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Dear Friends,

Blessings to you in 2010! Do you enjoy looking back on the past year? Because of needing to do annual reports at both the IMEMF and CDPD offices, I am reminded of all God has done in this past year. I have compiled some of our facts with pictures so that you can be brought up-to-date on what is happening at the different projects. I hope you enjoy this pictorial update of what your support is doing for the work in Thailand.

This past year marked my 25th anniversary of being commissioned as a missionary for the American Baptists. What a wonderful time of celebration with my family and church family as we celebrated together in November. I have worked in many different capacities during this time, but I realize that no matter what my role has been, I have been able to serve because of the faithful prayers and faithful financial support of people like you. Thank you for your continued role in my life and the lives of all those ethnic minority groups here in northern Thailand.

I know that 2010 will bring changes to the work here in Thailand, but by God's grace, I will continue to minister thanks to your support and care of me. May God bless you for your involvement!

With sincere thanks,

Kim Brown

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IM MISSIONARY KIM BROWN: 2009 MINISTRY REVIEW

2009 was a special year in so many ways--I hope you enjoy this pictorial update.

What's ahead: Even as I reflect back on 2009, the IMEMF staff are already looking ahead to 2010! Rejoice with us that the boys' dorm/daycare classrooms are slated to be finished in the first half of 2010. We would still like to build a one-story building with 4 simple apartments for the HIV-positive women living at the House of Love. This would also serve as emergency shelter for families in need. Please join us in praying for the completion of the buildings! Thank you.

HEALTH PROJECT FOR TRIBAL PEOPLE (HPTP)



Materials Development

Developing linguistically appropriate teaching materials is an on-going process for the HPTP staff. In 2009, 5100 calendars were printed, and 3 power point presentations and 3 new videos were developed and used in teaching this year.



Youth Seminars

Creative and fun ways of teaching lessons about AIDS, sexuality, morality and the Bible have made the HPTP's youth seminars popular and memorable. Nearly 300 youth were taught in 2009, plus over 40 youth attended the October camp.



Clean Water Projects

The HPTP teams (Akha, Lahu, Lisu and Karen) completed 8 water and sanitation projects plus 2 mosquito net projects in tribal villages and urban communities. Nearly 1500 people have received instruction.

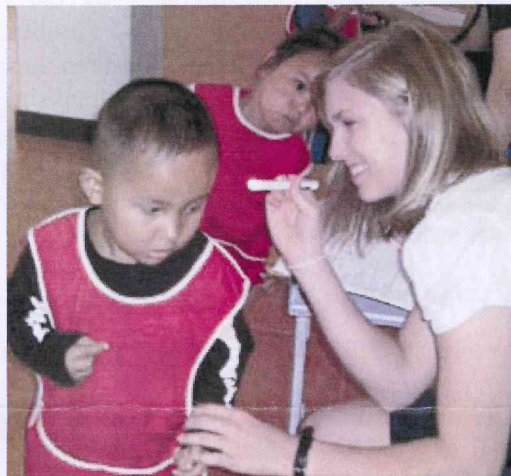
HOUSE OF BLESSING DAY CARE

The House of Blessing Day Care serves ethnic minority children from three urban slum communities in Chiang Mai, providing a preschool program that stimulates intellectual, social, spiritual, emotional and physical development of the children in their care. In 2009, 38 children attended the HOB. Currently, 128 graduates are attending public schools, with 25 of those children receiving scholarships from the daycare. The staff are also able to encourage parental relationships and help community members obtain citizenship, as well as doing community teaching on key issues like child protection and health topics such as AIDS.



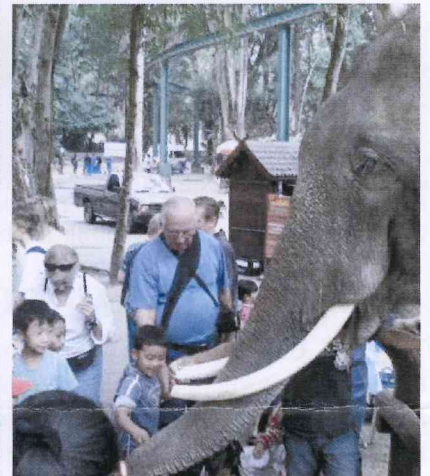
Special Benefits

A delicious hot lunch program is one of the benefits all of the daycare children enjoy. They also learn the rewards of regular tooth brushing and enjoy a daily bath before returning home. Families who agree to limit the amount their children are working in the streets also receive aid in the form of rice for their entire family.



Special Programs

Besides daily lessons, special programs enhance the children's lives. Regular health checks are one way to make sure the children are growing properly. The daycare teachers also teach the children music and choreography for performing on special occasions like Christmas and the house opening ceremony.



Special Friends

Do you like visitors? The daycare children certainly do, especially when visitors arrange special outings, like this American Baptist group who took the children to the zoo. The HOB also welcomed other groups from the USA, Japan, Norway and Australia.

HOUSE OF LOVE

2009 was a great year—all 30 children at the House of Love (HOL) were in school, including 4 in post high school programs. What a blessing to report that our 8 children and 2 women who are HIV positive all experienced good health. Two more HOL children received citizenship (so now 22 of the 30 children can claim citizenship), and another one received her identity card (necessary to work). Having a beautiful new home to live in has certainly been one of the highlights, and all of the children have enjoyed raising their own fish and vegetables on the new land.



New Faces

Almost all of the children at the HOL have come because of contacts made by the HPTP or HOB staff. However, in 2009, HOL welcomed two girls from the CDPD project in MaeSariang—a first for us. Bua and Gop are students at the deaf school, and love rooming with Oy, their classmate who has lived at the HOL for the past 9 years.



New profession

You may have seen Ahdo's graduation picture already—but we are so proud of this first HOL university graduate—definitely one of the highlights of 2009! He is now teaching at a technical school in Chiang Rai.



New position

Khun Nok, pictured here with 2 HOL girls, has been the coordinator for the HOL for the past year, and has been a wonderful asset to the home. She recently completed her master's degree in Divinity. Her thesis looked at pastoral counseling as it relates to persons with HIV/AIDS.

BUILDING CELEBRATION



Can you almost feel the excitement of the children as they wait to greet guests coming for the worship celebration at their home?

IMEMF had the official celebration of the new property on January 23rd, 2010—and so while technically that does not belong in our report on 2009, we hope you will overlook this and simply share in our joy for all God has done to make this dream come true! The day itself was beautiful, with the weather clear and sunny. About 200 people joined together for worship that included special music and dancing as well as testimonies by the House of Love and House of Blessing children and families. One special event on the program was the ground-breaking ceremony for the boys dorm/daycare classrooms, thanks to a grant from the Japanese government in January. A delicious luncheon followed the worship time. For more pictures, please go to our website at www.thaitribalhealthservices.info.

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (CDPD)

This fall, CDPD director Khun Saylo was able to travel with me for 3 months in the United States—and we traveled, hitting all 4 corners (southern California, Oregon, Maine and Florida as well as other states!) It was a wonderful time of sharing, and we are thankful for each of you we connected with. The CDPD had a full year. 137 clients with disabilities were followed on a regular basis (80% of those are children). The daycare has expanded to 30 students, and the prevocational training continues to have 6 young adults in their program. Radio shows are broadcast twice a week. Over 1200 people in schools, villages and seminars were taught about disabilities and rehabilitation. 2009 also included a trip to the beach for CDPD children and their parents. Besides enjoying the ocean and beach, this was a significant time for the mothers to learn more about being an advocate for their children. The Mother Advocacy Program was strengthened during that time, and I can foresee that it will have long-term effects on how the parents help their own children.



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