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Merry Christmas

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*May you find peace,
joy, and love this season,
and remember that
our loving thoughts
are always with you.*

Happy New Year 2013

**Christmas is a special Season of Joy. We are making sure each deaf
and orphaned child will receive a gift at our party on 25th December 2012.**



▲ Signing Hand, Heart Talking: Two events in 2012 marked 30 years of Sotpattana School in service to deaf children. In August, a ceremony at the School was held with Bishop Emeritus Lawrence Samanchit, President of the Pattaya Orphanage, presiding over the opening of the exhibition and biblical service. Bishop Philip Banchong Chaiyara CSsR also honored past administrators and dedicated teacher in front of 400 participants.

Then on the actual auspicious day, 6th October 2012, a special afternoon with spectacular shows was organized in cooperation with the Thai Alangkarn Theater Pattaya to raise fund for the children's education. Deaf and orphaned kids were on the stage, exhibiting their great talents among professionals of the Theater. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Sopin Theppajuk, Managing Director of Diana Group, for presiding over the opening ceremony; Khun Toy of HHN Foundation Thailand for spending months coordinating the event, and Thai Alangkarn Theater Managing Director Sutthikorn Jearaphaithoon, or Khun Boy, for his extraordinary support.

Thanks be to God for the blessings as we remember the late Fr. Brennan, the School founder, extend appreciation toward our benefactors, and continue to support the children with quality care and education.

Message from the Director

“Give a man a fish, and feed him for a day; show him how to catch fish, and you feed him for a life time.” (Chinese Proverb)

We have to sincerely thank many of our farsighted sponsors who generously supported our children’s self help projects such as the primary kids’ mushroom farm, the girls’ knitting, the secondary children’s catfish farm and hydroponic cultivation. All these projects may not make a lot of profit now, but will help our children learn to work together and gradually gain more experiences about simple means to earn their living. Now they work and have a lot of fun to watch their fish and vegetable grow everyday. What they now enjoy doing as a small scaled hobby will later become possible means of income for their own family. We strongly believe that children who are exposed to different kinds of good experiences and opportunities will later have better chances of being successful in life. That is the reason we are so grateful to our sponsors who help realize all the said projects.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak
Director



▲ Portrack Youth or Thai 12 Programme in Pattaya: Led by Mr. Maurice Dimmock of Rose Education Foundation and Chief Executive of Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC), vibrant members of the Thai 12 team spent 5 days in Pattaya holding activities for orphaned and deaf kids. By serving the children, our guests became our new caring friends. Khun Maurice took this opportunity to present Rev. Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak with ASIC Certificate following his extensive professional evaluation of the Deaf School. Prior to their departure, every member of the Orphanage and Deaf School enjoyed the lovely party sponsored by our guests.



▲ Visit to Adoptive children in Germany and Switzerland : In September, Khun Toy and her assistant Lam visited Germany, to be with several families who have adopted children from the Pattaya Orphanage. Their tour started straight from the Airport to visit a family living close to the Frankfurt Airport. They further visited families in Winnweiler, Saarbrücken followed by Berlin, Mainz and Heidelberg. Besides they also had meetings with Director of Human Help Network e.V, Mr. Ewald Dietrich and staff in Mainz, the Ministry of Social, Health, Women and Families in Saarbrücken, the Parents-Child-Bridge and Bureau Genevois d'Adoption in Switzerland. For both of them meeting with children and see how they are well integrated into families and new environment are of great reward of their trips. Thanks to all families.



▲ Khun Tor Graves has returned for another two visits to the Pattaya Orphanage, after becoming 2012 FIA World Endurance Championship Runner-Up in LMP2 Class, giving all of us so much excitement and joy. On 9th November 2012, along with the family of Khun Jo, his close friend, our hero kindly spent a few hours with children who congratulated and shared a meal with him. Rev. Michael Weera Phangrak thanked Khun Tor for helping promote the Orphanage during the past racing season.



◀ Then on 12th November, with his wish to further help the kids, Khun Tor met the press to thank for their support and also unveil his idea of online auction of 3 signed items on our website. His family also gave us a great honour of their presence, especially their time with babies in our nursery and the older ones. While continuing to pray for Khun Bob Graves and his eternal repose, we keep Khun Tor, his happiness, health, family, success in the next season, and the realization of his dreams in our prayers and close to our hearts.



▲ Crocheting Handbags: During the mid-year break, 12 teenage children from the Pattaya Orphanage under Khru Tiew’s supervision gathered at “Nu Bim Handmade” shop in Pattaya to learn crocheting handbags using colorful nylon thread. The shop owner Rungarun Phewlamai, or Khru Bim, kindly taught our kids the whole week for free, knowing this would be a valuable activity for their leisure time. Each of our kids chose her own pattern and colours; therefore, the atmosphere of learning was enthusiastic. They were very proud of their handmade products. Some talented children were able to produce two bags in two days. These crochet bags are available at the reception of the Orphanage. The proceeds will become extra fund for the children’s educational supplies. Do stop by and give them a boost of morale.

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