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HARVEST NEWS



KHON KAEN, THAILAND

FROM THE HARVEST FIELD...

Working Together, Making Dreams Come True

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The seasons come and go. Another year is almost ready to say “goodbye” to us. Without your partnership and support, the journey would have been much harder. Also, from the bottom of my heart, I wish to register my deepest appreciation for team members who have plodded on bravely with us during the very trying times of tough challenges, shortage of manpower and overwhelming needs all around. They were diligent and cheerful, overcoming long hours and multiple tasks. They were truly exceptional, teaching children, planting rice, visiting poor communities, and setting a great example for the younger generation. Their cooperation and collaboration have made this one of the best teams that I have worked with for a long time. Though the past months have been tough and demanding, they have given their all and their excellent team spirit has made things happen for which I am very grateful.





Some of our children enjoyed joining the team in planting rice and other vegetables. This rainy season has been unusually long and wet. We are grateful that though some of our vegetables got flooded out, we did not have any major flood disaster in our area.





Last week, we had a Heaven In The Home Day Camp (3 days) for children together with their parents or spiritual parents (for children not living with their families of origin). They connected with God, with each other, and with the world around them as they prayed for Thailand and the world. We pray that they will be empowered to change the world, beginning first with self, family, school, and the nations.

***“I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot.
Together we can do great things.”***

Mother Teresa

All for the Harvest,

Dorothy Jason

President

World Harvest Foundation

Harvest Learning Center Family Events

By Mike Jason, Principal

Mother's Day at HLC

Mother's Day in Thailand is celebrated on 12 August, which is also the birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother of Thailand. On Thursday, 11 August 2022, Harvest Learning Center hosted our mothers, fathers, and caregivers for a special celebration. More than half of our children live in homes where their main caregivers are other than their biological mothers, including a large number of them who live in a nearby children's home. We planned our Mother's Day program so that it would include all of our children in a meaningful way and give all of them the opportunity to appreciate and honor those who do the most for them.

There was a drawing competition for the younger students and a writing competition for the older ones. The program included musical performances and Thai dance performances. Mrs. Jason gave an inspiring lesson about the importance of showing our love by the simple act of obedience. At the end of the program, our students honored Thai tradition by kneeling in front of their mothers, fathers, or caregivers, thanking them, and giving them jasmine flowers. Everyone enjoyed a meal together before going home.





HLC's Got Talent

No one needs to turn on their televisions to find out who has the most talent. Anyone who was lucky enough to be in Khon Kaen, Thailand, on 27 August 2022, simply had to drive out to Harvest Learning Center to attend our crowd-pleasing event billed as “HLC's Got Talent.”

The live performances included: our own Miss Hannah who amazed the audience by simultaneously and rhythmically spinning multiple hula hoops around various parts of her body; our own Miss Oei who energized the audience with a quick and graceful series of cartwheels, flips, and splits; our own Miss Carrot who shocked us out of our seats with some of her realistic animal sound imitations; and our own Mr. Shane who won first prize with his hilarious performance as a colorful and comical alien being who effortlessly solved four different rubic cubes while spontaneously answering all types of detailed questions from the audience about his home world.

If this show becomes an annual event, which seems very likely, I will try to give advance notice to our international audience in future years.

As always, I want say a big thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and faithful prayers on our behalf.

With Blessings,
Mike Jason





An Honorable Honors Trip

By Kris Dollisen, Vice-Principal



On September 13, our first term ended. Nine students received Honor Roll status by completing a minimum of twelve units of study, reciting all of their monthly Bible verses, and earning an academic average of 88% or higher.

For this term, HLC honored these nine students by taking them on a trip to our town's famous Bueng Thung Sung Park. It's a health park by a lake with wide space to play basketball, badminton, etc. There are large trees that provide shade and perfect locations for lying on mats and enjoy picnics.

Part way through the afternoon the children decided to play volleyball. But just before starting for the volleyball court, one of the boys threw a boomerang which got stuck in the upper branches of a very tall tree. The children gathered together and tried to think of a way to solve this problem. One of them thought of throwing their basketball straight up to hit the boomerang and hopefully to dislodge it from the tree. It seemed like a great solution, but after multiple attempts the situation worsened as the basketball ended up lodged between two branches just below the boomerang. Tired and disappointed, the students began losing hope. They didn't blame each other, but instead they apologized to one another that their playtime had been put on halt.

One of the boys came up with the idea of trying to throw their volleyball up to dislodge the other two objects, but conflict quickly arose over this suggestion. The girls were not willing to let anything else get stuck in the high branches. Another boy thought of climbing the tree. It seemed like a clever idea, but when he tried to climb up, he found that it wasn't possible because the tree trunk was very wide and there were no branches to step on or to grab hold of.

After 45 minutes of trying to retrieve their boomerang and their basketball, everyone was hot and tired. Exhausted from thinking and trying, they waited for me to help them to make a final decision. I had seen their best efforts and their hope being squeezed out of them, and I felt like they should just let it go. I told them that we should just leave the things up there. I told them that we would need a very tall ladder or an extraordinarily strong wind to sway the trees.

I reasoned that these two items could easily be replaced, which from an adult's viewpoint this could be true. But I discovered that children value things differently. To my surprise, one of the boys rose up and showed his determination. He surely would not give up. He strolled around the park looking for a solution and found an exceptionally long bamboo pole stored near the park's restrooms. He came back carrying the heavy bamboo pole with all his sweat flowing down his brows yet smiling with a cheerful hope. He gathered all the strength that he had left and asked the boys and a male teacher to help hold the long and heavy bamboo pole while the girls helped to navigate it so that it could reach the target.





The basketball fell down first, and everybody cheered with excitement. Their hope had been reawakened, and they were sure they could also save their boomerang which was at an even higher spot. They all worked at it together until the boomerang finally dropped to the ground. This moment became the happiest moment in the entire trip.

The boys hugged each other, and the girls praised the boys for their unbeaten determination. When I saw how much strength of character these students exhibited for the saving of their valued items, I felt extremely grateful to God for having allowed me to be a part of this honorable honors trip. I felt certain that the character growth I had witnessed in these students would follow them into adulthood and that these students were destined to become world changers.

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