



# Rejoice Charity Newsletter July 2012

## From Finland with Love....



**Viljami Hätönen** is a research student, registered nurse, paramedic and scout leader. He is on a World tour and found himself in Chiang Mai for the annual Songkran festival. Below is the concluding summary of his day out with the Rejoice Mobile clinic....

### *I Wanted to change the world...*

*My job during this one day journey to the delightful Chiang Mai countryside was mainly to sit, smile and take photographs. I didn't take me long to realize that I had very little opportunities to take part in the actual work that*

*Gee and Arm had worked for years and mastered it to an art. I don't even want to get started about the language barrier which obviously was huge. That led me here, writing this. I came to a realization that I want to share with you. The best way for us westerners to help people around the world is to give them either of the two things we have a lot to spare: time or money.*

*Coming in for just a week, or two or three won't make it far even if you knew the language. Even if you would possess skills and education that are directly linked to the charity's field of work. You need months to get to know the culture, the system and most important of all the people and gain their trust.*

*Money is easy to give. PayPal, credit cards, money transfer, you name it. Problem is finding a charity that puts the money to good use. For the benefit of the people. A good indicator for a charity like this can be found from what Rejoice does. A real*

*grassroots charity run by locals, that employs locals, empowerment is done by locals and thus they gain the trust of the people they work so hard (and with so little!) for.*

*We westerners really need to drop the thinking that we can save the world. We can't, but we can give all the necessary tools, all the money needed for it and a lots of education for those who will someday change the world to a better place for everyone. After all that is done, maybe someday in the future there will be a day when all humanity comes together and saves the world. Together. As one. Imagine!*

[read more in Viljami's blog](#)



### Background

- **Rejoice Charity provides medical, social and educational support to communities infected with and affected by HIV/Aids**
- **Rejoice has no religious or political affiliation and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation or ability.**
- **Based in the city of Chiang Mai, Rejoice makes weekly visits to communities as far afield as Fang in the north to Chom Thong in the south.**

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## Making Steady Progress

Rejoice continues to grow with individual, corporate and group donations each playing a significant part. We now have 70 children on our books, both pre-school and students. Of these, there are fifteen students seeking scholarships from Rejoice.

We have introduced an additional clinic in Phrao, (120 km

or 75 miles from Chiang Mai) which, at the moment, is combined with the clinic run to Fang. We visit Phrao at two week intervals.

**Khun Kanda**, a health care worker with Chiang Dao Hospital has informed us of several potential patients in isolated villages in Chiang Dao district.

We are currently looking at starting a new clinic(s) to accommodate these communities.





## Sanpatong Sewing factory. Pra san jai group.



In the small village of Huarin in Sanpatong district there is a small factory consisting of a couple of dozen ladies busily sewing. The factory was the brainchild of a Japanese non-profit organisation – Access21. It was constructed 11 years ago to provide sustainable employment for a group of ladies infected with the HIV virus. The Japanese NPO had already been helping people with HIV since 1997, when it became very apparent to them that a group working in the grounds of Wat Huarin temple, selling local produce, were being ostracised by the local community because they had HIV. The group were finding it very difficult to earn

money to support their family.

Hence the small factory was built and now employs these ladies in a bright and friendly atmosphere making *samue*, a two piece traditional Japanese garment worn by Zen monks and also as a working garment. The garment is made from cotton, hand dyed and woven in a village, *Ban Tan*, in *Hot* district. The cloth is then transported to Huarin for sewing and



finishing. Access21 run a mail order service and the majority of the garments are exported to Japan.

Rejoice makes a weekly stop-off at the factory distributing medicines and formula milk to the families of the women affected by HIV.



## Case Study “Umpan”

The following case study taken from an UNESCO report, nicely links the above story with the following one “Angels of the North”. The hyperlink to the complete report, which provides a good insight to how the AIDS pandemic evolved in Chiang Mai Province and how today the situation is vastly improved; <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001206/120684e.pdf>

### Case Study “Umpan”

Umpan is a food seller in a small community marketplace 30 kms from Chiang Mai City. After her husband became ill with AIDS and developed dark spots from a fungal infection all over his body, his parents began to fear AIDS contamination. In addition, the neighbors gossiped about Umpan and her husband. Umpan continued with her business, which was the major source of income for her family. However, she found that the income from her business was not as good as before. She sold very little, and only to the whole-sale merchants or people who did not know her story. When Umpan’s neighbors asked her about the disease, she re-stated that the doctor had told her that AIDS could not be transmitted through food. Umpan told her neighbors that the deci-

sion to buy the food she cooked was up to them: if they feared contamination they could buy food from other sellers. She wondered "If I quit my job and begged for money, would they give it to me?"

Umpan struggled in this situation with patience. Her greatest encouragement to continue with daily life came from the practices of "spinning meditation" and Buddhism, which gave her more patience and understanding. "If somebody blamed me and I got angry I would never be able to sell my food. If they understood me, they would buy my food. If I did not get angry, my accusers would return and be good with me."

Umpan continued going to the market and persisted with selling her food. Later her neighbors (including relatives of sellers in the market) also became ill from AIDS, just as her husband had. Umpan visited them and supported them. She gave them suggestions on how to deal with social discrimination and how to take care of themselves and she accompanied them to the hospital where she took her husband

until they got better.

Umpan was familiar with the hospital system and had developed a good relationship with the hospital staff. Umpan persuaded some People with Aids (PWA's) in the community to join an HIV+ group in Chiang Mai City. Information about Umpan had been distributed to neighboring villages.

More and more PWA's and relatives came to Umpan for suggestions. Sales became better, and later her husband helped her do the food packaging. Umpan took time from her business to join the Community Health Team and to become a speaker, sharing her experiences with people in different communities.



## Angels of the North



**Kanda from Chiang Dao Health Centre**

Like Umpan in the case study above, there are people with Aids (PWA) who have volunteered to help others infected with HIV at their local Health Centre. These people, mainly women, provide invaluable empathetic support, advising and counselling newly diagnosed HIV patients. Moreover, since they meet patients on a regular basis they can advise Rejoice of any serious concerns they may have with the wellbeing of families and especially families with children.

Rejoice keeps contact with these "Angels of the North" and often they meet at the Outreach clinics or the Health Centre.

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**Kasemsri and Suphan and Gee. at Sankampeang Health Centre.**



**Two more Angels Somyor and Saisunee. Sanpatong Health Centre.**

## Allison from Canada



At the end of last year a volunteer from Vancouver, Canada, Allison Heath paid a visit to Rejoice and went on a few mobile clinic runs. Allison is studying for her Masters degree in Health Administration and is a Research Assistant at the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada. She had been raising funds in Canada, on behalf of Rejoice, both before her trip and after her return to Canada. Here is a copy of Allison's email -I don't think Allison will mind.

Hello Alan,

My apologies for taking so long getting back to you since my visit! After leaving Chiang Mai I spent Christmas in Singapore, visited Malaysia, southern Thailand and briefly saw Beijing on my way home. Since returning to Vancouver it's been non-stop getting back to work and school. It was a big adjustment after travelling for so long and I definitely went through some withdrawal from Asia coming back home! Not only do I miss the vacation and the nice weather (it's been lots of rain here in Vancouver), I really fell in love with the culture - and the food! I even learned a little bit of Thai cooking and have been trying to recreate the soups and curries here. The rest of the places I visited were very different from Chiang Mai and everywhere had its own things to see. I even noticed a big difference in Southern Thailand versus the North, and of course Bangkok is in a world of its own. I did have a much more enjoyable time in Bangkok the second time around and was actually able to see most of the big tourist attractions - Wat Pho, the King's Palace, a river boat ride, the markets ...

Anyways, I hope things are great in Chiang Mai. I've attached pictures from the clinics we visited and at the office. They won't all fit in one email so I will send a second as well. Please keep in touch and let me know how things are going and send my best to everyone.

I have just transferred you the donations via PayPal. I'm sorry for taking so long to get this to you; it took me a little while to get the account set up and get my own finances in order here. I hope this money will be helpful in covering some of your costs for supplies and running the clinics.

I would love some updates from Rejoice and Chiang Mai! How is everything going there? How about the weather? We are finally getting some nice weather here in Vancouver which is a nice change from the rain and snow.

Best wishes and talk soon, Allison



The Rejoice team and Allison from Canada with some of the Sanpatong factory workers.



Allison with one of the factory workers



Allison at the Rejoice office



# With a Little Help from Our Friends....



A group of individuals in Singapore, which we have given the name, "Friends of Rejoice Singapore" have been helping Rejoice for a good few years. Now they are back with a vengeance thanks to a young man, Wight Wong. Wight has done a fantastic job in recruiting both old and new friends and family to sponsor children and at the same time donating towards the Rejoice outreach clinics.

I asked Wight how he became involved

with Rejoice. He wrote the following note which I include below.

What is intriguing from Wight's note is who put the article in The Malaysian Star? Without that article and Wight reading it in 2003, Rejoice would probably not exist today.

Does anyone know who placed the article way back in 2003?



Hi Alan,

Per our communication, please let me explain a bit about the Friends of Rejoice Singapore group. Most of these people are actually friends or clients of mine. I have a class which I hold pretty regularly, & when we decided to contribute to a charitable cause, we selected Rejoice because we are pleased with the great work that has been done.

We made the first contribution since 2003, when I came across a front-page coverage of Rejoice in the Malaysian Star Paper. I was working there then, so I collected some funds which I forwarded to Rejoice. However, I only made my first visit to Rejoice in July 2009. Steve very kindly brought me around, I took some pictures of Rejoice's field work, which I then showed to my friends & clients.

During that visit, Steve told me that donors had been dropping off, & he had been thinking of closing down the charity. I told my friends about

this, & one of them, Cedric decided to do something about this. Cedric is from Malaysia. He was working in the UK then. He began a fund raising campaign in his office, & raised a handsome sum which enabled Rejoice to carry on. We then paid a visit together to Rejoice, in November 2009. A friend, Arthur, then decided to sponsor the hosting of the Rejoice website, & most of the photos on the header & footing of the site were taken by us during that visit. In fact, I was the one who wrote the articles in the Voice section of the website. Please feel free to add anything you wish to there, or if you wish to remove anything, I won't be offended.

Some of my friends are contributing towards making monthly donations to Rejoice. It is a small effort from us, but we are happy to be able to do whatever we can to support Rejoice.

I wish you luck in the fund raising effort to replace the vehicle, without which Rejoice would be

greatly compromised, as you aptly pointed out. I have been to Chiang Dao & Fang, & am aware the distances covered are vast. The Rejoice mobile clinic has been bringing hope to those villagers; we hope that in our small ways, we would be able to keep your good work going.

Please write me if there are any requirements you might have. The least I can do is forward them to my friends.

We are aware that charity work can be very thankless. Salutations from us for the selfless work you've been doing. We hope more people will come forward to help out to enable Rejoice to continue serving the under-privileged in Chiang Mai & beyond ...

Cheers,

Wight

## Certificate of Appreciation



This is a letter of appreciation to Carol Foo and her family for their monthly donations of provisions to the two day-care centres which Rejoice visit each week near Chiang Dao. (Translation on the right)

Maena Municipality Organisation, Chiang Dao, Chiang Mai

This is to certify that

Carol Foo and Family

Have donated rice, eggs, fruit, cookies and milk powder  
For the Day-care Centre Watsee Unmuang, Maena Municipality, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai

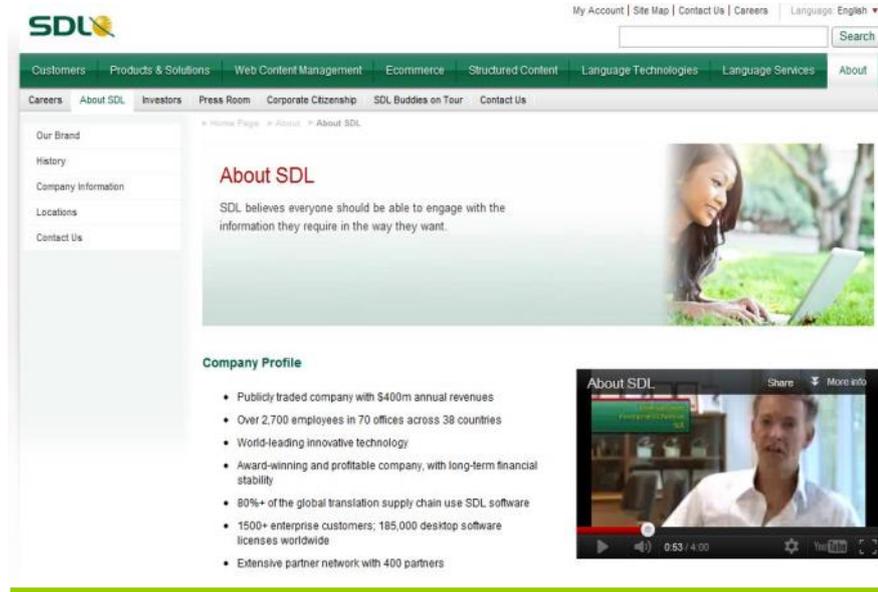
May God bless you and have a successful life

5th April 2012  
Rungroj Duangdee  
(President of Administration)





# Corporate Donors



Our main donor remains SDL language services. They have been a stalwart supporter for the past few years now and without their help and encouragement it would have been difficult to continue. On behalf of all the communities and families they help;



**A BIG THANK YOU!**

<http://www.sdl.com/en/>

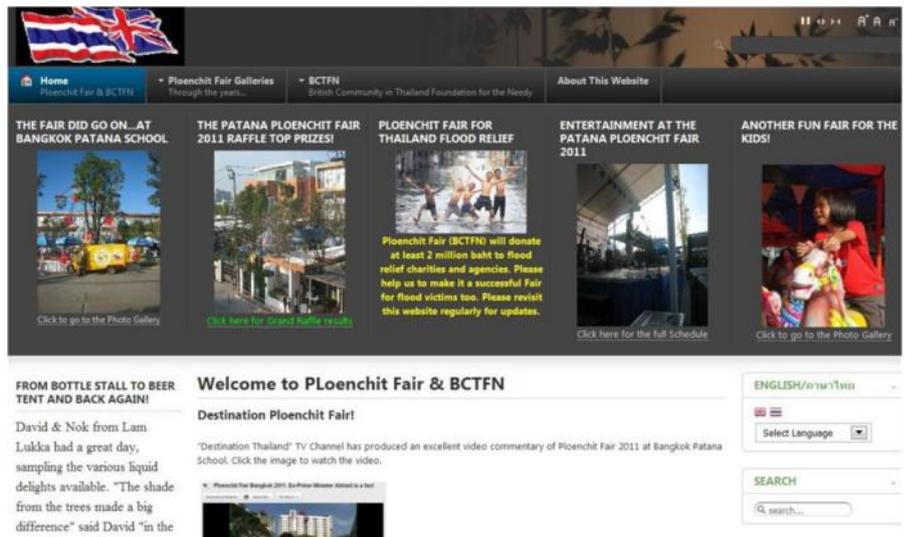


## British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN)

The British Embassy under the auspices of British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN) have renewed their donation for a further period of six months;

*“I write to inform you that your request for assistance for your outreach programme for baby formula milk, palliative medicines and diesel fuel expenses for the pick-up truck were approved at our meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March.”*

BCTFN hold a huge fund-raising fair for Thai charities each November. Last year (2011), because of the severe flooding in Bangkok, the venue had to be changed—with only two weeks notice. Read how the event unfolded at: <http://www.bctfn.com/>



## BP Employee Matching Scheme

BP (British Petroleum), under their matching scheme, whereby employees of BP who donate to a registered charity can have their donation matched by BP.

Frank and Wendy Claes who have donated to Rejoice for several years, and are also sponsors of the Rejoice Twins, Bank and Bow, will have their donations matched by BP.

## Roy and Jules Dickinson

Father and son business partners, Roy and Jules Dickinson decided to donate ‘half their profit over a certain Christmas period’ to Rejoice.

The other half was donated to ‘[Chiang Mai Toy Ride](#)’, a group of motor cyclists who collect money for toys and distribute the toys to needy children.



**Thank you!**



## Children of concern



**Napar Un-Muang:** 7½ years old and HIV+ve. Her mother died a few years ago. She lives with her father (also HIV+ve) in a village between Chiang Dao and Fang. Her aunt and uncle live close by. She recently has had an infection of head lice and her hair has been shaved; Gee has provided anti-lice shampoo for use in future. She appears to have settled well at school and seems to be much happier than on the previous visits. She is sponsored through Rejoice.



**Wattana Khampaeng:** 13½ years old. He is HIV +ve, both parents have died and now lives with his grandparents and older brother (also HIV+ve). Wattana has a lung infection (TB) and visits hospital monthly for HIV therapy and TB medicine. He enjoys watching football on TV but cannot take part in sport because of his illness. He attends school and appears quite happy in spite of his predicament.



**Nattaphun Worapiah:** 16½ years old, HIV +ve, with severely stunted growth. His mother and father died when he was about 6 years old and lives with his grandparents. Grandfather (64) is diabetic and has gout and is unable to work. The family go to the hospital in Mae Rim every two months for check-up and medicines - the round trip is about 80 km and costs about 200 baht (which is very expensive says grandfather). Nattaphun's nickname is "SEAgames" because he was born during the SEA games (South East Asia games) when they were held in Chiang Mai. Nattaphun has now left school and the family decided to send him to the local Wat (temple) where he will study to become a monk.



### Pitoon Yajai

Our recent concern is for a 4½ year old Shan boy who is HIV+. He stays with his HIV+ mother and grandmother. They are stateless with no papers. They have fled fighting in Shan state. The good news is that, 'under the radar', they are receiving ARV therapy at the hospital in Chiang Dao. Also, the little boy has been admitted in the local day care centre – he also has a sponsor from Rejoice.

A recent article appeared in the Bangkok Post ; <http://www.bangkokpost.com/feature/humanrights/287830/stigmatised-over-a-card> which goes some way in highlighting the plight of stateless people.



# Donor exit puts dreams in peril

Bangkok Post 20th May 2012

The following is part of an article taken from The Bangkok Post, 20 May 2012. [Read complete article here.....](#)

When she heard the foreign donations that paid for her studies were falling drastically,

But due to the recent political developments in Myanmar, organisations like Swan that work along the Thai border are finding it difficult to attract funds to keep their programmes alive.

International donors wanting to work inside the country with the Myanmar government are

sations in Thailand are also facing similar financial hardships and will find it difficult to provide education for children.

As many as 36 community-based NGOs in Thailand have sent letters of appeal to foreign donors urging them not to cut support for their projects on the Thai-Myanmar border. And it is not only the educational efforts that are hurting. The renowned Mae Tao Clinic, located in the Thai border town of Mae Sot, which provides essential medical services for hundreds of thousands of refugees each year, has only received enough funds to cover half of



**YEARN TO LEARN:** Above, migrant children such as these face a major challenge in getting an education.

**Bo Bo Han emphasised that international donors should directly work with civil society groups that work with the public rather than through organisations such as the UN.**

**"Direct assistance from donors to grass-roots civil society organisations is more beneficial. If it goes through the UN, they have to deal with the government and there will be delays in the process because of red tape. There are many examples that show the public doesn't get the full support from donors when donations have to pass through many hands first."**

16-year-old Myanmar migrant Seng Jam Longzaw began to worry that her dream of becoming a nurse was vanishing.

Seng is enrolled at Chana-pathum School, a middle and high school in Chiang Mai's Fang district. The money that has kept her in school comes through the Shan Women's Action

Network (Swan), a Thai community-based NGO that supports thousands of children along the border with school and transportation fees.

**"I feel sad when I have answer questions from migrant workers on whether or not they can send their children to school. I would love to urge everyone concerned not to kill the dreams of these children who desire to be educated," said headmaster Hla Tun.**

now cutting funds for Thai border-based groups. Moreover, support from various national governments and international NGOs for humanitarian aid projects outside Myanmar is not being renewed as aid is being redirected to groups inside the country.

The result is that at the moment, thousands of migrant children in Thailand who receive support from international donors through community-based NGOs are facing difficulties. This year Swan has experienced an 80% shortfall in the funds needed to help students starting the new school year this month. Other exiled women's organi-

its annual budget.

The Thai Burma Border Consortium, which provides food rations and other necessities to 145,000 refugees, said the loss of funds from international donors makes it hard to maintain its programmes as well; "So now they [refugees] only get some 80% of basic minimum requirements in food and in other sectors. In particular, teachers' stipends have been reduced," said Sally Thompson, the deputy director of the consortium. "It is now very difficult to find teachers because some of them are trying to find other forms of work."





## Making a Difference



Day Care children will soon start school

Over and above uniforms and clothing, school bags, books, writing materials etc. have to be bought - without these the children cannot attend school; moreover travel expenses and meal expenses have also to be found. Rejoice encourages potential donors to sponsor a child's education by contributing to these expenses (please see below).

*email*

[contact@rejoicecharity.com](mailto:contact@rejoicecharity.com)

The core of Rejoice's work is the provision of medical services in the form of a mobile clinic, providing weekly visits, where medical treatment and care are given. The AIDS epidemic has severely affected many families, both economically and socially, leaving many orphans and AIDS affected children

and families in its wake.

Education while being a basic right for children in many parts of the world, is a rare privilege for the poor rural children in Chiang Mai Province. While the government provides free tuition, families have to buy school uniforms;- regular uniform, gym and sports uniform, scout or guides uniform.



## Sponsor a Child's Education.....

Poverty and HIV are common partners, particularly in the rural communities. It is not uncommon to see children being cared for by elderly grandparents or relatives. Many are orphaned, many have one surviving parent usually infected with HIV. Desertion by the father is often a factor. The upshot is abject poverty.

**A wonderful way to help is through educational sponsorship.**

The guardians' perception is that they are not receiving money for themselves (most are very proud), but for the child's education.

Sponsorship will allow the child to grow-up in the village community rather than go to an orphanage.

Rejoice provides a means whereby donors can sponsor a child's education. The following pages explain how.





## ....Sponsor a Child's Education

Rejoice encourages donors to support a child to go to school for one year. We do this by proving a sum of money (currently 5,000 baht) to go towards the cost of sending a child to school. The actual amount required varies considerably and depends on level of education – primary, secondary or college. The costs increase with the level, but in all cases will exceed 5,000 baht per year.

We must emphasise that this is not the primary activity of Rejoice. Its success depends on field visits to villages and communities and is secondary to the formula milk,

medicines and care given on the weekly visits of our mobile clinic. Because of this we ask potential donors to inform us if they would like to contribute 5,000 baht of their donation to sponsor a child for a year. In this case we would select a child for you from our ranking of most needy.

If, however, you would prefer to choose a child from our data base, we have put a scheme in place whereby we send you spreadsheet file (XLS) with all the children. To make it easier to read, the file has been

simplified by hiding non-relevant columns, filtering and sorting the data and adding a photo as a comment to the child's name. The file has been sorted in such a way to group together all the children (including pre-school children) who are requesting sponsorship. Below is an example only taken from the Excel file. This file is updated regularly and updates can be requested by emailing us at:

[contact@rejoicecharity.com](mailto:contact@rejoicecharity.com)

All Children										
Ref	Name Surname	Sex	D.O.B	Age		Clinic	HIV Status		Renewal	Not sponsor
				Y	M		Child/Mum/Da			
8	<a href="#">Nattapong Tuebou</a>	M	26-Sep-09	2	9	Sankampaeng	-ve/+ve/+ve			
10	<a href="#">TANATIP_INTAHMAL</a>	M	02-Mar-10	2	3	Sankampaeng	-ve/?/?			
16	<a href="#">NITIKORN_CHAIYARPORN</a>	M	17-Nov-09	2	7	CHOMTHONG	-ve/+ve/+ve			a
18	<a href="#">Prattana Chankaew</a>	F	22-Sep-09	2	9	Sanpathong	-ve/+ve/+ve			d
19	<a href="#">Pattamar Yanangun</a>	F	03-Sep-08	3	9	Sankampaeng	-ve/+ve/+ve			
21	<a href="#">PIMNAPA_TARNATA</a>	F	03-Nov-10	1	7	Sanpathong	-ve/+ve/?			e
22	<a href="#">PIMRADA_KAMNGAM</a>	F	27-Dec-09	2	6	Fang	-ve/+ve/+ve			f
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50	<a href="#">KITTSIAK SIRIKHAM</a>				4	Phrao	-ve/+ve/died			5
52	<a href="#">SARANYAR PANYA</a>				5	Phrao	-ve/+ve/died			3
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64	<a href="#">AREERAT SRIDOKBUA</a>				7	Chiangdao	+ve/died/died			
65	<a href="#">TIDARAT YAIN</a>	F	11-Sep-97	14	9	Chiangdao	+ve/died/died			
1	<a href="#">Kamonchanuk Khamploy</a>	F	02-Oct-95	16	8	Chiangdao	+ve/died/died	27/Sep/12		
2	<a href="#">Kannika Sukasaem</a>	F	29-Dec-00	11	6	Sarapee	-ve/+ve/died	5/Mar/13		
3	<a href="#">Kanarong Tethakan</a>	M	22-Mar-97	15	3	Sanpathong	+ve/died/?	27/Sep/12		



EXAMPLE ONLY

The above screen-snip is a part of the Microsoft excel (XLS) master file which shows all the Rejoice children—from infants to college students. The headings are self explanatory although of note is the child's age which is automatically calculated on a daily basis from the date of birth. Also a column showing HIV status of child/mum/dad. Each column can be filtered enabling specific

attributes to be selected. This clip has been sorted to show the children requesting sponsorships. The scholarship children are shaded green, also the pre-school children are included (shaded light blue).

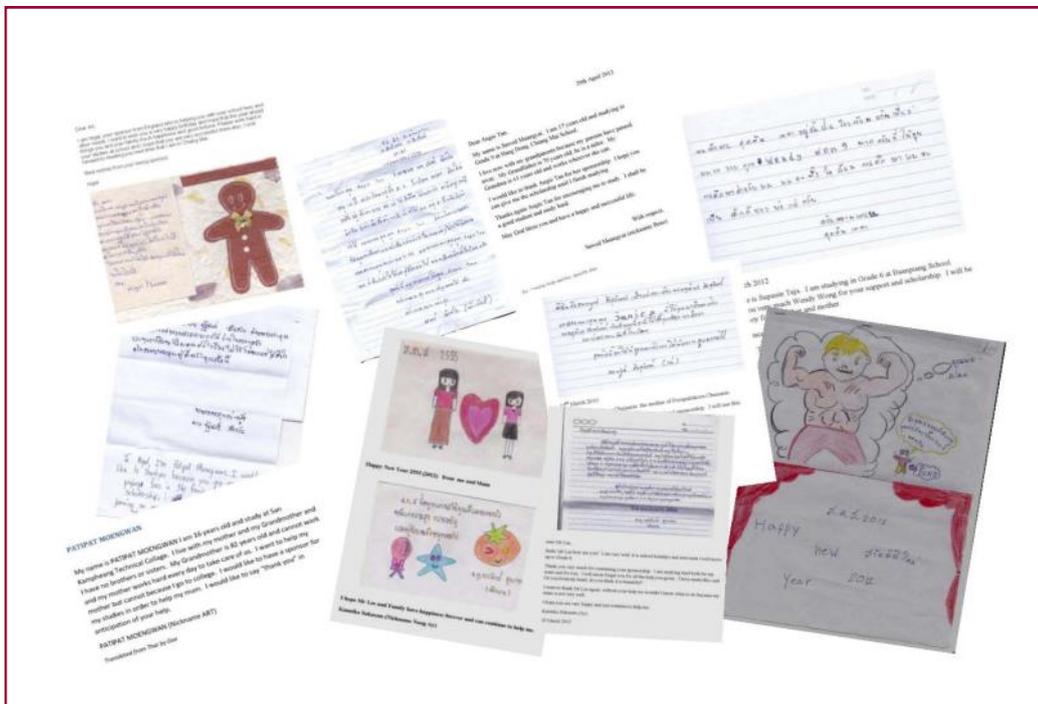
Hover the mouse over the child's name and a picture of the child will appear as shown in the above picture (screen snip).

This can be very useful for potential sponsors. Rather than Rejoice selecting a child on their behalf it will make it easier for the sponsor to choose for themselves.

Also shown in the shaded areas is Gee's ranking. Many sponsors prefer to let Gee choose a child.



## ...Sponsor a Child's Education

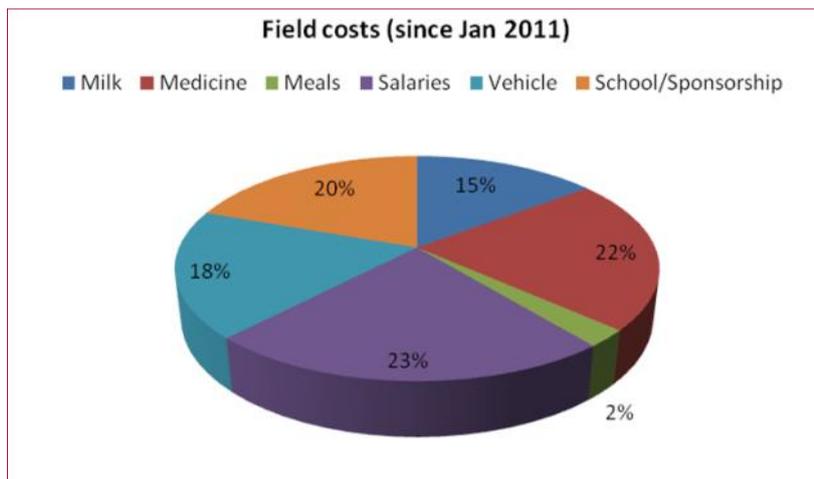
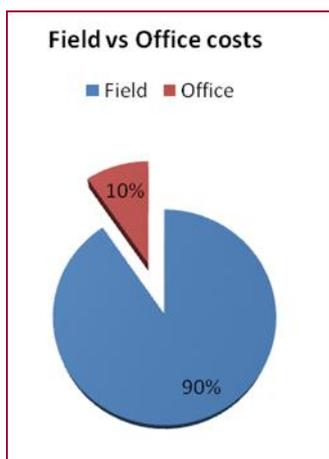


If you would prefer to choose a child from our data base, please choose a child using the excel (XLS) file as described on the previous page. Send us the number and name of your first choice and please select a second and third choice in case the child has already been sponsored.

In all cases we will let you know, by email, we have received your donation and we will send a PDF file of your child.

Some of the letters from (and to) the children. Rejoice encourages sponsors and children to write to each other. We can receive, scan, translate and pass on all communications to/from the children.

## Breakdown of Costs



The above pie charts show the cost breakdown for the period January 2011 to present (June 2012).

The office costs are only 10% of the total thanks to the fact that the office is rent-free and all administrative work is done voluntarily.

The field costs are solely accrued by the activities of the Mobile Outreach Team

which consists of Gee and Arm, and occasionally a part-time person who is paid on a daily basis. Since Gee and Arm are both locals, their combined salary is not excessive (currently 17,000 Thai baht per month).

The chart also shows an increase in educational sponsorships which have occurred, particularly over the last 6 months.

At the end of each month, details of the

Mobile Outreach activity, consisting of clinic, sponsorships, field costs and financial bank details, are sent to our main sponsor [SDL Language Services](#) as part our sponsorship agreement.

We hope this cost breakdown gives you confidence that your donations and sponsorships are being used in the most efficient and transparent way possible.



## Appeal for Donations

Rejoice relies on donations for its existence. Corporate donation from SDL Language Services has allowed Rejoice to continue in a stable but limited capacity. There are many poor, underprivileged families who require help in Chiang Mai Province especially in the border areas. With additional funding Rejoice could expand its services into these areas, but this must be done in a responsible way.

There are several ways in which donations could be made:-

- Corporate sponsorship; many companies set aside a portion of their profit to donate to charity. Encourage your company to sponsor Rejoice.
- Individual donations, either directly to Rejoice in Thailand or to Rejoice Foundation UK, can be made directly by Bank Transfer.
- Standing Order is a great way to donate small sums on a regular basis.
- Use of credit card by means of PayPal
- By introducing friends and relatives to Rejoice.
- By creating a group on social networks such as Face Book.
- For UK tax payers Gift Aid is a great way to get tax relief so Rejoice can benefit.

## Help Keep Rejoice Mobile

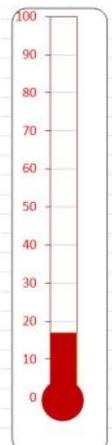
The most valuable asset to Rejoice's mobile clinic, apart from the Outreach Team, is the vehicle. Over the past eight years the Ford pick-up truck has served Rejoice and its patients extremely well. It has now travelled over 190,000 km and maintenance costs are becoming a major issue.

We would like to replace the Ford pick-up with a small mini-van (bus) which would be a better alternative than a pick-up truck. (Previously, Rejoice used a mini-bus for the transport). A mini-bus would afford more comfort and safety for more people, also it would be more maneuverable in the small lanes and sois. Terrain is not a problem (except during floods) since almost all of the roads are paved.

Approximate cost of such a vehicle is 900,000 baht. We would hope to sell the pick-up for approximately 200,000 baht thus leaving about 700,000 baht required.

We realise that this is a huge sum for individuals so we propose to set up a fund whereby donors can specify that their donation goes to the MINIBUS FUND. The downside to this of course is that it will detract from the general funding of Rejoice.

Any suggestions will be gratefully received.





## Helping the Needy

### By direct bank transfer;

Donations can be made either direct to the account in Chiang Mai, Thailand or, alternatively to the account in London, UK. Account details are shown in the tables below.

Thailand Account	
Account:	Alan Wheeler (Rejoice Charity)
Bank name:	Bangkok Bank PLC
Bank Address:	Thapae Road
	T. Chang Klan
	A. Muang
	Chiang Mai 50100
	Thailand
Account No.	251-4-767678
Swift Code:	BKKBTHBK

London Account	
Account:	Rejoice Foundation UK
Bank Name:	HSBC Ltd
Branch:	Canary Wharf
Bank Address:	London E14
Account No:	41466879
Sort Code:	40-02-44
Swift Code:	MIDLGB22
IBAN:	GB89MIDL40024441466879

### By Credit Card via PayPal

If you want to make a donation via PayPal, go to [Rejoice website and click on the "Donate Today"](#) button in the top right corner.

### Create a Standing Order

If you would like to make a regular contribution /donation, of whatever size, please print out and complete this [standing order form](#) with your bank details and amount pledged, then return it to Rejoice Foundation UK (not your bank) at the address below;

*Nigel Haunch, Chair, Rejoice Foundation UK, 119 Dundee Wharf, Three Colt Street, London E14 8AY*

### Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, Rejoice can reclaim tax on your donation from the Inland Revenue at no extra cost or inconvenience to you. This currently makes your donation (at basic rate) worth an extra 25p for each £1 given.

If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment return.

For us to benefit in this way when you donate, you can download and print this [PDF form](#), sign it and send to the address below OR, alternatively, you could email your home address to [contact@rejoicecharity.com](mailto:contact@rejoicecharity.com) and we will post the Gift Aid form to you to sign and return to;

*Nigel Haunch, Chair, Rejoice Foundation UK, 119 Dundee Wharf, Three Colt Street, London E14 8AY*

### Send a Cheque

If the banks are still accepting cheques and you wish to make a one-off or intermittent donation to Rejoice, please make your cheques payable to 'Rejoice Foundation UK' and send them to;

*Nigel Haunch, Chair, Rejoice Foundation UK, 119 Dundee Wharf, Three Colt Street, London E14 8AY*



## Notes for Donors

Please let us know about your donation by sending a short email to; [contact@rejoicecharity.com](mailto:contact@rejoicecharity.com). So that we may contact you and thank you directly.

If you would like part of your donation to go towards sponsoring a child's education (5,000 baht) please let us know whether we should select a child on your behalf or you would prefer to select a child yourself, in which case we will send the Excel file 'Children Seeking Sponsorship' to help you decide.

### Thank you all for your generous support.

Please visit our website; [www.rejoicecharity.com](http://www.rejoicecharity.com) and let your friends and relatives hear about us by forwarding this newsletter or better still printing it and use it as a discussion topic.

Your help and constructive criticism will be gratefully received so please send all your comments to;

[contact@rejoicecharity.com](mailto:contact@rejoicecharity.com)

#### Rejoice Foundation UK Trustees

The international fundraising arm of Rejoice based in the UK was started by Nigel Haunch who, after living and working in Asia for some years, returned to London to run his own media consultancy business. Having learned about the work of Rejoice on the internet, Nigel made a visit and was moved by the scale of the HIV/AIDS crisis in northern Thailand. At the same time, he was impressed by the extraordinary achievements of Rejoice in helping those infected and affected by the epidemic, particularly in outlying rural communities.

The Trustees of Rejoice Foundation UK are as follows;

Chairperson Nigel Haunch

Vice Chair Dr Darrall Higson—a Consultant in Pharmaceutical Medicine and formerly a medical director of GlaxoSmithKline

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Alan Wheeler, a retired petroleum petrophysical engineer who now lives in Chiang Mai



[Alan Wheeler](#)  
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