

UPDATE

As of August 2008 there are 484 children being sponsored by CCP in Thailand. There are another 95 on a waiting list in the process of receiving a sponsor.. Will one of them be you?

1 . In 2007-2008, 45 children left the program due to a variety of reasons. 7 left in order to get married as per the custom of their community, 9 are presently working, 6 transferred to districts where CCP does not reach, while 22 have families who have improved financial status and have requested that their sponsors help other needy children.

2 . 12 young people are now studying at college/university.

3 . 24 of our children live with grandparents or other relatives since their parents are separated or have died. While in 2007-8, 4 of our children lost a father or mother or the main caregiver. Please continue to pray for each of them.



PRESENTS OR PRESENCE

"When will my sponsor come to see me?" "Do I have a letter from my sponsor?" some of the most often asked questions by CCP children. "What is the one thing that you would like most?" I have asked this question many times of various CCP children. The most common answer is "to see my sponsor". In early August, Tara came to visit her sponsor child. When Mai went home to visit her family during the school break, she discovered that her father had been put in prison, and with three children in school, her mom could not keep them in school. But because of CCP, Mai was able to continue. Then her sponsor came, she was overjoyed to be able to visit and spend time together. Another highlight for Tara was that she was able to meet the sponsor child of one of her friends. She asked the same question that is often asked, "What do you want the most." The thing he said was to see his sponsor, even a picture would be amazing for him. It was also interesting to her to find that he couldn't even remember what was written in the last letter that he had gotten because it was such a long time ago. She was reminded of the importance of doing

something as simple as sending letters and pictures. While money is important and necessary these children really want to know about who it is that is sending them money. Some of the children look up to them as the mother or father they have lost, or the grandparents they never knew.

HOW DO SPONSORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For some of these children (families) your support means the difference between having to make the choice of food or school, purity or school, payment on the motorcycle or school, having to pawn (sell) the marriage necklace or school. Since schooling is so important, the beginning of the school year is a very stressful time for most families who are living just one day at a time... for many it is the time when daughters are given (sold) in order to have funds for the other children. It's amazing what people will exchange for the funds to pay for the uniform and a pair of shoes. But you can bring change in long held practices, change to beliefs, and change in lifestyle. Jesus said that He came to bring life and life more abundant. Can you share the abundant life? Can you pray for a child who does not have a spiritual parent?