE

Friendly and her mother and grandmother live in a

“Siam-Care cannot heal Friendly, if only it was that simple. What we can do, is support the family in their basic needs.”

house made out of cement and wood. Upstairs is the main living area, but mother and Friendly stay downstairs, as it would be difficult and perhaps dangerous to carry Friendly up and down the whole time. Friendly has been disabled since her birth and will grow and develop much slower than other children. Siam-Care cannot heal Friendly, if only it was that simple. What we can do, is support the family in their basic needs. We buy them clothes, food and other materials they need in taking care of Friendly. Unlike other families, this family will probably always be needed support, as the physical situation of Friendly cannot change.



GRADUATED IN 2018

Name: Fasay  
Finished University



GRADUATED IN 2018

Name: Khuat  
Finished Vocational School  
(Administration)



GRADUATED IN 2018

Name: Jame  
Finished Senior Vocational  
School (Administration)



Thai fact 6:

In Thailand

9.15%

of men who have sex with men are living with HIV

Thai fact 7:

Urban settings have shown to yield exceptionally high HIV prevalences among female sex workers, as high as

20% in Bangkok



# 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. Study shows that each year 6400 Thai people get infected with the HIV-virus. The HIV prevalence in 2017 was 1.1%, which is one of the highest in Asia and the Pacific. Thailand is responsible for 9 % of the region's total population of people living with HIV.

Due to joined efforts of Siam-Care and others, the epidemic is now in decline, but the prevalence remains high, especially among men having sex with man and people between 16 and 25 years old. Thailand hopes to end AIDS by 2030, which acquires a lot of awareness raising. Siam-Care 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.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2018

In 2018 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 continued the 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. In Bangkok our staff also trained university teachers about child protection. Furthermore, all 3 Siam-Care locations conducted sex education trainings in several schools. Siam-Care Bangkok conducted multiple child protection trainings, using the materials of CSO (Child Safe Organization). Child workers from different 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. Lastly, in 2018 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. 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. 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 2500 people (inmates, students, teachers, child protection workers, government officials, etc.) received training by Siam-Care in areas such as a safe sex, child protection and human trafficking. Pre- and Post- training assessments show that participants gained much knowledge and have a much better understanding of the subject they have been trained in.



# THE REASON BEHIND OUR AWARENESS RAISING

## THAILAND (2017)

Numbers for 2018 are not known yet, these are the latest figures



people living with HIV



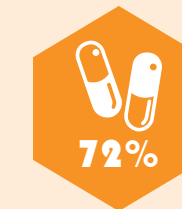
adult HIV prevalence



aids related deaths



new HIV infections \*



adults on antiretroviral treatment\*\*



children on antiretroviral treatment\*\*

\*\* of all adults/children living with HIV. Source: UNAIDS 2018; \* UNAIDS 2017



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Biew  
Finished Senior Vocational School (Tourism)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Boat  
Finished Primary School



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Spy  
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](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 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 2018. 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, SamenWerkingsGemeente Lisse, Bethelkerk Veenendaal, PKN Sassenheim, and GKV Vathorst**, for believing in our foundation.

Also a big thank you for 4 Dutch partners who have been supporting Siam-Care for a number of years already: **Kringloopwinkel Over/Nodig** from Putten, **Stichting Sonnevanc**, **Stichting Wereldkinderen**, and **Stichting Hands & Feet**. Furthermore, in 2018 we received donations from some old and some new partners, among them **Stichting Opwekking, World Outreach International, Stichting Hermien's Helping**


**Hands, Willem Alexander School Harderwijk, Altrans, Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland, CRC Thailand, Hardeman Beheer B.V. and Metaaltechniek Handelsonderneming.**

A special thank you goes out to **World Outreach UK and Marielle and Debo Adeaga**, for helping us streamline the financial support from the United Kingdom, after Siam-Care UK and Siam-Care split ways in 2017. We also want to thank **Ms. Etsuko** and **Ms. Yoriko** from Japan. We are thankful for new and old partnerships.

Last, but not at all the least, an extremely heart-felt "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 2018 and are about to change more lives in 2019.



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Pupe  
Finished Junior High school

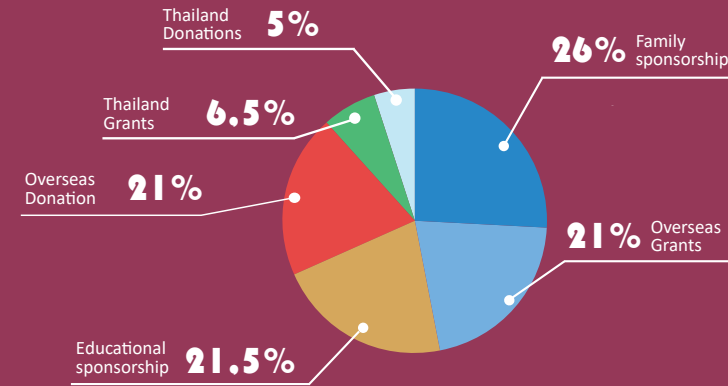


**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Mid  
Finished Junior High school



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Chompu  
Finished Junior High school

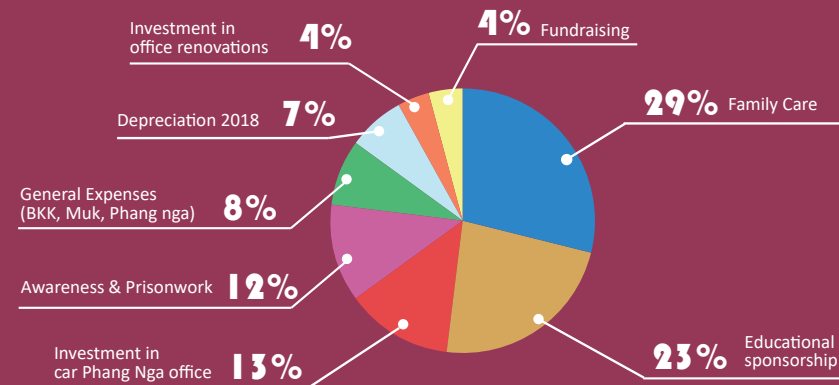
## INCOME 2018



**THB 6.265.000,-**

Family Sponsorship	1.610.500,-
Overseas Grants	1.392.500,-
Educational sponsorship	1.350.000,-
Overseas Donations	1.250.000,-
Thailand Grants	418.000,-
Thailand Donations	307.000,-

## EXPENSES 2018



**THB 6.265.000,-**

Family Care	1.800.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.400.000,-
Invest. car Phang Nga office	850.000,-
Awareness & Prisonwork	725.000,-
General expenses	550.000,-
Depreciation 2018	440.000,-
Fundraising	250.000,-
Invest. office renovations	250.000,-



# STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

2018 was a rather steady year for Siam-Care. Only one person resigned and two people were added to our teams in Bangkok and Phang Nga. In 2018 in the board of Siam-Care, who assumes government responsibilities, were no changes.

## NEW STAFF BANGKOK

In Mukdahan there was no staff transitioning in or out. In Phang Nga the former Siam-Care sponsorchild Palida Pewthong joined the team in January, after finishing her study Social Development. Later on, in December 2018, she informed us that she desired to move from Phang Nga to Bangkok, as she felt isolated in the South. She joined our team in Bangkok in December 2018. This automatically means that we have a vacancy in Phang Nga and are looking to hire a colleague for Netima Oardun, which has proven to be a challenge as our office in Phang Nga is located at an isolated place. Until we find a new staff for Phang Nga, Netima Oardun will work with volunteers who will help out in practical ways. In Bangkok, we hired one new staff, who took

over the role of Rossarin Thongsom, who decided to move back to her hometown. The new staff member in Bangkok is named Nata Harueankhwan and will help with our prison work, with financial administration, youth work, and fundraising.

## BOARD

In the end of 2017, the term of the previous board ended and hence a new board was installed in January 2018. The board now 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 4 times in 2018. Some board members also joined Siam-Care's Christmas celebrations, joined us during home visits and during trainings in prison.

## VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Siam-Care often welcomes volunteers or students to be with the organization for practical learning. In 2018 a team of 5 people from 'Bethelkerk Veenendaal',

the Netherlands, visited Siam-Care and helped out in practical ways for almost 3 weeks. 2 Thai students English from Maha Sarakam, namely Oi and Ing, did a three-month-long internship with Siam-Care and graduated shortly after. Congratulations! Sayfon Phanaphaisan, who did an internship with Siam-Care in 2017, came back in January 2018 for another 3 months. She finished her study 'Journalism' in August 2018. Lastly, we had several people who visited Siam-Care for a couple of days: Sinnika Poel, Elisha van der Vegt, Anne-Laura en Jeremy Simon, Matthijs Timmerman, Pamela Ledley and her team from World Outreach International.



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Fluke  
Finished Junior High school



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Gam  
Finished University  
(Nutrition)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Om  
Finished University



**Natasja**  
C.E.O, Manager of Child- and Family Care



**Jan-Peter**  
Communications Manager, Coordinator Fundraising & PR Overseas



**Passawan**  
Coordinator Family Care Bangkok, Fundraising officer



**Pongsagon**  
Youth- and prevention worker



**Jurrarat**  
Social worker



**Nata**  
Coordinator Fundraising & PR Thailand



**Umaporn**  
Coordinator Prevention- and Prison work



**Siriboon**  
Manager Mukdahan Office, Coordinator Family Care Mukdahan



**Banyen**  
Coordinator Financial Administration



**Nethima**  
Manager Phang nga Office, Coordinator Family Care Phang Nga



**Palida**  
Social worker

# 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 2018 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 has close relationships with several NGOs, local government partners and networks. Staff maintains a close relationship 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. Furthermore, we are a part of 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 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 Foundation 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. Bangkok staff has attended several meetings and has acted as guest speaker multiple times. We shared our knowledge in the areas of cyber bullying, safe use of social media, among other themes. A group of Siam-Care youth in Bangkok also conducted a research regarding bullying and presented their results during a national conference in Chiang Mai. 12 youth from different Siam-Care locations also functioned as guest speaker during a child protection training and trained other teenagers in the area of child rights and child protection. Siam-Care is also a member

of ICPN (International Child Protection Network. This organization focuses on building relationships across sectors and across geographic borders in order to make every child matter everywhere. Siam-Care is also a member of the regional PWA-network (People Living with Aids). Since 2017, Siam-Care Bangkok 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

Siam-Care Mukdahan is 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,



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Weaw  
Finished University (English)



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Nam  
Finished University



**GRADUATED IN 2018**  
Name: Pa  
Finished Senior High School



Thai fact 8:

There are  
**185,000**  
men who have sex with men living in metropolitan Bangkok

**60,000**  
of whom were at high risk of HIV infection

Thai fact 9:

There are more than  
**75,600**  
transgender people living in Thailand, with a HIV prevalence rate of

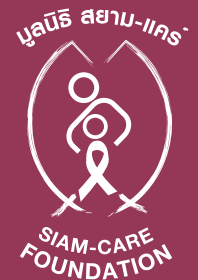
**12.7%**

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 2018 Siam-Care staff from Mukdahan regularly acted as guest speaker and also conducted several trainings (Child protection, Sex Education, Human Trafficking), for different organisations. Just like in 2017, 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 2018 Siam-Care Mukdahan worked together with CRC (Child Rights Coalition), the Confederation of Christians and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.



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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