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## Merry Christmas

## Happy New Year 2015



*May your heart be warmed by  
the sweet magic that Christmas  
always brings, and may all your  
dreams be fulfilled.*

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New year!*



▲ To mark our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Pattaya Orphanage welcomed back adopted children to pay a visit to their old home this year. Several families around the world have visited in the past seven months whereas 16 from Europe, inclusive of 20 children from 4 to 18 years old, were able to join our 4-day Native Land Visit programme between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014. While participating parents from Switzerland, Germany, and Denmark were very pleased to refresh the memories of those remarkable and life-changing days when they met their adoptive children for the first time at our home. The couples and their kids embraced new impressions and warm memories of the Pattaya Orphanage as well as the beauty of Thailand and its people. Safe return home and we look forward to the pleasure of welcoming all of you again. Grateful thanks to all, especially Khun Toy and her team, who have made this event possible and a great success.. May God continue to bless each and every one with joy and good health, today and always..

## Message from the Director

Dear Sponsors and Benefactors,

"Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve"

The above phrase is written at the entrance of the Harvard University, U.S.A. At the entrance of our orphanage, there is also an invisible phrase which I would very much wish it to be inscribed in the hearts of all our children: "Enter to be Loved, Depart to Serve."

Dear Sponsors and Benefactors, you are our valuable persons helping this dream come true. We are taking all the possible means to ensure that all our children are raised up with the best expertise possible. Throughout their 24 years here at this home, children will gradually become mature young adults. Upon their departure, these young grown-up persons will hopefully be ready to live happily with others in their respective societies. They have been trained to love and help others, especially those with less privilege in life. Let's then put all our efforts to make this dream realized in our beloved children.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak  
Director



▲ Treasure Hunting is one of the fun-filled games our volunteers organised during this mid-year vacation. Kids in primary and secondary school levels go in teams to search for hidden treasure in our compound, following instructions given in English, and helped one another solving riddles. Thanks to Teachers Pernille Laursen and Laerke Daverkosen from Denmark, Teachers Malte Huggelmeyer and Katharina Quaiser from Germany, and Teacher Rebecca McNamee from England for their fantastic help with our English tuition programme.



▲ Joe & Kong Nuvo in Charity Concert: The Pattaya Orphanage organised a very special event to mark its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and raise fund in support of the children's education on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014, at Thai Alangkarn Theater Pattaya.. On the stage were exceptional performances from Joe & Kong, Thai Alangkarn Theater, Pattaya Orphanage, Bangkok Dance Pattaya, and the first Thai glass harpist Weerapong Thaweesak. On behalf of the organisers, Rev. Francis Xavier Kritsada Sukkaphat, our deputy director, addressed Dr. Steven Chana Kitikiattisak, President of Maryvit Education Center's executive board, who kindly presided over the opening ceremony. He also thanked the 2,000 attendants who filled the theater to its capacity, especially the Kitikiattisak Family, private and government sectors benefactors who have sponsored tickets for children attending the concert, for their presence and support.. Most Reverend Silvio Siripong Charatsri, Bishop of Chanthaburi Diocese and Chairperson of the Orphanage's executive board, handed bouquets and gifts to the artists and supporters, especially Mr. Sutthikorn Jearaphaithoon of the Thai Alangkarn Theater, who generously gave permission to use the theater and its premises for free of charge.. Special thanks to H.H.N. Foundation Thailand, Royal Cliff Hotel Group, Maryvit Schools, and Rue Mai Restaurant/The Tara Resort Pattaya. Our children promise to study hard, be good, and keep you all in their prayers..



▲ Welcome back, Khun Maurice Dimmock, Chairman of ASIC and Rose Education Foundation, England, for a brief but meaningful visit. Khun Maurice enjoys seeing his friends of all ages, hands a lovely card with donation from Pastor Pete Spence to Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak, and follows up on the Covered Walkway Project that REF is supporting with 10,000 Pounds. He also wishes to further help the deaf kids with additional FM receivers to enhance their learning. Thanks a million for keeping our kids and their well-being close to your heart.



▲ Having some spare time prior to their seminar at Baan Phu Waan, Nakhon Pathom, a group of Indonesian priests and laypeople made it a point to visit the Pattaya Orphanage. Khun Jum from Panchasap Church in Minburi, Bangkok, kindly led the group, including her long-time Indonesian friend, to our home and facilitated the overall trip. Following the welcome and briefing provided by Paul on behalf of Rev. F.X. Kritsada Sukkaphat, our guests had a tour of our premises and gave loving hugs to our toddlers. Terima kasih banyak.. Have a blessed trip.



◀ Once again, Ms. Fiona Morris and Ms. Alison Pullinger from St. Leonards - Mayfield School, England, are back in Pattaya. This time, they bring along 10 high school students to spend two weeks in the area. The group extends support to those less fortunate than themselves through the Thai Children's Trust in the UK and is happy to see the projects with their own eyes. At our home, the kind-hearted guests have visited the deaf and orphaned kids twice. The little ones enjoy their warm hugs and playtime, along with the gifts of clothing and beautiful hand-made wristbands.

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