

## Rescue Mission for Children - Sponsorship Report 2022/2023



Dear Supporters of Rescue Mission for Children,

Thank you for your generous support which is life changing to the 63 vulnerable children in our care.

### **Education is the key to changing the poverty cycle.**

All the children progressed to the next year level, we have 21 children attending High School and 1 in 2nd year University. One child attends special school in Chiang Rai to meet his needs. 40 children attend the local primary School.

The exciting news is Technical College for students graduating Year 9 has been investigated and in 2024 we will have 5 graduating students able to choose from 3 colleges and a wide range of courses.

**Health and Well Being** our registered nurse Paula, visited the children in October 2022, to assess dental, physical, and emotional wellbeing. Paula identified conditions needing immediate attention, which have been addressed.

Each child has an electronic health profile where all data is stored for follow up and further treatments, referrals, dental and immunisation programs.

2022 saw a wide range of health issues, Covid finally came to the children, but all had very mild symptoms, scabies and fungal infections also affected 13 children who were refugee children from Myanmar which now reside at Rescue Mission, dental treatments for over 30 children and one operation for a hernia.

**Pastor Yesue**, Pastor Yesue is training the boys' soccer team each week as well as Church Service and Bible teaching. We are so thankful for his dedication towards the children, 2022 saw 32 children step forward for Baptism and to celebrate holy communion. Pastor Yesue is teaching lessons on the guitar to those interested as well.

**Projects** - 2022 saw volunteers for the first time in 3 years, in September all glass louvres onsite were replaced or repaired, young boys' and girls' dorms were painted, new screens on every window, lights replaced throughout the centre, new thatch roof on volunteers dining area, 3 computers bought, and a computer lab created with new sliding door.

In January/February 2023 volunteers also painted, fixed leaking taps, serviced air conditioner for cold room, added programmes to computers, created video presentations, replaced doors, playground equipment repaired (swings and basketball hoops), fixed washing machines and purchased a new kitchen fridge.

Volunteers are important and welcome to the ongoing maintenance and wellbeing required at Rescue Mission.

**Citizenship** For 4 years Rescue Mission Inc. funded fees required for 43 of our stateless to gain citizenship. In January they received 10-digit status, they are recognised as people who exist in Thailand, it is the first big hurdle on a journey to full citizenship, they are not illegal aliens, they can travel freely and access some government programmes. 13 digit is full citizenship, their education and work status will gain this in the future. Congratulations to Asa for persevering with community, government offices and admin to achieve this life changing outcome.

**New Isuzu Bus Arrives** After 4 years of fundraising, generosity from too many to mention and answered prayer the new vehicle is taking children to school and on outings!! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project.

### **Goals for 2023**

- Water project for gardens, solar powered pumping of raw water from the creek (cost saving project of electricity and water filters)
- Additional House Parents – in readiness for more child intakes.
- Upgrade projects – dormitory renovation required for overflow if we accept more children in 2023.
- To investigate solar power for centre as electricity is very expensive monthly.

Rescue Mission For Children is in essence a big family, and our children do grow up and leave the family home. In 2023 a boy, who had been in our care for 10 years returned to his village to support his single mother and younger siblings, he hopes to also further his education through Distance Education. He was 18 years old, had gained his citizenship, Year 9 education, health benefits and spiritual care. We are very proud of him, we will miss him, but our door is always open to him in the future.

We welcomed 18 at risk children from Myanmar, siblings and single children who have settled well and are happy and healthy. It is a joy to us to see the transformation take place for these children.

We will make Rescue Mission ready to help Stateless children who may need our help when the Myanmar border is less patrolled, as conflict has displaced many, ravaged their village families and made poverty worse than ever.

Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity and prayers, blessings to you all,

Lenore Dickson. President and Sponsorship Coordinator

