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Official Opening of BAN MEATA CHILDREN'S VILLAGE - PHRAE

6th August 2008 saw the official opening and dedication of the new children's village in Phrae. It was a special day and very exciting for John and Sharon and their team of dedicated workers.

Trevor Bucknell –Missions Pastor at Faith!Christian Church, Dandenong Victoria Australia dedicated "The House of Faith." This beautiful children's home at Phrae was financed by Mr & Mrs De-Mel in memory of their son Sonal, also by Faith!Christian Church.

Rob & Jean Dunk with Pawinee Angnoi –dedicated the Village itself, Rob was assisted in cutting the ribbon by two year old Fook, the oldest of the first five children at the village. Guests came from Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Phetchabun, Khon Kaen -

Thailand also from Melbourne, Bairnsdale, Adelaide, Northern NSW and the Gold Coast, Australia. Mercy International / House of Mercy Foundation was well represented by its volunteers, Thai leaders and workers

The new Village is really beautiful. We thank God for all the miracles; and we thank all the donors from around the world; the many volunteers who have assisted in building and decorating; plus John and Sharon and their hard working Thai team.



A Wedding at

BAN MEATA CHILDREN'S VILLAGE - PHETCHABUN

Gunyar was a malnourished little six year girl when she first came to Ban Meata Children's Village - Phetchabun in 1995. She has grown into a beautiful young lady who is a staff member today at Ban Meata.

17th August 2008 was a very special day for Gunyar. She was married to her Christian boyfriend Sak. It was a lovely wedding and so nice to see one of our little girls all grown up and marrying a nice young man. The dining room at Meata Chanupatham School (adjacent to the children's village) was decorated with white and pink roses.

Gunyar looked beautiful in her pale pink traditional Thai wedding dress and Sak was handsome in his white suit.

Gunyar continues to work at Ban Meata and Sak has just commenced his two years of national service training in the Military.

SIGN UP WITH A TEAM AND COME FOR A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

Lynne and Jenni personnel of the Australian Mercy International Office are organising a team to visit Thailand - 26th April to 10th May 2009. This is a special team for people who would love to visit another culture and also have a desire to make a difference in the life of a child but have no one to travel with. For more information about this special team – contact Lynne or Jenni.

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Teams

Teams are important and they are always encouraged and welcomed. Teams bring the world with all its wonders and cultures to the children and staff living / working in the various projects of Mercy International – Thailand. Every team is different and they come to make a difference which they do in so many ways.

We have welcomed Teams from all walks of life and various countries. Over the past couple of years we have had teams come from Singapore, USA, Holland and Australia plus YWAM teams from various countries. The children always welcome them with open arms and shower them with loads of love and affection.

TEAMS FROM HOLLAND

It's been wonderful to have several teams come from Holland. They have come with many bags of supplies and donations which have been received with appreciation and thanks. Each team member has also worked hard in painting, cleaning, plumbing and maintenance. They also spent quality time with the children and staff. The BBQ's they financed were a huge success with everyone.

American Inspiration... Terri a young lady member of the He Intends Victory Team, [USA] wrote a poem expressive of her time with the children of House of Mercy Foundation

*Small hands, large hearts
No longer worlds apart
Joined in love, laughter and smiles
Jesus in the centre all the while
No words needed to express
That we feel more than just a guest
The children here have left their mark
Small fingerprints were left upon our hearts
The time spent here leaves us wanting more
More time to see what God has in store
More time to see the children grow
And feel the love that from them flows
The joy that is so contagious here
Shows that Jesus is truly near.....Terri*

Agricultural Program

House of Mercy Foundation's Agricultural program is proving to be a huge success in suppling fish, vegies and fruit to all our centres. We provide a total of 8,500 meals every week in our centres including the hot lunch for the 1.034 students at Meata Chanupatham Christian School. We experienced some minor flooding a couple of weeks ago and the dam near the banana plantation overflowed and swamped all the banana trees. Amazingly the trees survived for which we are very thankful to God.

In the business of life we pray that you will know the overwhelming grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Love and Blessings from everyone at House of Mercy Foundation.

Jean Dunk

