

# ANNUAL REPORT

*Siam-Care* 2015



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# FOREWORD

*“Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”* Robert F. Kennedy (1925 – 1968)

We at Siam-Care are trying to send forth ripples of hope by enabling children to go to school. By fighting for the rights of those who are affected by HIV/Aids. By strengthening marginalized and underprivileged people so that at one point they'll be able to take care of themselves (again). By protecting healthy people against a devastating disease. And last but surely not least: by telling people about the Creator of heaven and earth, who loves them and cares for them.

I am proud to present the 2015 annual report, reporting on activities that were undertaken to send forth ripples of hope.

We have seen a positive change among the children and families we work with. Change among children who, without our support, would have been denied of their fundamental right to go to school.

Thai fact 1:

**67.256.023**

inhabitants in thailand

With Siam-Care's help they are now being transformed to become educated, skilled, employed, and contributing to their families and communities. Together with our donors we have enabled families to develop in many different areas, resulting in independency and self-reliance. In this report we will share stories of some of these changes that we have seen in 2015.

As we set out to achieve our goals and send forth ripples of hope, we thank you – our supporters who give us the much needed momentum to go out and realize our vision of a happy, healthy and promising future for Thailand's children and their families. We cannot do this without the ongoing support of our donors. We highly appreciate all your prayers and financial and practical support.

We hope that you will enjoy reading the annual report 2015; we have created it with great pleasure.

Blessings,

Natasja Kelder

CEO Siam-Care



# SIAM-CARE IN BRIEF

IN 1996 SIAM-CARE WAS FOUNDED BY A DUTCH WOMEN AND HER THAI HUSBAND. 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. DIRECTOR AND MANAGERS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY A BOARD AND AN ADVISORY BOARD. SIAM-CARE HAS 10 FULL-TIME STAFF.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE DO?

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

## VISION: WHY DO WE DO IT?

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

## CORE VALUES: HOW DO WE DO IT?

- *Bible centered*  
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:

**7.6%**  
of tuberculosis  
patients are co-  
infected with HIV



**MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015** Umaporn, Siam-Care Bangkok  
*"My highlight for 2015 was the opportunity to serve the communities, schools, and the prisoners in the corrections facilities."*

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2015, 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 CEO

Siam-Care entered a transitional period following the departure of our founder and CEO, Adrienne Blomberg. In January 2015 Natasja Kelder from the Netherlands made the decision to accept the position of CEO of Siam-Care. Natasja and her husband, Jan-Peter, and their two sons moved to Thailand and joined Siam-Care in the beginning of 2013. Jan-Peter is a sitting member of the Siam-Care Foundation's board.

Thai fact 3:

since 1984

**1.125.415**

Thai people have been  
infected with HIV/Aids

## NEW TEAM IN MUKDAHAN

The beginning of 2015 was difficult for Siam-Care. In January of 2015 following the transition and re-organization of the Foundation's operational policy, some staff members of the Mukdahan office did not agree with the new and stricter financial policy. As a result, 4 members of the Mukdahan team made a decision to resign. Whilst the situation and the process was a painful one, we are thankful that two very experienced and skilled staff members made a decision to stay (Siriboon Sonking and Banyen Chatipa). With the assistance of some very helpful individuals, a steady team was formed. This will enable Siam-Care to continue our impactful reach into the northeast region of Thailand. In Bangkok, new staff members joined Siam-Care as well, for additional information, please read the chapter 'Staff, board and management'.

## ENGLISH IS FUN CAMP

In April Siam-Care UK organized an English is fun camp for all teenagers who receive support from Siam-Care. A little under 100 children joined for 4 days of English lessons, games and team

building. It was a special experience for many children to see the beach and ocean for the first time in their lives. From this place we would like to thank Siam-Care UK very much for making this camp possible.

## NEW STRATEGY PLAN

In 2015 Siam-Care has been implementing fundamental organisational changes at all levels. We believe that these changes are enabling us, an ever strong organisation, to fight injustice and poverty more effectively. In September all staff and board members joined to create and implement a new strategy plan for the next 3 years (until 2019). The plan sets ambitious development goals and defines how Siam-Care can best contribute to fighting the injustice of poverty and HIV. It focuses on empowering underprivileged people so that they can participate in the Thai society and stand on their own feet. Such major long-term goals demand a coordinated approach, as set out in the new plan.

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

In everything we do, we recognize that success is founded on partnership. In 2015 new relation-

ships were started with NGO and GO partners. Siam-Care received funds from the Thai Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and Ministry of Public Health in return for training and equipment of government officials and Thai citizens. Also new networking opportunities were seized with different NGO's and local churches in all 3 Siam-Care regions.

## **YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING**

In October, Siam-Care held a 3 day camp for some of the older students within our educational sponsorship program. The camp was designed to help students spread awareness and develop their leadership skills. Our students were trained and given the opportunity to practice giving a presentation on issues related to human trafficking and child protection in the hope that they will be able to assist Siam-Care in spreading knowledge through our efforts of building awareness in different communities.

Other notable events in 2015: We extended our prison program and now regularly train the inmates of 2 prisons in Bangkok. In Bangkok a new slum community project was started, focusing on training community members in the areas of safe sex and child protection. Over 20 students were able to finish their education due to Siam-Care's support. 22 new children joined our educational sponsorship program.



# INTO THE DARKNESS WE SHINE

## PRISON WORK



### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Siam-Care's goal is to help the marginalised in the Thai society. The HIV infected prisoners have two major cultural stigma attached to them - both of which society views as "unclean". By giving them a second chance, we not only help the prisoners in their immediate surroundings, but we also help to rehabilitate them to reintegrate into the society they live in. For over 7 years, Siam-Care has been working with the Department of Corrections to help prisoners, especially those who are HIV infected, to gain more understanding about the virus and the different treatment and prescriptions of ARV that they can take. We have established a trust and good working relation with the government agency throughout our time there. Siam-Care works to fight against stigma and discrimination through raising awareness and counselling activities, helping the prisoners to become aware of the hope that they have at another chance in life.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2015

Siam-Care's staff have worked to focus on two prisons in 2015. The new approach this year: to provide counselling to those who are not infected as well as to raise awareness and to eradicate preconceptions of living with those who are HIV infected. Many of our activities are fun and light-hearted, designed to lower the tense atmosphere of life inside a prison. The practical information provided means that other prisoners are less afraid to spend time with those who are HIV infected. Furthermore, the prisoners who are infected are provided 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.

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 being celebrated.

The event was much appreciated by both prison staff and the inmates. Also we handed out gift boxes with basic supplies, in both the male and female prison.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM

In 2015 Siam-Care made 20 visits to the men's prison hospital and the woman's prison rehabilitation facility in 2015. The result of these program meant that over 70 prisoners received the assistance and counselling of Siam Care this year. We decided, this year, to conduct a session with non-infected and infected prisoners to raise awareness. The result is a better understanding between these two groups in living together. We were also engaged on the personal level through one-on-one counselling, ensuring that every individual person is cared for.



#### MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015 Passawan, Siam-Care Bangkok

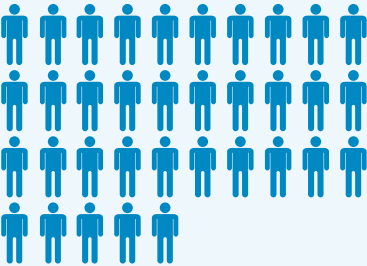
*"My highlight for 2015 was being able to sit together with everyone from Siam-Care to make the 3-year plan, to be able to pray together, and to be able to spend time with staff from all locations in Phang Nga"*



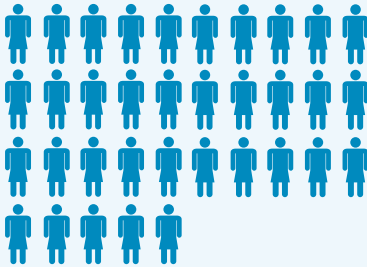
# PRISON PROGRAM IN 2015 IN NUMBERS



**2 PRISONS**  
part of Siam-Care's  
prison program



**35 MALE PRISONERS**  
were helped



**35 FEMALE PRISONERS**  
were helped



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



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

**300 PRISONERS RECEIVED A GIFT PACKAGE**

with Christmas, filled with:



underwear



sanitary napkin



little booklet  
about the gospel



tooth brush



shampoo



soap

# HOW NGUNG SAW HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AGAIN

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

Ngung (an assumed name) is a 37 year old male prisoner who has been infected with HIV. He has been at the prison hospital for many years now – and is restricted to his bed for most of the time, as he is quite

*'In order to go to the toilet, he has to ask for help from his friends.'*

weak. In order to go to the toilet, he has to ask for help from his friends. Due to his kind nature of not wanting to bother his friends too much, Ngung only ate once a day, so he doesn't have to go to the toilet that often.

Ngung is also paralysed from the waist down. He is married with two kids, who are now teenagers. His family has not come to visit him for a very long time now. Siam-Care's staff attempted many times to contact his family, but without success. Finally, our staff was able to obtain a personal phone number and left a long message on the phone of Ngung's wife, explaining everything to her. It was then that his wife returned our phone call and we made the arrangements for the family to come and visit Ngung. The corrections officer even allowed Ngung's bed to be moved into a visitation area, and it created a very warm and heartfelt atmosphere when the family was reunited.

As Ngung embraced his wife and kids, you could see a spark of hope and warmth spreading among the prison staff and pris-

oners alike. It is not within Siam-Care's might to free the inmates from prison,

*'As Ngung embraced his wife and kids, you could see a spark of hope and warmth spreading among the prison staff and prisoners alike.'*

but we can make their lives a bit easier. Sometimes by making sure they get the right medical treatment, sometimes by reuniting them with their families. These little things can have a great impact on someone in a dire situation.

Thai fact 4:

**35%**

of injection drug users use nonsterile injecting equipment

Thai fact 5:

**80%**

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



Thai fact 6:

since 1984

**585.830**

Thai people died  
because of HIV/Aids



**MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015** Sutthisa, Siam-Care Bangkok

*"My highlight for 2015 was the positive changes that were made in the organisation as well as the new team of staff that came in. They really helped me to develop new things and make some changes. God always has enough blessings for all of us."*

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# GIVING HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEED

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

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 2015 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.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2015

Together with over 200 individual donors from the Netherlands, The United Kingdom, Thailand, and other countries, Siam-Care enabled Thai disadvantaged children to study. None of them

would be able to study without financial support. Officially education is free in Thailand. But due to the many additional costs, such as costs of school uniforms, travel expenses and costs of materials, poor families can't always allow their children to study. In 2015 Siam-Care didn't just give financial support; we also followed the children's achievements in school and regularly brought them together to have a dialogue on issues related to child rights, health and sexuality, life-skills and how to deal with HIV. In April 2015 we were able to gather all teenage children of our sponsorship program. Thanks to a group of donors from the United Kingdom, Siam-Care could organise an English-is-fun-camp, next to beach, with 100 children participating. Many of these children had never seen the ocean before.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM

In 2015, 191 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 191 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 2016. As mentioned before Siam-Care follows the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2015. 185 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 6 children failed their school year. In 2015 with the help of Siam-Care 18 children were able to finish their education. All of them found a job and are able to take care of themselves now. In 2015 the sponsorship ended for 33 children. 18 children finished their study and 7 families were able to take care of themselves now. 2 girls became pregnant and discontinued their education. 4 children dropped out due to physical problems or learning disabilities. 22 new children entered our education sponsorship program. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.



# EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN 2015 IN NUMBERS

## SPONSORS



130	from the United Kingdom	4	from Thailand
27	from the Netherlands	2	from America
21	from Japan	2	from Cambodia
4	from Australia	1	from Malaysia

## FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE



ORPHAN

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP CHILDREN RECEIVED



children in  
Bangkok



children in  
Phang Nga



children in  
Mukdahan



children in  
total

## EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN



# A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR FLUK

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

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

### **JULY 1993, MUKDAHAN**

I was born in the northeast of Thailand, not too far from Mukdahan, a medium-sized city, in the province Isaan. Isaan is considered one of the poorest areas in Thailand. Most people are farmers and grow rice or sugarcanes. Just like my parents. They were both Hiv-positive, already before I was born. I was my parent's first child and also the last one. My mother would have loved to have more children but her physical situation didn't allow her to.

### **MAY 1995, MUKDAHAN**

After my birth my mother's body got weaker and weaker. When I was only 3 years old, she died. I was too young to understand what was going on. I don't really remember what my mother looked like, to be honest. Thankfully I still have some pictures of me and my moth-

er. After my mother died, my father took me to Bangkok, because there he would have a better chance to find a job. He ended up working as a construction worker, for about 12 hours a day. He made around 250 baht a day (8 USD).

### **NOVEMBER 1998, BANGKOK**

The health situation of my father was not improving. Despite the fact that he used

'5 years old but already an orphan'

medication to suppress his HIV infection, he became weaker. In the end of 1998 he died in Bangkok. I was only 5 years old but already an orphan. I moved back to Mukdahan to live with my grandmother. She was almost 80 and too old to work. Hence I wasn't able to go to school, because how would we ever be able to pay for the uniform and travel costs, to name just a few expenses.

### **JANUARY 1999, MUKDAHAN**

One of our neighbours brought us in contact with Siam-Care, an NGO that was working with Hiv-infected people. I'm not infected myself but that didn't matter for Siam-Care. After they heard my story Siam-Care found someone in Europe who

wanted to support me. I was able to go to school and that made me so happy. I still remember the first day I went to school. I was so proud to wear my uniform. There was someone I didn't know who thought I was precious enough to support. That made me feel so special.

### **MAY 2015, BANGKOK**

After finishing primary and high school I moved to Bangkok again to study at university. My grandmother doesn't live anymore, but because of Siam-Care's support I was able to study.

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

I payed for my own food because I had a part-time job in a Thai restaurant. Now that I've finished my study to become a teacher, I can start working after the summer holiday. I am so proud that I can take care of myself now. Of course I miss my parents but at least I know that my future is wide open. I can work, take care of myself and start a family one day. Thankfully my children won't need the support of Siam-Care, but I am so thankful that Siam-Care was there for me!



Thai fact 7:

**60%**

of sexually active teenagers and

**40%**

of sex workers in Thailand do not regularly use condoms



**MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015** Siriboon, Siam-Care Mukdahan

*"My highlight for 2015 is that our work is not about getting credits for ourselves, but about offering glory to God. We accept the difference and diversity in our gifts and talents, but we are one body, working together in unity as a team."*

# IMPACTING THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED

## FAMILY CARE

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

If we were to summarize Siam-Care's family care program in three words, it would be: help families develop. Siam-Care's mission states that we try to help families to develop psychosocially, physically, financially and spiritually until they can take care of themselves. Our overall goal in all of this is to help families develop in such a way that they are enabled to stand on their own feet again. Once a family is able to take care of themselves again, they go their own way. Which subsequently allows Siam-Care to let a new family enter the family care program. Once a family successfully leaves our family care program, we still stay in touch and offer counseling when needed. Families are thoroughly screened before entering our program, to ensure only the most vulnerable families receive support.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2015

In 2015 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. We aim 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 emergency food aid or help with getting access to welfare support. Siam-Care also assures access to and proper use of medication. In 2015 some families also received money, specifically for starting up their own shop or food stall.

Next to offering counselling during home visits, in 2015 Siam-Care also met families at our offices for specific trainings. In 2015 trainings were conducted in the areas of child rights and protection, positive parenting and life planning, among other themes.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM

In 2015, a total number of 304 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 304 families, 124 families are being supported with a

family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (107 donors) and the United Kingdom (17 donors). Due to these individual donors Siam-Care can conduct multiple home visits per year and support families in times of (personal) crises. For example with cash support (e.g. for transportation to see a doctor), materials to fix a leaking roof, clothes or food.

304 minus 124 equals 180. This means we support 180 families who don't have a individual donor yet. From a financial perspective this is a challenge for Siam-Care and we are still looking for sponsors for these 180 awaiting families. Visit [www.siamcare.org/en/programs/family-care](http://www.siamcare.org/en/programs/family-care) for more info.

As mentioned before, Siam-Care's aim is to enable families to stand on their own feet (again). Sponsorships shouldn't last forever, at some point families should be able to take care of themselves. In 2015 the family sponsorship ended for 8 families. We are proud that because of our support these 8 families are now able to take care of themselves. Siam-Care will stay in touch with these families and offer counselling if needed.



#### MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015 Banyen, Siam-Care Mukdahan

*"My highlight for 2015 is the newly organized structure of the Siam-Care foundation. The restructuring allows both the staff and the board to press Siam-Care forward and make a long lasting impact."*

# FAMILY CARE PROGRAM IN 2015 IN NUMBERS

## PEOPLE WE HELPED



families received support



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



persons got access to medication



people all together received support

## HOW WE HELPED

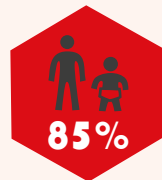
Families received food aid, clothing, medicines, transportation money and emergency financial aid for funerals and for house repair



persons were admitted to the hospital



disabled children were helped with a wheelchair



of our families received educational support for their children



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 2015

# PRAYER AS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR WORK

## REAL STORY FROM FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

**The Oasan family (an assumed name) is one of the first cases which Siam Care has been taking care of for 16 years now. Grandmother Naa is very old and has to take care of her grandchildren Biew and Loong, who were orphaned because both parents died of HIV.**

In the past Grandmother Naa used to make the skewer for grilled chicken for a living. Her income per day was not much, but grandmother said it was the only thing she knew how to do to take care of her grandchildren, because she was quite old already. Both of the boys received educational sponsorship all the way through their primary school.

Now the oldest grandchild Biew is 22, and the younger one Loong is 21 years old. Biew now has a family of his own, and Loong is currently conscripted in the Army.

Grandmother Naa is now 94 years old, and cannot work. She is stuck to bed at the moment, and there always has to be someone taking care of her, making sure that she doesn't turn on side and sleep on her wound. Grandmother's nephew Ard is a 47 year old man that has an injury due to an accident. He cannot walk and has to use his arms to move around. He is also taking care of grandmother. The family is very poor, but whenever Siam-Care visits the family, the Siam-Care staff always feels encouraged when they talk to grandmother. Her cheerful heart means there are always smile and laughter. Grandmother said that Siam-Care is like a family to her. Siam Care has given basic help to her such as rice, food, home repairs, and financial assistance.


**'Grandmother said that Siam-Care is like a family to her'**

At the end of 2015, when we conducted home visit, grandmother was still smiling, and because we left, we asked if we could pray for grandmother and her nephew Ard, a thing we usually do after visiting our families. We asked what we could pray for, which sparks an unexpected surprise as we found out that nephew Ard is a Christian. He said he hasn't been able to go to church since the accident. He said he was thankful for the prayers, and we felt like he needed an encouragement and love from God. This is what gives us encouragement in our home care work, and it helps us to become more aware of our work that is on the foundation of the love of Christ – therefore, of course we should pray for those who are in our care. When they have God, they will also feel that they will not lack anything.

Thai fact 8:

as of 2009, Thailand has  
the highest prevalence  
of HIV in Asia





Thai fact 9:  
in 2015 the adult  
prevalence of HIV  
was

**1.3%**



**MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015** Natasja, Siam-Care Bangkok

*"One of my highlights for 2015 was a training we organized for our oldest sponsorship students. We prepared them to become a volunteer/youth leader in the future and enabled them to reach out to the next generation. They were all very eager to give back for what we have given them."*

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# REDUCE STIGMA AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING

## AWARENESS PROGRAM



### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Siam-Care's awareness program exists to help educate the public on important issues such as HIV prevention, sex education, 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.

We have worked in different locations to combat the dangers of human trafficking. It is estimated that human trafficking generates 12 billion dollars a year in Thailand - and 80 percent of human trafficking involves sexual exploitation, with many of the sex workers in Thailand being under the age of 18. Siam-Care networks with over 19 government agencies and NGO's on matters of child protection and migrant rights.

Siam-Care also works to promote human rights and conduct awareness programs at schools on the issue of Human Trafficking. Our awareness program serves to protect people, to reduce stig-

ma and improve understanding on social issues that has affected the schools, communities, and churches. Having more understanding means that the wider public is better equipped to act when certain issues and situations arises. When everyone becomes a stakeholder in resolving the social issues within the country, then real changes can start happening.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2015

In 2015, Siam Care joined with several Foundations and Government agencies in providing training on raising awareness (learn more on page 26, in the chapter networks, partnerships and relations). Many of our subjects include Child Protection, HIV prevention, and other high risk issues. For example with our child protection program, we provided local community, school- and church members with knowledge and basic foundations of child protection. Siam-Care's staff provided training ranging from current laws regarding child protection all the way to safe actions that everyone can take to reduce the risk

of abuses and exploitation from occurring. On matters of HIV prevention, our office in Mukdahan works with government clinics in 8 districts and 7 hospitals to provide counselling as well as to raise awareness. We also held training for our own youth and families in our sponsorship program on topics of Child Protection, HIV Prevention, and Human Rights. This took place so that they can also conduct this training on their own training programs. A specific effort was made in the area of safe migration.

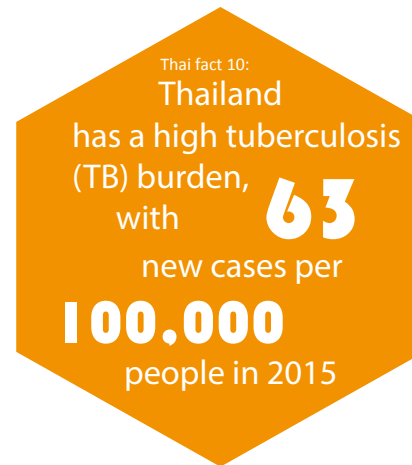
Following our safe migration project from 2014, Siam-Care's office in Mukdahan is now looking after 15 migrant families who sought refuge in Thailand. We provide assistance by conducting home visit, meeting the families' basic needs, granting educational sponsorship, and provide holistic counselling as well as raising awareness on human trafficking.

Our office in Phang Nga works with local schools in raising awareness on human trafficking, conducts activities for students to learn how to become more cautious, and not fall victim into the human traffickers.

Siam-Care's office in Phang Nga works closely with teachers to constantly raise awareness on this very important issue.

## RESULT OF THE PROGRAM

The programs were met with general positivity. In 2016, Siam-Care plans on expanding this program by taking the training to more schools, communities, and more churches throughout Thailand. The challenge is in meeting the demands of Thai communities - the need for awareness building is great, but our resources and personnel that are available is relatively small.



### MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015 Jay, Siam-Care Bangkok

*"My highlight for 2015 was the opportunity to serve and share our Christmas joy with our families, sponsor children, and the prisoners during the Christmas season!"*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Thanks to your generous support, Siam-Care is able to help over 300 families and students to have a chance at a better life. One of Siam-Care's core values is transparency and accountability, and to this end, we report and publish on our financial record, which undergoes official public audit on an annual basis. We hold true to our commitment to bring the entirety of the funds donated for family and educational sponsorship to the family and child, and we are delighted that our financial report this year has affirmed this. Siam-Care's other projects such as prison and community work, awareness training, and general expenses to keep our offices from falling apart were also made possible by the generous support from donors and grant supporters like you.

## THANK YOU

We are very grateful to our friends and partners who partnered with Siam-Care in 2015. First of all, the Royal Thai Government (Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security).

Thank you anonymous donor, for providing us the funds to hold the 2015 staff training – this has provided all Siam-Care offices with a previous and rare opportunity to come together to seek God's will for our future plans, enabling us to move forward as an organisation to better serve the underprivileged families and children in Thailand.

Thank you to our partner at the Evangelical Church of Bangkok in sending both financial and personnel support in our various Christmas events, which has helped families, children, and prisoners to experience the love of Jesus during the Christmas season. Also thank you to the Dutch churches that financially supported us: Evangelische Gemeente Harderwijk, Samenwerkingsgemeente Lisse, Hervormde kerk Ermelo en Bethelkerk Veenendaal.

We are also very grateful to BCTFN for providing us with funding to renovate our office. The construction on our new space is coming along very well. This building project is extremely crucial to the families and students that we

support, as it will provide Siam-Care with a room to hold training, activities, and a place to provide counselling to those in need.

Thank you Theo van de Hombergh, who made several donations for several different programs, partly together with Kringloopwinkel Over-nodig. You are a great help and an example for many in the way you serve the needy. Thank you Stichting Sonnevank, for your great financial support, which enables us to reach out to those affected by tuberculosis. We are also grateful for the support of Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden Nederland.

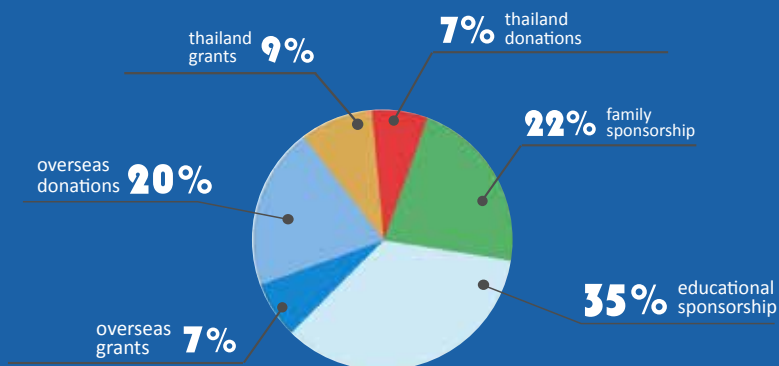
Last, but not at all the least, an extremely heartfelt "Thank you" from everyone at Siam-Care to all the sponsors in our family and educational sponsorship program who have become our committed partners in making better life a reality to many of our family and sponsored students. We especially want to mention Siam-Care UK, Ms. Etsuko and Ms. Junko from Japan.



### MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015 Jan-Peter, Siam-Care Bangkok

*"My personal highlight for 2015 was an interview for a corporate Siam-Care video, with one of our sponsored children. She cried while she shared how Siam-Care changed her life. It was a blessing for me to hear of Siam-Care's impact, I felt very encouraged by it."*

## INCOME 2015

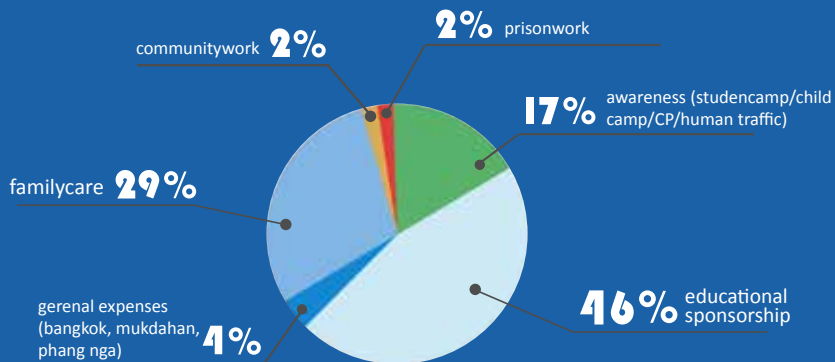


**THB 5.902.000\*, -**

Overseas Grants	414.000,-
Thailand Donations	440.000,-
Thailand Grants	517.000,-
Overseas Donations	1.170.000,-
Family Sponsorship	1.289.000,-
Educational sponsorship	2.072.000,-

\* This includes 1.389.000,- Baht designated funds to spend in 2016

## EXPENSES 2015



**THB 4.513.000, -**

Prison work	100.000,-
General expenses	206.000,-
Community work	100.000,-
Awareness	746.000,-
Familycare	1.289.000,-
Educational sponsorship	2.072.000,-



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# STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

As mentioned in the executive summary a new CEO was recruited in the beginning of 2015. Natasja Kelder, from the Netherlands accepted the challenge to lead Siam-Care in the future. Natasja and her husband Jan-Peter (who became a board member in 2015) and their two sons moved to Thailand in the beginning of 2013. Natasja has a background in social work and much experience in managing teams. Natasja and Jan-Peter are stationed in Bangkok, where they also support the new manager of the Bangkok team Suthisa Anuwongkamhang, to lead the team.

## **NEW STAFF IN MUKDAHAN, BANGKOK, PHANG NGA**

2015 had a rough start for Siam-Care Mukdahan. In January some staff members of the Mukdahan team did not agree with a new, stricter, financial policy. 4 people decided to resign. It has been a painful process, but thankfully two very experienced and skilled staff decided to stay (Siriboon Sonking and Banyen Chatipa). With the help of some new people they formed a steady team, which will continue to have an

impact in the northeast region of Thailand. In Bangkok a new communications officer and translator was found in the person of Jay Ruansang. To give Siam-Care's prison program a quality injection, the board asked Umaporn Chairat, who led Siam-Care's prison program in the past, to rejoin Siam-Care in June. Due to health reasons Bangkok's former housekeeper decided to resign in June. Her responsibilities were taken over by Passawan Menthong, who also assists the Bangkok team during home visits, prison visits and with the administration. Theerawan Butsut, who started working for Siam-Care Phang Nga in 2005, resigned in 2015 to become a fulltime mother of her beautiful daughter, who was born in 2015. We are still looking for somebody to take over her job.

## **BOARD**

A new Board started assuming governance responsibilities in 2015. 5 members were elected: Ms. Athicha Siripatcharotorn is the current chair person, Mr. Daniel Nihil is treasurer, Mr. Jan-Peter Kelder is board member, Ms. Porkaew Pratsungchan is secretary. Mr. Chaiwat Donkhan

was elected as well, but due to other responsibilities he was forced to resign in June. The Board came together 5 times in 2015. The full board also joined Siam-Care's strategy session in Phang Nga with all Siam-Care's staff, in September 2015. There is an Advisory Board to support the Board and the management of Siam-Care. 5 persons with expertise in respectively HIV/AIDS, fundraising, human resources, finances and law, have a seat in the Advisory Board.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS**

Siam-Care provides an opportunity to volunteers to be with the organization for practical learning. In cooperation with the Christelijke Hogeschool Ede, a Dutch university, Hilleen Bisschop did a 4-month internship and graduated on the subject 'fundraising for NGO's'. In July 2015 she handed in her thesis with recommendations for Siam-Care. In September 2015 two Dutch volunteers arrived in Bangkok: Ms. Mariet van Raalte and Ms. Wietske Venderbos. They spend 4 months in Thailand and participated in the activities of the staff in Bangkok and Mukdahan. They assisted in the work with children and youth, taught English a church and attended home visits for observation and report writing. Also they help out with writing and designing of newsletters, this annual report and other magazines.



***Natasja***  
CEO, Manager Child and Family Care



***Umaporn***  
Church, community and prison work coordinator



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



***Siriboon***  
Homecare coordinator Mukdahan



***Jennarong***  
Communication officer



***Banyen***  
Administration and Finances, homecare assistant



***Passawan***  
General assistant Bangkok



***Nethima***  
Office Manager, homecare coordinator Phang Nga



***Sutthisa***  
Fundraising and homecare coordinator Bangkok



***Ratti***  
Administration and Finances, assistant home care

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# CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

## NETWORKS, PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONS

We do all of our work in collaboration with donors, governments and local foundations/NGO's. They join with us in having an impact on the needy, trying new programs and pushing for new and better solutions. We believe we are all stronger when we work together. Therefore Siam-Care staff are maintaining close working relations with NGOs and GOs on issues relevant to our beneficiaries; child protection, HIV/Aids, human trafficking and legal rights. Siam-Care's experience and knowledge are much appreciated by partners and hence staff of Siam-Care is frequently invited to act as guest speaker and trainer on these topics.

### **SIAM-CARE MUKDAHAN**

For many years Siam-Care Mukdahan has been 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. Siam-Care Mukdahan is also a part of the Wom-

an Enterprise Network, a group that aims at developing support for woman's enterprises. In 2015 Mukdahan staff joined several meetings of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, concerning child protection and family violence. Often Siam-Care Mukdahan staff was invited as guest speaker by World Vision, the Mukdahan Hospital and other NGO's, to train people in the area of sexual transmitted diseases. Also Siam-Care Mukdahan staff maintains close relationships with the local churches and often is invited as guest speaker on subjects as human trafficking and child protection.

### **SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA**

Siam-Care Phang Nga is a member of the Working Group on Child Protection, initiated by the provincial department of Social Welfare and Human Security. This network consists of 10 organisations 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 Mukdahan partnered with the Public Health Department, which is part of the Ministry of Public Health. For the second year in a row, Siam-Care was funded by the Department of Diseases Control of the Nakhorn Sirthamaratch Province to run a network group of HIV-infected people living in the Takuapa District. Purpose of this network group is to help people have better access to proper medical treatment.

### **SIAM-CARE BANGKOK**

Siam-Care Bangkok is a member of CRC (the Coalition of rights of the child). CRC plays a central

role in key child rights developments in Thailand and consists of leading experts in the area of child protection. Siam-Care Bangkok is also a member of ICPN (International Child Protection Network, formerly known as CEOP: Child Protection and Online Protection Centre) and attended 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. Siam-Care staff in Bangkok was invited by different churches and hotels to conduct trainings in the areas of sexual transmitted diseases and child protection. Siam-Care Bangkok staff was also invited to join a meeting organized by the national Thai government, with the purpose of drafting guidelines for child protection for ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations). Siam-Care Bangkok is also a member of the regional PWA-network (People Living with Aids).



**MY HIGHLIGHT FOR 2015** Siri, Siam-Care Phang Nga

*“My highlight for 2015 was to see everyone in Siam-Care being united and being involved to work for Siam-Care families. This was very clear during our 2015 annual meeting.”*

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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