

# HARVEST NEWS



KHON KAEN, THAILAND

## *FROM THE HARVEST FIELD...*

## New Season New Strength

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The plants are growing and so are the children. As in 1 Corinthians 3:7, “So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow.” We see seeds germinating and sprouting into plants and trees, bearing fruit and bountiful harvests. Our little children who come to school so faithfully are also growing in stature and wisdom. As the days and months pass by so quickly, we are very honored to be part of this work of God.





It is rainy season in Thailand, and we have put up several water tanks to collect rainwater, as well as rain shelters to protect us from the rain. We have also planted many seeds into the soft earth all around us. I have learnt over the years that to have the joy of harvesting, we must put in the hard work of planting.





A farmer once explained it to me like this: “We must know the season and do the right thing, plant when it’s time to plant and harvest when it’s time to harvest.” Below are pictures of some of the beautiful fruits and veggies that we have harvested and enjoyed during the last 3 months.







Thank you very much for partnering with us in this incredible journey of faith and tenacity. You have stayed on with us and you have encouraged us to stay strong, even when the going got tough. Our team, our children and their families, and the communities around us are truly appreciative. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

Wishing you strength and good health for the new season ahead.

All for the Harvest,

***Dorothy Jason***

President

World Harvest Foundation





# *HLC Update - Awards Earned by Hard Work*

By Mike Jason, Principal

24 June was the end of our sixth academic year at Harvest Learning Center. The students and their families, along with other invited friends and guests, joined together for a special banquet to celebrate our students and to honor them for their effort during the 2021-2022 academic year.

The event included live performances by our talented students. The evening's special performances included two Thai dance numbers, one by our kindergarten students and another one by our primary girls. Both of these performances were beautifully choreographed and richly inspiring for the audience. The program also included a bilingual song of worship by our primary boys and our secondary students. We concluded the evening by singing and dancing joyfully with our kindergarten students during a spontaneous repeat performance of their Thai dance song.







Students were honored with diplomas of completion, medals for character development, certificates for exemplary academic marks, and trophies for outstanding effort in Scripture memorization and in school citizenship.





This was Harvest Learning Center's sixth annual awards dinner. It felt especially exciting this year, because we were forced by Covid-19 restrictions to hold the event online in 2020 and 2021. Having overcome so many challenges during the past 2½ years, I can honestly say this year's event was a celebration in which all hearts overflowed with joy! Our God is Good, and He is Always Faithful!

Our new academic year begins on 5 July. Please pray for our team and our students as they launch into a school year which will surely present new challenges as well as new opportunities for overcoming and continuing to advance!

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

With Blessings,

Mike Jason





# *Agriculture Update: Family Day and Future Plans*

By Kris Dollisen, Vice-Principal

On June 3rd, as the country was celebrating the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen of Thailand, World Harvest Foundation had a Family Day. Students and their parents, staff and other friends came together to plant crops such as corn, watermelon and pumpkin. Since it was rainy season, it was the best time to plant. It was very muddy because of the heavy rain the night before but it did not hinder our cheerful volunteers from filling the muddy rows with seeds.

Starting next school year, agriculture will become an even bigger part of our students' education. We will be training our students in agriculture, so that in the future they will be able to produce food for family consumption, or even possibly choose agriculture as a career.





Agriculture education includes a wide scope of skills. In addition to planting crops, the students can also learn how to cultivate mushrooms, how to make their own organic fertilizer, and how to raise fish and frogs. In addition to teaching our students important life skills, we'll be learning a lot of life skills, we'll be producing food to share with those in need.

Education is life. Food is an essential part of life. It is one of humanity's basic needs. By engaging the students in the real hands-on experience of growing crops, our students will learn to better appreciate the hard work that farmers do so that the world has food to eat.

We are expecting to work hard, but we are also looking forward to rejoicing in times of abundant harvests.



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