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* REMEMBER NHU SEEKS *to PREVENT the USE of CHILDREN in the*
SEX TRADE *

Remember Nhu May, 2010 Newsletter

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Chiang Mai, THAILAND

* REMEMBER NHU'S FIRST HOME *in* CHIANG MAI *

With the addition of 13 children in the last year (bringing the total to 26) to our first home in Chiang Mai came an expansion to their current temporary sleeping and bathroom facilities. The children are all from different Hill Tribes. The younger ones who are not used to sleeping on a bed find themselves "somehow on the floor" in the morning! **TITUS and NEEWA** are doing an excellent job as houseparents. The children are doing very well in school and are very happy and healthy. Once a month, they travel with Titus and Neewa as they evangelize different villages and take opportunity to tell other village children about Jesus Christ. They also enjoy lending a hand at various projects at Suan Aden on weekends and holidays. **PLEASE PRAY for THEM.**

GRACE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH in Middleburg Heights, Ohio has committed to sponsoring both the children of Titus and Neewa's home as well as the construction of a new home. This home will be similar to the one currently under construction.

* REMEMBER NHU'S SECOND HOME *in* CHIANG MAI *

Our second home in Thailand opened in May, 2009 with **MAAM and TON** as houseparents, along with 12 children comprised of both Thai and Hill Tribe origins. Maam and Ton are doing an excellent job in their new role as houseparents. This home just received 18 more children in May, 2010. All the children are adjusted to their temporary living quarters on Suan Aden. They will move into the children's home upon completion. They are doing very well in school; they're happy, healthy, and anxious to tell others about Him. **PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING for THEM.**

Some of the people from the girls' villages have recently been miraculously healed. Others have become believers in Christ and have cast aside their idols and ancestor worship. Praise the Lord! Please pray for these brand new brothers and sisters in Christ!

Maam and Ton have been Carl and Laurie's friends for five years. It was the Agape love of Christ coming through Carl and Laurie that won them to the Lord. Carl and Laurie were blessed to see them take a stand for their faith when they were baptized in August. Carl had the honor of doing the baptismal service.

On November 30, 2009, Maam and Ton welcomed a new addition to their family, **MANNA. MIL MIL**, their other daughter, loves her little sister and does very well with her. The girls in the home also love having Manna as another younger sister in their family. Carl helped with the dedication of Manna to the Lord on December 13.

The children's home on Suan Aden is in the final stages of construction. The Lord is blessing **H.E.L.P. THAILAND** (Remember Nhu's work in Thailand) with construction expertise from **BUD JONES** and many work teams that assist in various projects or who work alongside the locals. The children's home will easily hold up to 60 girls at one time while maintaining a "family" atmosphere. The first floor will host a meeting/dining area, kitchen, and a computer lab for the girls, as well as a separate entrance for the Ralstons. Carl and Laurie moved to Thailand upon the auction of their Akron, Ohio home in April. They have found that it is not only more convenient to handle their responsibilities, but they are able to accomplish more for Remember Nhu by living in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The second floor will host the children's sleeping quarters, six restroom/shower facilities, a private balcony for them to enjoy sunsets and spend time with the Lord, as well as an apartment with a separate entrance for Mam, Ton, and their two children.

Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA

* AGAPE BEAUTY SALON *

The young women at Agape Beauty Salon are doing a good job. We are looking at possibly converting the Salon into a training center as many of the customers have expressed an interest in learning cosmetology. **PLEASE PRAY for THEM.**

* HAVEN of HOPE *

We are blessed to have **SOK NARI** as our new housemother. Sok Nari grew up in Cambodia with parents who were Believers; her father was a pastor. Her life deteriorated during the time of the Khmer Rouge; when her parents were killed, she lost contact with relatives, and food was scarce. As the chaos unfolded, she found an uncle who was helping people escape, but to her shock was asked to come back the next day because there was no room in the vehicle. That same day, she was captured by the Khmer Rouge and taken to what would later be known around the world as “The Killing Fields.” Her grave was dug along with many others. Sok Nari knew that God was sparing her life when “soldiers who she never saw again” suddenly took her to a rice storage facility. After hiding for a week in the facility she was able to escape the Khmer Rouge.

Sok Nari and her husband were married for several years. She became a housemother when her husband passed away. Sok Nari has two children (a 23-year-old son and a 19-year-old daughter). **NAOMI**, her daughter, is teaching the girls’ Bible as well as being an “older sister” to the girls. The children at Haven of Hope are happy to have Sok Nari as their housemother and warmly welcomed her. They are happy and healthy. Interns from America and U.K. have helped them improve their English skills and understanding of the Bible.

The home is bursting at the seams with 27 children—a healthy mix of both Khmer and Vietnamese ages 9 through 15. The children are getting along very well together; doing well in school and are happy. They enjoy having teams from America visit; teaching English and playing games with them. We are praying for a perfect piece of property to build a home or find a home to rent just outside the city where prices are not as expensive. Sometimes it’s difficult for the children to not disturb their neighbors while playing.

THE PHILIPPINES

Despite the occasional uprisings six hours south of where the children are on the island of Mindanao, they are healthy, happy, and safe. Their new home, built by **Kids International Ministries (KIM)**—an organization with which we are partnering—is complete. The 23 children display a brotherly and sisterly affection for one another and are growing spiritually. **PLEASE PRAY for THEM.**

Some of the children were recently suffering from a round of chickenpox when an intern and I visited. Despite the hugs from the infected kids, we managed not to get it!

MYANMAR / BURMA

The home in Burma is doing well with 18 children under the care of **PHILIP and ESTHER**. They are in school, remain safe, healthy, and are very appreciative of the help from their sponsor families. Comparing original photos of the children when they first came to the home a couple of years ago to the smiling, happy faces that now appear is a joy to see. **PLEASE PRAY for THEM.**

Remember Nhu EXPANSION

* DHARWAD, INDIA *

The Lord recently opened the door for Remember Nhu to expand into India. We are partnering with Indian Missionaries in Dharwad (Southern India). These missionaries work with **CHILDREN of DEVADASI**.

In the Hindu religion devadasi is a sx goddess. A specific crop of Hindu belief espouses that if a man visits devadasi he and his wife will be fertile and free from sexually transmitted diseases. Women and children dedicated to the devadasi sx goddess are temple prostitutes who service up to 25 men per night. Often, the children of the devadasi are tied to a bedpost while the child's mother services the clients.

Remember Nhu is working with the children of the devadasi to prevent them from being subjected to this horrific life of sx slavery. The children are happy, learn about Jesus, are well cared for, live free from HIV/AIDS, attend school, and live in the safe home that the missionaries supervise. **PLEASE PRAY for THEM.**

* MONGOLIA *

We recently learned that in Mongolia children have been forced to leave their homes and seek refuge from the severe cold in the sewers. Many of these street children are being lured into the sx trade and are often trafficked out of the country. Despite a cancelled flight and uncooperative hotel and airlines staffs, our exploratory trip went well. During the meetings between Carl and team leaders in Mongolia, they determined there is a definite need to help the at-risk children of Mongolia and both sides are anxious to partner together. Lord willing, it appears that Remember Nhu may be branching out in Mongolia soon. **PLEASE PRAY for THEM.**

* MISSIONARIES MICHAEL and ELSIE MCCOMBS *

Remember Nhu is blessed to have **MICHAEL and ELSIE MCCOMBS** join us as missionaries. Michael is helping with finances, discipleship/mentorship, and church planting while Elsie is discipling/mentoring, and teaching. They also give our house parents time each week to relax and unwind. The McCombs have almost completed their Thai language study and have been living in Chiang Mai for two years along with their two sons, **JUSTIN** (10) and **JARED** (13). Michael and Elsie McCombs spent three months in the United States last fall to raise support. Praise and gratitude to Him as He has faithfully been meeting their monthly needs by raising many champions who are joining the cause of Remember Nhu. Upon return to Thailand, they were blessed to have the

opportunity to rent a home 10 minutes from the children's home. They are glad to be "back at home" and ready to do His work. **PLEASE PRAY for the MCCOMBS FAMILY**

* **MISSIONARY STEF MAY** *

STEF MAY is halfway through her two-year Thai language study. She took a breather from the books when she recently dove into Thai culture for a few weeks visiting several hill tribe villages, interpreting for a medical missions team, and spending time with the children at our homes. **PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING for HER.**

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CHAMPIONS

WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY CHAMPIONS WHO HAVE BLESSED THE CHILDREN ABUNDANTLY NOT ONLY IN SPENDING TIME, BUT ALSO IN DEMONSTRATING JESUS' AGAPE LOVE, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MENTION OF JUST A FEW

SUSANNA TOBIAS from Indiana taught the children at each of our homes in Cambodia and Thailand new craft-making skills. **The 5th and 6th GRADE GIRLS from GRACE CHURCH** in Middleburg Heights, Ohio recently collected clothing for Remember Nhu. The children in Chiang Mai were very grateful!

SANDY ROCHOWICZ, a professional photographer, gave the children at both homes in Chiang Mai photography lessons. There were quite a few who were good at this, including Titus and Neewa's eldest son, **GEKI**. Sandy donated the camera she used to teach while a donor at **GRACE CHURCH** in Middleburg Heights, Ohio (Sandy's home fellowship) donated a computer for the girls to continue to grow in their photography skills

JULIE FLANAGAN and MARGIE FIGUREROS, both professional hairstylists from Oregon, taught additional hair cutting and highlighting techniques to the ladies at Agape Beauty Salon. The girls offer weekly specials for customers to keep their skills up to par.

DAKOTA THORN from New Concord, Ohio earned her Gold Star Award with the Girl Scouts by raising awareness in her community for Remember Nhu. She made 18 care packages, each consisting of: a homemade blanket (which Dakota made herself), soap, shampoo, a toothbrush, toothpaste, nail polish, a jump rope, play-doh, a coloring book, and crayons. Dakota did an outstanding job. The children's smiles revealed how happy they were!

RON and PEGGY ROLOFF's hearts were burdened for the children after spending six weeks in Chiang Mai. Upon returning to the States, they spoke at their church and Peggy spoke at a women's retreat. The Lord used them to raise \$1,400 toward items to furnish the newest home.

SKOUT BARGER, a girl from West Virginia, did a school project about Remember Nhu that earned first place at a regional competition, with hundreds of people learning about Remember Nhu. She moved on to state competition on April 23 where she shared with approximately 1000 people the vision of R-Nhu.

JUDY JONES, (wife of **BUD JONES**) secured many infant clothes for houseparents Titus and Neewa's newborn daughter, Manna, as well as Barbie Dolls for the girls at both homes in Chiang Mai.

TANIS SNYDER, along with a group of women, has sewn and donated numerous clothing items for the children.

THE GIVING DOLL MINISTRY has assembled and hand-made 100 dolls to give to the children of Remember Nhu

Remember Nhu BENEFIT DINNERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE EVENINGS' SPEAKERS—FOR THE LORD TO PREPARE PEOPLE'S HEARTS AND FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES AT BOTH OF THESE PROMISING EVENTS

OCTOBER 16, 2010 in PORTLAND, OREGON: **BARB KISLEY** has generously undertaken the organization for this event.

OCTOBER 23, 2010 in WADSWORTH, OHIO: Volunteer Committee members **DANIELLE PISCURA** and **JEN SRAIL** are working together to organize this event.

MOMENT *to* REMEMBER

While we are finding life in Thailand to be “same same but different” (a favorite local expression) from that of life in America, we nevertheless experience a “memorable moment” on an almost daily basis. A recent one happened while chatting, enjoying a relaxing atmosphere, and awaiting our dinner with prospective houseparents and a helper. In full view of us and to our astonishment, one of the five cats who hung out in the open air restaurant proceeded to walk from the dining area into the kitchen with a big rat in its mouth. Our astonishment gave way to laughter though, as the kitchen door shut, immediately followed by the sound of something hitting the fryer! No, we didn't eat rat for dinner...it was just perfect timing!

THANK YOU FOR CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM FALLING
PREY TO THE SX TRADE!

AGAPE, CARL AND LAURIE RALSTON

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