

ASIA CENTER FOUNDATION MONTHLY SNAPSHOT



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Dear ACF Friends,

There's never a dull moment at ACF! October arrived with heavy rains and the familiar challenge of flooding across Phuket. After a well-deserved two-week break during the school holidays, our team is recharged and ready for what's next. We're eagerly preparing to welcome our "students" back next week as we kick off the second school term — refreshed, inspired, and excited for all that's ahead!

BAPTIST FOR ALL (BAP) CAMP

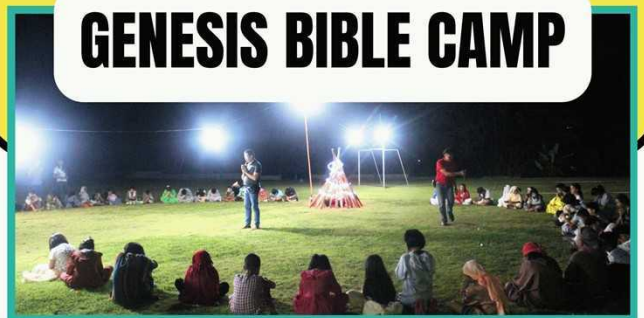


Our ministry team and a few other ACF team members attended the 20th anniversary of the Baptist Church held in Krabi during the holidays. Our own Cornerstone Community Church is functioning under the Baptist Association of Thailand and it was a great event for connecting with members from other churches, and meeting with leaders.

The event topic was 'Courage' and our team returned refreshed and encouraged to courageously move forward with our work.

Before the holidays we hosted our first ever Bible Reading Camp, organized through a cooperative effort between 5 different churches on Phuket. It was a new experience to us having 50 children from our community sleeping in our classrooms for two nights. With our own preschoolers at home for the holidays members of our ministry team worked alongside church members from the other churches to present a fun but meaningful program.

GENESIS BIBLE CAMP





Internship Program

Our internship program for foreign Social work students kicked off again. We welcomed Lova Abrahamsson from Mid-Sweden University in Östersund, Sweden who is doing her 4 month field studies with us. She is working alongside our own Social worker to gain more understanding of the Social issues in Thailand and the work we are doing



Visa and Travel

As usual my October break was spent renewing my visa which enables me to work in Thailand. After a year we need to leave the country for a new visa so I had a brief visit to South Africa. I was able to meet up with a few of our ACF connections and my family while waiting for the visa. After 25 years in Thailand, they finally switched to an online application process in 2024 - and it's still not without its issues.



Her Majesty

On the 24th of October Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother, passed away at 93. Thailand will be in mourning for one year as was the case when the King passed away in October 2016. She was well loved by the Thai people and have done much for her country.





A grandmother's hand

by Angel Danya Paparo

In the quiet corners of a small, rented room, Muai folds her school uniform neatly beside her grandmother's tray of handmade Thai desserts. The scent of coconut and pandan fills the air, a fragile reminder of resilience. Her grandmother, now 82, moves slowly but her hands still steady, her heart less so. She worries not for herself, but for the girl who once danced through the halls of a big house filled with laughter.

That house is gone. Her parents, too, claimed by illness and sorrow. And now, the uncle who helped keep the lights on has passed, leaving behind silence and unpaid bills.

Muai doesn't speak much of the past. She carries it in her eyes, in the way she helps her grandmother stir the batter, in the way she studies late into the night. For seven years, ACF has stood beside her, lifting where the weight was too heavy, lighting the path when it grew dim.

Now, as the grandmother's steps starts to falter, her fear grows: Who will hold Muai's hand when I no longer can?

ACF will.

Our shelter will be her safe harbor. Her story will not end in pain. It will rise in hope. Because every child deserves a future and every child deserves someone who won't give up on them.

And we won't.



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The final word...

In the upcoming 5 months we have to complete a multitude of tasks related to registering 2 of our projects with the Government. Preparations for Christmas will also kick off soon. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to work with the 170 children and families connected to ACF while serving our local community.

Roelien and Team