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NEWS FROM THE CHRIST CHURCH BORDER KAREN MINISTRY



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Would you sponsor Alan's 21 km Marathon run?

We would like to wish our sponsors and friend's of Karen Ministry a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!!!



In September, 'Border News' reported that the effects of COVID have left us with very few donations and left us short of funds.

To help raise money to educate students at Noh Bo Academy, Christ Church member Alan Daykin hopes to complete the Chiang Mai half-marathon on December 20th 2020. Money raised can help make a real difference the student's life, providing an education for those who would otherwise have none. **Please consider sponsoring this event.** You can sign up on the forms at the back of the church on Sundays or on the Karen desk in Li Hall. You may pledge an amount in Thai Baht per km (21km) or a total amount to finish.

Alternatively you can sign up electronically on the Christ Church website:

<https://christchurchbangkok.org/page/91/sponsored-run-noh-bo-academy>

We would like to thank Alan for his kindness and dedication in training for this charity event. We wish Alan every success with this fund-raising endeavour.

Caring for the students during COVID..... Ensuring Social Distance



Feeling lonely this Christmas...

Due to COVID 19 restrictions the students cannot return home this Christmas. The students will be spending their Christmas in the dormitory away from their families and loved ones. We will continue to feed them and keep them safe during this pandemic.

Impact of COVID 19: Stay Home! Be Safe!

This academic year faced many challenges due to COVID-19 prevention measures especially restricting movements of people from place to place. Communities were strictly advised to stay at home and be safe which forced education leaders to restrict the movement of students and teachers. Student education activities adapt to new routines such as scheduling "small group home learning" as part of social distancing.

The refugee camp had an even more trying year, as part of COVID-19 prevention measures left the camp in total lock down. Few NGO's tried to maintain their support at current level however some NGOs could not maintain their support at all. In addition the pandemic led to increase in prices, due to the restrictions of movements of goods. The limited job opportunities or reduction in income options, all increased the trials for the Karen community.

NEW SINKS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR HAND WASHING



CCB KAREN MINISTRY MISSION

"To provide spiritual and practical support working towards a greater degree of self-reliance to the Karen community living in the Thai-Myanmar borders"



AUSTRALIAN AID AND SUSTAINABILITY



The Australian Anglican Church are funding the sustainability project in Noh Bo.

The aim of the projects is to promote self-reliance and to educate the students on potential livelihood. As part of our first phase we are cultivating some fruit and vegetables to reduce food cost. Growing some Roselle plants to produce as tea, to be sold in Bangkok.



AS PART OF OUR SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT AND TO PROMOTE GREATER SELF-RELIENCE, CCB SELLS ITEMS MADE BY THE NOH BO STUDENTS AND LADIES IN THE CAMP



Bake sale was held in November and December 2020 to raise funds for the Karen Ministry...



What your donations can do

The work of our Karen Ministry continues, and we have a full budget for 2020. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Here is a picture of how your donations can help.

Mae La Camp Support for a Nursery

School student	1,600 baht per year
Support for a nursery school teacher	6,000 baht per year
Nursery School food supplement	2,200 baht per month
Caring for an orphanage child	5,120 baht per year

Noh Bo Academy Students and Staff

Day Student	8,000 baht per term
Boarding Students	12,000 baht per year
Teachers (13, including Principal)	Average salary 3,500 baht (\$75) per month
Staff (1 office – 3 cooks - 2 supervisors)	Average salary 2,500 baht (\$46) per month

Noh Bo Food and Nourishment

The largest portion of the budget is food - essential in a boarding school for refugees. We need 65 large bags of rice each month for 10 months, at about 850 baht per bag.

The school also spends about 46,000 baht a month on fresh produce, giving an annual food bill of approximately 927,500 baht (\$31,000).

Education Materials

Each year supplies of paper, exercise books, text books, pens, markers, etc. are 40,000 baht (\$1,333). Arts, crafts and sewing materials are extras and depends on special donations

Uniforms

Noh Bo students take great pride in their uniform.

Annual cost for students is	18,000 baht (\$600)
Teachers uniforms per year	9,000 baht (\$300)
Sport kits per year	10,350 baht (\$350)

Utilities

Electricity approx 4,700 baht (\$156) per month
 Gas bottles at 300 baht (\$6) per month.
 Water at 300 baht (\$6) per month
 Internet provision is expensive – 2,675 baht (\$93) per month



Health and Wellness

Toiletries for students cost about 40,000 baht (\$1,333) a year.
 Medicines, dental and hospital bills average 3,000 baht (\$100) per month.
 Blankets are needed in the cool season – 100 baht each for 100 students – 10,000 baht (\$333)

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION:

NO SANTA THIS CHRISTMAS!!

SADLY, DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE THE STUDENTS CHRISTMAS GIFTS THIS YEAR!!

HOW ARE WE MANAGING OUR FUNDS?

WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE STUDENTS' ESSENTIAL NEEDS AND MAKING CUTBACKS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON GROWING VEGETABLES TO REDUCE FOOD COST & HOLDING FUND RAISING EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY...

Your continued prayers and financial support are needed more than ever! We send a heartfelt 'thank you' for the past efforts and hopefully, for your future support, as we struggle to reach the levels of funds we had pre virus.



Cheques made out in foreign currency attract very high transfer fees in Thailand (\$60).

Cheques in Thai Baht are no problem.

Electronic transfer is best!

Please email us on accounts@christchurchbangkok.org to let us know when you make a payment, so that we can ensure that it arrives and issue a receipt.

Bank Account for Karen (New) A/C:

Siam Commercial Bank

A/C Name: Christ Church English

Branch: CP Tower

A/C No: 168-225-876-6

A/C Tape: Saving A/C

SWIFT code: SICOTHBK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

