

HARVEST NEWS



KHON KAEN, THAILAND

FROM THE HARVEST FIELD...

We Could ... Because You Gave

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year your generous giving empowered us to network with 120 farming households throughout Northeast Thailand. Through our Self-Sufficiency Program we helped these farmers to increase the productivity of their own self-sufficiency projects. On December 9, we ended the year by gifting seed money to another 19 farming households in our neighborhood. Even though a few farmers suffered losses because of the flooding in October, overall, most of the farmers were encouraged when they saw an increase in their production. Here at Harvest Learning Center, we also enjoyed a bountiful rice harvest as well as multiple other fruits and vegetables. Our students are learning that creation care can be very rewarding, and that food production is a skill that is necessary for survival.



Drying rice in the sun



Learning to thresh rice



Students' Faith (Food Always in The Home) Garden



Papayas

When the flood destroyed the harvest of many rice farmers, you empowered us to be able to reach out with supplies to bring some cheer into their very sad situations. “One who is generous will be blessed, because he gives some of his food to the poor.” Proverbs 22:9





The Angel Walk also got a face-lift ... now it is a walking, running, and cycling track that can be used as an access road for heavy vehicles as well. The use of this track that circles the whole property, both for exercise and for relaxation, has become one of the favorite activities of both students and teachers.

At times the journey seems hard and long, but your support and encouragement make it worthwhile and rewarding. We are so very grateful.



All for the Harvest,

Dorothy Jason

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Christmas Outreach

Harvest Learning Center's primary and secondary students joined forces to bring the joy and the true meaning of the Christmas season to about 200 students at three nearby village schools. The schools visited included Kota Village School, Sila Village School, and Nong Hin Village School.



There were games with prizes, lots of gifts, and candy for everyone. Along with a bicycle for every school and the other goodies which we purchased, our students donated some of their own favorite toys, games, and sports equipment toward this project as well.



Besides the gifts and prizes, our students, dressed as Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels, staged a short musical presentation to tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

We received warm welcomes at all three schools followed up by sincere invitations to return again next year. It is true that “it is more blessed to give than to receive,” so it is difficult for me to say who enjoyed this Christmas outreach more, whether it was the students at the schools we visited or our own HLC students.

Christmas Banquet



On 9 December Harvest Learning Center hosted a Christmas banquet for our students and their families, our team, and our neighbors and friends. It was a night filled with love, as well as fun, excitement, and blessings from heaven.

During Northeast Thailand’s cold season the nights are cool, and the sky is typically clear. So by a lot of hard work, we were successful at converting our car park into a large, naturally air-conditioned outdoor dining area, large enough to seat over 200 guests for a Chinese-style Isaan dinner.

The entertainment included an inspiring musical performance by our adorable kindergarten students and a short musical presentation by our talented primary and secondary students. Throughout the evening there were numerous opportunities to win door prizes and gifts.

Our goal was to celebrate Isaan style, so our live music included “mor ram.” Mor ram is the favorite style of music here in the farming communities of Northeast Thailand. It’s the kind of music that inspires lively participation from the audience. So everyone was given the opportunity to dance off a few calories after the abundant meal.



Many of our neighbors are farmers. As a part of our food security program, the nineteen farmers who were in attendance were gifted with THB 2,000 each.

Before going home, everyone present was given the invitation to receive a personal prayer to receive a blessing from heaven.

I’ll close this update with a heart-felt word of thanks for your continued faithful support and prayers. It is you who make our work possible.

Blessings,
Mike Jason

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