

Rescue Mission for Children -Vice President Report 2017/2018

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Dear Supporters of Rescue Mission for Children,

Thank you for your generous support which is life changing to the vulnerable children we care for at Rescue Mission.

This report is about the children, their education and improvements to their wellbeing and my volunteer visits to Thailand during 2017 and March 2018.

RMFC's vision is to protect vulnerable children, educate them to reach their potential and empower them to have hope and a future for themselves and their communities.

As Sponsorship Coordinator, I am aware of all our children's situations before coming to Rescue Mission, there is a common thread of poverty, many are orphaned, abandoned or neglected, suffer from poor health and deprivation. We use a Risk Matrix to identify those children at highest risk of abuse, deprivation or neglect, this is how we decide which children to care for, a hard task when there is so much need.

This year RMFC expanded our reach to 52 children, boys and girls, aged from 2 to 16 years.

It is heart-warming to see the children thrive and grow under the care of Ader and Aga their house parents, Nanuan our cleaner who is like a grandmother and Asa, co- founder, a loving parent to all the children.

Education is the key to unlocking poverty and all the children progressed to the next year level, we also celebrated 2 girls graduating Primary School and continuing to High School. Many were outstanding considering the hurdles they have navigated, and they make us so proud of their hard work and determination to succeed.

Again, this year has seen health emergencies amongst our children and strengthened our resolve to create the best practises and care possible. As stateless children health care is beyond reach for poor families so when the children arrive we can be faced with medical and dental issues.

Many of the children have bad teeth decay so extractions and fillings were administered at the local dental clinic. We had a volunteer doctor give full health checks to all the children in January this year and another volunteer doctor followed up in April and July.

Our immunisation program continued with all children fully immunised at the local hospital, with Hep B added to the program in 2017.

In February, I visited to oversee the roof construction for the new kitchen, again a time to rejoice in the generosity of supporters. Volunteers also engineered a water culture system for growing vegetables and herbs, an innovative style of growing plants with a liquid



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nutrient system. We had a fabulous group of students and teachers from Kings Christian College bless RMFC in acts of service and fundraising.

It was my great pleasure to visit with a team of volunteers in Sept, there was some amazing fundraising in 2017 to provide for a fabulous new kitchen. This was a huge task, and everyone lent a hand, hot water systems were installed in the boys' and girls' dorms and in the kitchen. Curtains were made, and tie dyed to brighten up the children's dorms. Children had their annual birthday party, complete with decorations, party games and presents. Great fun for children who don't even know their birth dates. Volunteers taught English at the children's Primary School and were very well received.

Pastor Yesue continues to minister to our children through, bible teaching, worship and Sunday Services. Genesis Church faithfully supports this ministry and have also purchased bibles and study aides. Our older children are leading worship nightly with the help of Aga, our House Father as well.

During my visit in March, RMFC Inc. signed a 30-year lease document, drafted by a Thai lawyer, which was then registered against the land titles at the Thai Government Land Department with Asa who is the owner of the Rescue Mission property. This secures all donor funds and investment in assets onsite, guarding these for the ongoing use and long-term protection of the children of Rescue Mission.

A full risk assessment of the site was carried out during this visit, with a Hazards Action Item list formed, Asa and Aga has been steadily working to address each item and we are funding these to ensure complete safety for children, staff and volunteers.

With the donation of a laptop and the purchase of a new smart TV, an English language program was implemented to support the children's studies, one of our High School students was taught how to implement daily classes to teach basic English online to the younger children, in a fun and engaging way.

In Australia we have an awesome team and I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work in 2017/2018, we have diverse skill sets which have strengthened the core of the board and created great outcomes.

August 2018 will see a new website launched to make Rescue Mission For Children technically relevant, we are so thankful to ECBD Website Developers who have fully donated this new website.

This September I head back with a volunteer group to renovate a disused dormitory for our older girls as we have 29 girls sharing one room and one bathroom. This is a much needed project which will give the teenagers study room, shower cubicles for more privacy.

Again, to our supporters, God bless you abundantly as you have blessed Rescue Mission For Children abundantly.

Lenore Dickson Vice President and Sponsorship Coordinator.