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## President's Annual Report

Presented at the Annual General Meeting  
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Once again, we have had extremely successful year thanks to the dedication of Asa Jupoa and her staff at the mission in Thailand, the volunteers who travelled to the mission and performed various types of services, the generosity of those who provided the financial support needed to sustain the mission, and the on-site managers Paul Evans and his wife Dee. You may have noticed in our June newsletter where we announced that Paul and Dee stepped down as on-site managers to work with hill tribe communities in Northern Thailand to develop an Avocado Industry.

We had a few changes in Management Committee membership this year.

- Our former Treasurer, Susan Manns, having to move on to other things. We are grateful to Susan for her skill in improving and maintaining our financial records and practices so well. David Walter was appointed Treasurer by the Management Committee to replace Susan.
- Alissa Miller joined our Committee as the Editor of our Newsletter.
- Paula Hopkinson-Smith is our new member who specifically looks after the health and well-being of our children.
- Nathan Archer joined the Committee as our financial and marketing advisor.

### Some Highlights of this year:

Each of the responsible persons will present their own reports, but I would like to give my personal thanks and recognition of their outstanding achievements and support during this year. Their detailed reports will be distributed as we advance through tonight's agenda.

- Lenore Dickson who will report to you on this year's sponsorship and fundraising activities, children's health maintenance and emergency treatment, the results of project teams and volunteer activities at the mission and legal arrangements concluded.
- Susan Manns, our former Treasurer and who is also a qualified accountant, was engaged to perform a financial audit of the organization. She will provide the Auditor's Annual Report for your approval.
- Our Treasurer, David Walter, will report to you on the financial health of the organization. We are in a better financial position than previous years. David will also present to you our Annual Financial Audit for your approval.
- Alissa Miller will report on our newsletter. I am sure you have noticed the improvement in the newsletter's quality.
- Paula Hopkinson-Smith will provide a new report addressing medical and well-being activities and systems improvements.

## **General Outlook for the New Year**

The outlook for the New Year is very positive. We again anticipate some small growth in our intake of children, but the number will depend upon how many more sponsors we can find for tiered support levels, which are:

Tier 1 Sponsors for basic food, uniforms and educational fees

Tier 2 Sponsors for health care, shelter and all essentials

Tier 3 sponsors for maintenance, electricity, water and transport.

We are also looking to improve our education program with additional attention to providing our older children with further education and job skills training. We have received a promise of \$60,000 in funding from Ellie Tassell and her group of Christian ladies who make and sell beautiful cards to raise money. We have already received an initial \$10,000 to start the program. We will keep you updated on our progress through our newsletter.

## **Summary**

I wish to thank all of our financial supporters for their generosity; the Management Committee members for their support, and huge amount of time and energy they have given to this organization; Asa Jupoa, the President of the Association of Development Assistance for Thai-Hilltribe Children Inc. (DAC Inc.) Board for her efforts this year toward keeping the Mission running; Paul and Dee Evans for their hard work in helping to make it possible for us to double the number of children in our care; a great big thanks to Kings Christian College and the Genesis Church for the volunteer teams they sent over to the mission, and to our God for the blessings He has showered upon us.

We are looking forward to another very successful year to come.

Barry Kelly  
**President**