

HARVEST NEWS



KHON KAEN, THAILAND

FROM THE HARVEST FIELD...

Giving is Contagious!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The cool months have gone, and we are bracing ourselves for the heat of the summer months here in Northeast Thailand. The last 3 years have been challenging for many, especially the poor. We continue to find creative ways to share with our neighbors and friends. Our “Love My Neighbor” Project continues with a gusto, with tomatoes, chilies, cabbages, and various Thai vegetables.



The only concern is that the veggies get picked before growing to full size! These vegetables are becoming extremely popular with our neighbors, and it has become the talking point of the neighborhood. Now some of our neighbors are getting inspired to share their produce with us too. Giving is contagious!



Food distribution for the community during Chinese New Year



WHF staff visiting bedridden grandma



Donating our own homegrown chemical-free rice to a nearby children's home

In a world where many look out only for themselves, we hope to impact our neighbors and friends to pay forward to make the world a better place.

Thank you very much for your donations and encouragement that have kept us strong and resilient during this challenging time.

For the Harvest,

Dorothy Jason

President

World Harvest Foundation

HLC Update

By Mike Jason, Principal

I appreciate the faithfulness of all of you, our good friends who uphold Harvest Learning Center in your thoughts and prayers. Your generous financial support undergirds everything we are doing here in Northeast Thailand. Enjoy having a look at the photos below, which were taken during the past three months.

May God continue to bless you and your families with all the good things that come from His Own rich supply room.



Harvest Learning Center January 2023



Ready to start a new year at Harvest Learning Center



Students hard at work inside Harvest Learning Center



Speaking English class

The beautiful facility that you see pictured above is thanks to our friends like you. The opportunity we have to impact the lives of the students pictured above and below is thanks to our friends like you. At Harvest Learning Center, our goal is to change lives and to prepare students to be world changers. Our academic program is vigorous, especially for Thai students who are learning English as their second language.

Pray that God will send us new students of His choosing, especially new kindergarten students, as well as the team members that we will require as we continue to grow in capacity.



Students learning to plant straw mushrooms



Students planting straw mushrooms



Students proudly displaying their naturally grown kang kong

Along with our academic program, our curriculum includes an emphasis on chemical-free food production. Our students will grow up into a world that faces enormous challenges. Thanks for your part in preparing the next generation!



Congratulations to our term 3 Honor Roll students!



Congratulations to the HLC education team, recipients of School of Tomorrow Asia Quality Status!

I am proud of our students and our team here at Harvest Learning Center. There is no one who isn't working hard and striving to do his/her best. Our students earn Honor Roll recognition by completing academic goals with an average of 88% or higher. Harvest Learning Center received Quality Status Certification from SOT Asia by consistently demonstrating a high standard of excellence during the past school year.

Please remember to pray for us that God will grant us inspiration and wisdom as we steward the precious gifts He places into our hands.

HLC Students Honoring the Elderly

By Kris Dollisen, Vice-Principal

On February 27 our middle and upper primary students, along with our secondary students, went to visit the elderly residents of St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Khon Kaen. This outreach activity was led by our Thai teacher, whose aim was to teach our students to appreciate the beauty of Thai culture. One important value in Thai culture is showing honor and respect to the elderly.

Our group did some warm-up activities, leading the seniors in some slow and gentle physical exercises. Then the students and teachers spent some time listening to and talking with the residents. This was a heartwarming experience, because our students were very attentive to what the grandpas and grandmas were telling them. They told them their sad stories, their life lessons, and shared how they are having fun with their friends at the nursing home. After chatting with them, the students sang encouraging songs. While the students were singing, the elderly quietly listened with smiles on their faces. After the singing we handed them little cards that our lower primary students had prepared days before the outreach. Then we gave them some dry goods and other essentials before heading back to the school.



For most of our students, it was the first time they had visited a home for the aged, and it really touched their hearts. During our evaluation one of our children said that she felt sad, and at the same time happy. She felt sad for some of the elderly who were left in the nursing home by their loved ones. She felt bad that some of them were abandoned by their family members. On the other hand, she felt happy that she was able to bring them some joy and encouragement, even if it was only for a short period of time.

It was a brief 2-hour visit, but the life lessons we learned will be remembered for years. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience one of the beautiful values of Thai culture, that of honoring their elderly people. What made it more special is that the children showed honor and love to the older people who needed it the most.



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