



Lert Sa Wat Child Development Project

Registered charity number 1085099

Giving Thai children the chance to escape poverty

Trustees Annual Report Year ending April 2023



This is a year where love and perseverance are overcoming adversity. The Lert Sa Wat Office became Dee's VIP hospital room with Dee's younger daughter Nong as her Primary Carer. Not many people requiring 24 hour care receive massages and facials, and have skin as smooth as Dee. While physically, Dee is stable, she has had several short stays in hospital because of bleeding from her stomach.



Dee's older daughter Joop has taken over the main responsibility for the running of the Lert Sa Wat Project, with Nong overseeing the Nursery.



In May, they were able to reopen the Nursery with 8 children. Prapaipit returned to teach, with Joop or Nong making lunch for the children. The children were very happy to be back. You may notice an English visitor to the Nursery in August who also was interested in the Nursery lessons.



Sponsored children continued to receive all their sponsorship money and their Christmas gifts throughout several lockdowns and school closures. Thank you to all sponsors. You are making a difference. Parents and carers were very grateful as schools insisted on full fees even when the schools were closed. Schools said it was to fund online learning. Many of our children struggled with no-one able to help them at home, but Lert Sa Wat also had successes.



Leena, abandoned by her parents, has been brought up by Lert Sa Wat cook Ooy and Ooy's disabled husband Horst. They were so proud when Leena 'graduated' from Secondary School. Leena will start a Business degree at University in August.



Tontarn showed what can be achieved from the poorest rural backgrounds. Despite coming from a multigenerational mixed family smallholding in the hills, Tontarn achieved a degree in Hotel and Business. Already he is working.





This was the last year in the Nursery for Blue, the younger boy in the Home. In May, he will start at the local Primary School. He will be joined by his older brother, Boss. Boss has had an erratic year. His parents said that they wanted to see more of him, and Boss was pleased to be wanted. So he moved to Bangkok. Sadly, it turned out that they were more interested in the money they thought he would bring than in Boss himself. Both parents are drug users. Boss spent most of the academic year living with an uncle and his family. He begged to be allowed to return to Lert Sa Wat. At the end



of the academic year in March, Boss left Bangkok and has been reunited with his Lert Sa Wat family. He is so much happier. He loves to be outside, particularly spending time with the dog, cat and cows and some of the time with Blue!



Lert Sa Wat had to face some practical problems. A leak in the upstairs bathroom of the Home occurred during Covid Lockdowns. By the time local workmen arrived to assess it, there was major damage to the downstairs bathroom, too great for them to repair. A reputable national firm was found to tackle the problem. The 'Bathrooms Project' was launched. Within a few months, Lert Sa Wat had a new downstairs bathroom and two toilets upstairs with a shower upstairs.



The Lert Sa Wat family is so grateful for the generosity of sponsors and supporters.

To find out more about Lert Sa Wat and child sponsorship for £20 per month, visit our website lertsawat.com or email lertsawat2000@gmail.com.

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