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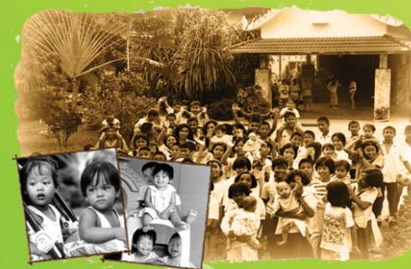
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36 years of life-giving and future-building for orphans



You are cordially invited to the 36th anniversary celebration of the Pattaya Orphanage on Saturday, 11th September 2010.

Pattaya Orphanage or Children's Home Foundation Pattaya - a large family with about 180 children who are either orphans with



normal condition or disabilities, and deaf children living in one compound - was formally blessed on 22nd September 1974. **Most Reverend Lawrence Thienchai Samanchit**, Bishop of Chanthaburi at that time approved the set up of the orphanage, provided the piece of land for use, and has become the president of the foundation board up till the present day. The beginning of the children's home was made possible with the **Redemptorist Fr. Raymond A. Brennan** volunteering to oversee the construction of the home and children's care, while a group of **American military officers** providing the initial fund of Five Hundred Thousand Baht, and the **religious Sisters of St. Paul de Chartre** caring for the babies in the first five years. The **Sisters of the Order of Lovers of the Cross of Chanthaburi** have continued the day to day care of the children up to now.

currently operated by **Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak**, in the position of director, together with the Sisters and staff members. Currently, there are **184** children; 149 of whom are orphans and 35 are deaf in our Sotpattana School for the Deaf.

It is our hopes and dreams that all our children will grow up having self-discipline and quality life so that they can happily earn their livelihood in today's society. To realize the dreams, we send most of our children to Catholic schools, to ensure that they receive formation on discipline and ethics, which will enable them to make use of their knowledge in the personal problem-solving and building of their future with honest job and loving family. Quality education is the only legacy the Orphanage can give to each and every child in our care. **No matter how heavy the burden of covering the expenses, all the children will be provided with an opportunity to study until they complete at least university education.**

From the start until today, there have been about **800 orphans** being cared for and given new life by the Pattaya Orphanage. Among them, some **460** children have been **adopted** by families in European countries. They all have good living condition in loving families. The orphanage is



Message from the Director

Dear Sponsors,

A child, who feels that he is not loved by his parents or not treated in the same way his sisters or brothers receive, will be sad and the negative effect will rest upon him for life. We therefore are very solicitous on how we treat our children with love in particular for smaller kids.

That is the reason why do we retain a small sum of money donated by sponsors to a particular child on his or her birthday and share it for the benefit of all the children instead. We have to understand that not all the children received special gift of money on their birthday but only a few received. To avoid the unnecessary feelings of envy among children, we give each and everyone presents and some money on his or her birthday. On top of that, every two months we still throw a birthday party to all the children and staff members whose birthday falls on those particular months when once again children will receive some birthday gifts.

I am sincerely appreciative of the love and care of all our generous supporters. We do hope you will continually cooperate and support our procedure above for the benefit of all our beloved children's happiness. With love and thankfulness,



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak
Director



▲ The Pattaya Orphanage Football Team joined the international Sport Mila Cup 2010 Urkunde Tournament at Frechen in Germany during 12th - 13th June 2010. Twelve kids were led Rev. Fr. Francis Kritsada Sukapat, Deputy Director, Khun Siam and Khru Phop, as well as the Team's Coach and Special Adviser: Mr. Heiko Klimanchewsky. How proud the children were to come second in the match! Several German benefactors have also arranged for them to visit important places such as the River Rhein of Mainz, soccer stadium in Cologne, Phantasialand Bruehl and the famous Cathedral at Cologne, to mention a few, before and after the match. The children were very excited to travel on an airplane for the first time. They have learned new sports techniques and experiences, and made many new friends. Our deepest thanks to all the benefactors, especially the Human Help Network and Mr. Reiner Calmund.



For most Asians, one cycle is 12 years and each cycle is auspicious. In 2010, the Pattaya Orphanage will celebrate its 3 cycles in **September** in a grand way. We wish to thank God and all our benefactors for the blessings and support over the years. We take this opportunity to invite former residents to get together and celebrate. At the same time, we hope to set up the "**Pattaya Orphanage Education Fund**" and request kind-hearted friends to help make our dreams come true by supporting the growth of this fund in order to provide quality education and bright future to all our children.

YOU CAN TAKE PART IN THE LIFE-GIVING AND FUTURE BUILDING FOR ORPHANS BY:

- ★ Making donation towards their welfare
- ★ Making contribution of necessities
- ★ Contributing to the "Education Fund"
- ★ Sponsoring a meal
- ★ Sponsoring a child on a yearly basis
- ★ Visiting and giving them encouragement
- ★ Volunteering to care for them
- ★ Introducing the Orphanage to your friends



OBJECTIVES OF THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

1. To express our thankfulness to God and to benefactors;
2. To strengthen relationship between current children, former residents, current staff personnel and children's benefactors through a get-together;
3. To mobilize and set-up an education fund for the orphans; and
4. To further promote the work of the Orphanage to the public.

Pattaya Orphanage Education Fund

1. Donation can be made through the parish priest at any church within Chanthaburi Diocese
2. Donation can be in the form of either cheque or bank transfer to Bank Account:
"Pattaya Orphanage Education Fund,"
Savings Account Number: 342 - 450426 - 8 at Bangkok Bank Ltd., Banglamung Branch
3. We wish to send each of you a receipt and acknowledgement, therefore, once your cheque is issued or your bank transfer is made, please contact us at: **Pattaya Orphanage**
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Collections from School Bus

Episode 6: After 7 years, Father Ray's work continues..

In a special way, the children at the Pattaya Orphanage have been remembering Fr. Ray Brennan on 16th August of each year. Although it's going to be his 7th anniversary in 2010, or seven years after his departure, Fr. Ray's goodness, love, and strong bond with his children have remained alive and fresh in their mind. Older kids often pray to him when they have special wishes like taking a school examination. The little ones, who have never met but have heard about him, are able to talk about Father Ray fondly.

Every August, the children attend the special memorial ceremony in his honour at St. Nikolaus Church. They believe Father Ray is now in heaven and continues to protect them.

In September 2010, the Pattaya Orphanage will be 36 years old. For this auspicious occasion, Rev. Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak, the executive director, and the Foundation Board, are working on the establishment of a special "Education Fund" for orphans, with the aims to ensure that each and every child has resources to support his or her attainment of the highest level of quality education, which will make a secure life possible, and to continue the great work started by Father Ray.

Respectfully yours,
Editor