



HARVEST NEWS

Khon Kaen, Thailand

FROM THE HARVEST FIELD...

Dear friends and supporters,

20 years of divine guidance.

No words are enough to express my gratitude to our awesome God for His leadership in World Harvest Foundation. World Harvest Foundation was registered with the Ministry of Interior in Thailand on September 21, 2004, after a fire in Suan Plu Slum in Bangkok on April 23, 2004. My journey started with assisting in the aftermath of the fire which led to the formation of our foundation. Till this day, He continues to lead us step by step, showing us new ways to express His love to a broken world.

We have been working with children and families for the last twenty years, beginning with the railway slum for ten years and now running a learning center for children from kindergarten 1 to secondary 6.



Our first group of children in 2006



*Our center near the Railway Slum
(Pioneer stage, 2006)*



Children at our learning center



Harvest Learning Center built in 2020

We are a small piece of God's jigsaw in Northeast Thailand (also known as Isarn), 20 provinces with 22 million people. On September 29, 2020, during the pandemic, we started Seeds Project to assist leaders in this region with agricultural sustainability and outreach. During the past three years, this project became a network of more than 100 leaders from all over Isarn spearheading their own initiatives. On February 3, 2024, it was my great honor and privilege to hand this project to Hug Isarn, a network of indigenous Christian leaders in this region. We will continue to be a part of the Seed Project, but the Thai leaders are well prepared to bring it to another level.



Handing over the Seeds Project to leaders of Hug Isarn

Beginning on April 1, 2024, the WHF center near the railway track will be used by Hug Isarn as their coordination center. We are so happy to collaborate with other Christian leaders to strengthen and empower them in the reach of their work and influence.



The journey has not been easy. But you and your unwavering support and encouragement, which has gone far beyond the call of duty, has kept us going till this day. This year, we are celebrating 20 years of God's faithfulness. You are all invited to visit us and celebrate with us. There are so many of you who have walked with us in more than one way, and we would be so honored to have you come and celebrate with us in person. Besides many small initiatives to celebrate this special year, we will have a big celebration on October 5, 2024. Please consider yourself invited or let us know if you would like to visit at a more convenient time.

*For the Lord is good; His mercy endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5*

For the Harvest,

Dorothy Jason

President

World Harvest Foundation

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HLC

During the long Thai New Year school holiday, the four oldest male students enjoyed a four-day sleepover camp. This camp gave the boys an opportunity to develop relationship building skills and to get to know their classmates better. Besides scheduled activities geared toward character development, the schedule also included an abundance of free time during which the boys enjoyed sports and games.



The boys requested the opportunity to cook their own breakfast. They said their omelets were delicious.

It is our hope and prayer that all four of these boys will develop the positive character traits that they will need if they are to become strong leaders who will be able to change their world for the better.



The campers found a creative way to enjoy a combination of mealtime and game time.



The neighbors caught this fish in their small farm pond during the camp.

It is thanks to our generous donors like you that we are able to provide opportunities like this for our students, I want to say once again a big thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued faithful prayers and support for Harvest Learning Center. Please continue to pray that our work will bear much good fruit which will endure for many years to come. God bless you.

Sincerely,

John M. Jason

Director, HLC

A NIGHT OF SURPRISES: HLC'S AWARDS BANQUET 2024

*By Kris Jamboy Dollisen
Principal of Harvest Learning Center*

On March 8, 2024, HLC celebrated its 8th annual Award's Banquet at Green Hotel in Khon Kaen. It was not just an intimate gathering of students and their families, but it was also graced by government officials, spiritual leaders, and friends of WHF from different groups. Most especially, that night was a reflection of God's wonderful work through the lives of our students and our small team at Harvest Learning Center.



This year's distribution of awards was different from previous years. This time, in addition to the medals and trophies that we normally give, we surprised the children with many other certificates of recognitions, such as Best Handwriting, Most Improved Worker, Best Worker, Neatest Worker, Perfect Attendance, and many other awards. You could really see the excitement on the students' faces when their names were called to come up on stage.



For the first time in the history of HLC, the assistant director of Khon Kaen Primary Education Division 1, Mr. Bunyen Wosongkhram joined us in our celebration and gave a short congratulations address to our students. He was very impressed by how well behaved our students were, by their excellent manners, and by their attentiveness while he was speaking on the stage. He sensed something in the atmosphere that was different from other schools he has visited.



Mrs. Dorothy Jason, Founder and President of World Harvest Foundation, also shared some food for thought and spoke particularly about a cactus. Cacti are plants which can grow in very challenging situations with their own system of survival, and which are designed with thorns on the outer layer to protect themselves against devourers. At HLC, as we endeavor to empower world changers, we need to grow together to raise a generation who are not just resilient and resourceful, but who also dare to make a difference in society through academic excellence and outstanding character.



The students from different age groups showed their talents through song and dance presentations. A few of our teachers also entertained the audience with their gifts of singing. The highlight on the night's list of presentations was the parents' surprise number. They had intentionally gathered together and diligently practiced for a wonderful song and dance performance dedicated to their children, and as a way of thanking the school staff for training their children.

We ended the night by singing “Bless Thailand” with dance interpretation. It was a unifying song, regardless of the audiences’ age, religion, nationality, status, or cultural backgrounds. During this powerful song there was a warm presence in the hall that touched every heart.



It was indeed a night to remember, and a night full of surprises. Although you were not present with us, the support that you have shown for many years has helped our school to reach where we are right now. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you and we bless you. May we all continue to grow together as we follow God’s voice one step at a time.



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