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## **President's 2019 Annual Report**

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I am pleased to report that once again our organization has been blessed with a very prosperous year. This was made possible by the dedication of Asa Jupoa and her staff at the mission in Thailand, the many volunteers who performed various types of services, and the generosity of loyal financial supporters.

### **Some Highlights of this year:**

Each of the responsible persons will present their own reports, and I would like to give my personal thanks and recognition of their outstanding achievements and support during this year. A copy of their detailed reports will be distributed to the membership via email or land mail.

- Lenore Dickson will report to you on the year's sponsorship and fundraising activities, children's health, improvements to their wellbeing and education.
- Susan Manns, a qualified accountant, was engaged to perform the organisation's required Auditor's Annual Report for your approval.
- Our Treasurer, David Walter, will report to you on the financial health of the organization.
- Paula Hopkinson-Smith will provide a report addressing medical and well-being activities, and systems improvements.

### **Projects and Maintenance Activities This Year**

In February 2019 A cold room project was completed under the kitchen roof space to provide a lockable, vermin proof, refrigerated, hygienic area for the storage of all perishable food items on stainless steel shelving. This was done by Trevor, Ira, Peter and Lois, volunteers from Victoria.

In September Kings Christian College donated 2 new twin tub washing machines, which were greatly needed due to failing and broken current machines. The students and teachers also painted the boy's dormitory, taught the girls sewing on the machines, craft activities, English teaching and hosted the annual birthday party for all.

Also in September Genesis Church members (Pastor Bruce Ward, Nadene Ward and Nicola McClue) and other Australian volunteers were the backbone of the following projects:

- complete renovation of older boy's dormitory including insulation, fans, louvres, fly screens, bathroom, lighting and painting throughout.
- A hot water system was replaced in young boys' dormitory.
- There was a complete overhaul and clean-up of tools in tool room, and door seals and a closer installed at the cool room.
- The potable water extraction system at the creek was repaired and maintained.
- Inspection and maintenance were performed all vehicles, including the tractor
- Many lights fixtures were replaced, taps, plumbing and pipes fixed.
- The gas cookers were maintained, bed furniture painted, and timber replaced on children's beds and new timber cupboards built for clothes storage.

In December Rotary NZ volunteers renovated the young girl's bathroom with new louvres, paint, shower cubicles, basins and new doors. They concreted, roofed and created a new washing/drying area for clothes, so important during the wet season.

Also in December, nurse volunteers took all the children to the dental hospital for treatments.

### **Our Vision for 2020 Projects**

We are looking forward to upgrading the younger girls' and boys' dormitories with insulation. Fundraising is planned for purchasing a 6-wheeler vehicle for school transport and outings. We are also planning to renovate an existing, unused building for conversion to a purpose-built classroom for Thai teaching and weekly church/teaching meeting with Pastor Yesue.

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

The outlook for the New Year is very positive. We anticipate being blessed with the capacity to accommodate some small growth in our intake of children, but of course that depends how many new sponsors we can attract for tiered support levels, which are:

Tier 1 Sponsors for basic food and educational fees

Tier 2 Sponsors for health care, shelter, uniforms and all essentials

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

We are also looking to continue our extended education program, which focuses on providing our older children with further education and job skills training. The program is fully funded to meet our current needs.

### **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, especially during the Dengue Fever outbreak; a great huge 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.

I am confident that the new sitting Management Committee will excel in meeting the challenges laying ahead.

  
Barry Kelly  
President