



RESCUE MISSION
FOR CHILDREN

Dear Supporters of Rescue Mission for Children,

This report is all about the children, their education, their health and improvements to their wellbeing during 2019.

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

This year RMFC expanded our reach to 54 children, boys and girls, aged from 4 to 18 years.

The children thrive and grow under the care of two house parents Yammie and Bearmee, Asa, co-founder, Nanuan our cleaner and now our older girls aged 16-18 years have matured into caring young women who are responsible for helping the young ones in areas of dental hygiene and cleanliness. It is a pleasure to witness this big family atmosphere.

Education is the key to unlocking poverty and all the children progressed to the next year level, three children attending the local Thai High School, forty-nine in primary school, two girls aged 18 and 16 years are attending Distance Education or home schooling. They all make us so proud of their hard work and determination to succeed.

Medical has been our biggest hurdle in this 2019 year, it has seen health emergencies amongst our children, and we have increased policy around this 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 complex medical and dental issues that are often ongoing.

October to December 2019, our children were very unwell from Dengue Fever they contracted at their primary school, this resulted in 36 children being hospitalised in the local hospital and 10 referred to Chiang Rai hospital for critical treatment. The local Thai council fumigated our centre and the primary school many times, every precaution has been implemented to stop this Dengue Fever outbreak happening again. The financial cost was enormous to RMFC Inc. but our generous and loving supporters and sponsors opened their hearts and donated all the costs of the hospitals, blood tests and medications.

An American volunteer doctor gave full health checks in March 2019.

Dental treatments- many of the children had extractions and fillings at the local dental clinic in October.

Nosaya continues ongoing specialist visits with eye problems and is scheduled for an operation in June.

Our immunisation program continued, all children fully immunised at the local hospital for all childhood diseases, tetanus and Hepatitis.

New mosquito nets, bedding, school shoes, scout and school uniforms, underwear, stationary, mats, sporting equipment, ping pong table and other essentials were purchased

through Christmas cards and calendar fundraising, this was monitored by visiting board members in 2019 to ensure our children have every item they need for education and wellbeing.

English teaching continues to be delivered through the TV and lap top computer, new resources were downloaded for the older children to teach the younger ones and I feel this is so valuable to both age groups.

Akha Handcrafts, a small business opportunity for our girls, has been launched on our website. We have purchased all the resources for tribal embroidery and the girls who are keen can produce embroidery in their spare time for generous payment by RMFC Inc. to mitigate the push and pull factors that can cause them to leave education for employment to support extended family.

Our Vision for 2020 to Improve Health and Wellbeing

Additional House Parents – ideally Thai speaking couple with multiple skills.

Thai teacher for Saturday language classes – to improve school outcomes.

Youth Group or similar for teenagers– to engage older children in the community.

Citizenship - Statelessness – Support from Lawyer Pro Bono to help gain identity papers that will lead to gaining rights and citizenship in Thailand.

In conclusion, observing the rhythm of the children's lives, I see happy, healthy and confident children, a good level of personal hygiene, access to health care, education being delivered, cultural and spiritual activities and an abundance of nutritional meals and fruit snacks.

The one absolute, glaring and obvious certainty is these children are so beautifully natured, helpful, caring and resilient young people who deserve every gift and I am so thankful to all our board and supporters for giving them this opportunity to thrive and reach their God given potential.

Blessings to you all, Lenore Dickson.

Vice President and Sponsorship Coordinator.