

Rescue Mission for Children - Sponsorship Report 2023/2024



Dear Supporters of Rescue Mission for Children,

Thank you for your generous support which is life changing to the 64 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 18 children attending High School, 1 studying Tech Course and 2 in University. One child attends special school in Chiang Rai to meet his needs. 42 children attend the local primary School. We are excited that on graduation 11 girls are interested to study at Chiang Rai Nursing College next year.

Health and Well Being , Nurse Paula, held a virtual clinic in July 2023, to assess dental, physical, and emotional wellbeing. Volunteer Childrens' Nurse Andrea, treated and diagnosed children in September 2023. Both identified conditions needing immediate attention, which have been addressed.

2023 saw a wide range of health issues, Dengue Fever struck 7 children, but all had very mild symptoms, scabies and fungal infections also affected new refugee children from Myanmar which now reside at Rescue Mission, dental treatments for over 35 children, one operation for a hernia, another teenager required a surgery and a young boy with fractured arm and dislocated shoulder after falling from a tree.

Pastor Yesue continues 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, the teenagers are enjoying youth group with visiting speakers in the new Recreation Room. The children also attend local church gatherings to sing at celebration services.

Projects – September 2023, saw volunteers from Kings Christian College, these students painted an unused dormitory with a mural, painted tables and bookcase, painted walls to transform this building into a Recreation Room which has become a hub of activity.

Their donations also paid for roof repairs, new doors, shutters, lights and electricity wiring from a local builder.

In January/February 2023, volunteers with trade skills, replaced glass louvres, doors, locks, and plumbing in buildings that required maintenance, sewed curtains and addressed all hazard report issues.

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

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!!

It was a joy to take all the children to the local zoo in September and the national park for the first time in February.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project.

Goals for 2024

- We have investigated, sought advice and gained quotes for solar power for centre as electricity is very expensive, in 2024 we will move forward with this project.
- Water project for gardens, solar powered pumping of raw water from the creek (cost saving project of electricity and water filters) in consultation.
- Upgrade projects – dormitory renovation, ceiling and insulation, for younger boys and girls dorms.
- New mattress replacements for most children.

Cleft Palate Baby

In April 2023, Asa our founder/manager was approached by a refugee family in Myanmar whose baby boy was days old, born with a cleft palate, with no hope of treatment they reached out to Rescue Mission, we agreed to partner with Operation Smiles to financially support the operations, visas required and ongoing medical treatments. He is now 1 year old, has had two surgeries and thriving, he will need several surgeries as he grows, it has been a blessing to help this baby and family. We had two successful fundraisers in 2023 which will cover his medical for the completion of surgeries.

New Sponsored Children

In 2023/2024 we welcomed 9 new at risk children from Myanmar, siblings and single children who have settled well and are happy and healthy. It is a joy to see the transformation take place for these children. One 13year old boy has begun education for the first time, Year 1.

The situation in Myanmar continues to escalate for Stateless families, some are sending, abandoned, unaccompanied children across to Thailand anyway they can, this is often the history of the children we care for, and they arrive in poor condition, requiring urgent medical attention.

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

Lenore Dickson. President and Sponsorship Coordinator

