



Home of Hope Lanna Christian School Hosanna Church

Phusang (Poo-Saang), Thailand

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Overview

Our **Home of Hope** in Phusang provides safety and care for vulnerable children and young adults in Northern Thailand. **Lanna Christian School** provides affordable quality Christian education. **Hosanna Church** provides spiritual care and support for communities in Northern Thailand and Laos.

Rather than a preconceived plan to create this ministry, the work organically revealed itself to us as our founders faithfully settled into the community with open hands and hearts to serve. The church, the home, and the school started as the need for them rises and continues to grow from the support of so many who believe in the importance of what we do.

What Our Children Face

1. **Lack of citizenship** - The majority of our children are from different hilltribal communities whose ancestors migrated to the mountains of Thailand decades ago. It is not difficult to acquire Thai citizenship if one can prove that they were born on Thai soil. However, many people in the hill tribes have home births due to their remote residence, the lack of healthcare, and other circumstances. They often do not acquire the documents needed for their children's citizenship. The lack of citizenship means that their options for education, employment, opportunities and quality of life is limited, trapping them in a cycle of poverty and often leading to illegal ways to survive.
2. **Neglect, violence, and orphanhood** - Due to the hardships this group of people face, children are neglected by hardworking parents or parents who fall into addiction. We have cases of parents passing away in natural disasters and accidents because they work in the remote mountains. Many of the parents ended up in prison from using or trading illegal substances. More than a few of our kids lost their parents from suicide. In all cases, the children are left vulnerable. Some became victims of violence and exploitations before we could get to them.
3. **Trauma** - Most of these children have seen and experienced so much injustice that they might not even understand themselves. Each of them have trauma that is unique to them that they will spend so much of their lives processing and healing from.
4. **Discrimination** - It is comprehensible for people to feel like something that is foreign and strange to them is not a part of their collective. Even though the hilltribal communities have lived in Thailand and speak Thai and many are Thai

citizens, they still have their own languages, cultures, religions, and traditions that are different. Thai people are often biased against the hilltribal population leading to unfair treatments and discrimination.

Our Goal

Home of Hope

1. We hope to provide holistic care for our kids by giving them safety, access to education and opportunities for their flourish.
2. We hope to set our kids up to be able to break the cycle of hardship they are likely to return to.
3. We want to instill in our children that they are loved, valued, and they all have potential to make an impact in the kingdom of God.

Two types of children who board with us:

1. Orphans, vulnerable children, and exploited children. These children are with us year round and receive full time care and full financial support from us.
2. Children with adequate families who have no access to education due to poverty, remote living, or other circumstances. These children return home during breaks and are able to be picked up on weekends. They pay tuition as their families are able to provide.

Lanna Christian School

1. We exist to provide quality Christ-centered education at an affordable price. Because we believe that everyone should be able to afford good education and equal opportunities.
2. We aim to provide equity and close the disparity gap in our children's education.
3. We hope to provide career and skill training outside of the education system for those who are not interested in the normal academic path.

Hosanna Church

1. We provide spiritual care for the children and staff in the Village of Hope.
2. We support smaller churches in Northern Thailand and Laos.
3. We hope to engage more with our local communities.

Local Community Engagement Ideas

Because of the discrimination mentioned previously, there is a gap between the local Thai community who might not be so trusting of someone outside of their community starting

an organization that helps another group of people they stigmatize. We hope to start bridging that gap through:

1. Career partnership
 - a. Partnering with local business owners to train our students in different skills
 - b. Showcase local artisans
2. Create a community space
 - a. Community Library
 - b. Create workshops open for the community to learn different skills
 - c. Coffee shop and resting area
 - d. Multipurpose facility

Opportunities to Partner With Us

From Abroad

1. Penpal program - exchanging letters with kids and staff
2. Online workshop or training - for kids and staff on any topic you might be passionate about
3. Online guidance/encouragement/Bible study - mainly for staff's spiritual need

Short Term

1. Building and Maintenance Projects
 - a. Incinerator
 - b. Library
 - c. Community space
 - d. Maintenance and improvement - fix doors, appliances, furniture, water leaks, painting, renovating, etc.
2. Workshops
 - a. Different trades - wood working, music, graphic design, environmental care, business etc.
 - b. Self improvement - budgeting, excel, health and fitness checkup or training etc.
 - c. Clubs - Book club, literacy programs, drama, robotics, scouting, etc.
3. Staff Training
 - a. Team building, trauma-informed care, leadership, etc.
4. Fieldtrips
 - a. Get them out of campus to socialize and learn how things work
5. Field day
6. Student retreats
7. Staff retreats

Long Term

1. Teachers - One semester commitment - Preschool - high school level
 - a. **Semester 1** (rainy season): early May - early October
 - b. Around a 3 week break in October
 - c. **Semester 2** (Cool season): late October - Late March
 - d. **Summer break** (Hottest time of the year): 6-8 weeks from April - May
2. Caretakers - One year commitment minimum or someone committed to serve and invest their lives in our community
3. Church staff - 3 months internship or someone committed to serve and invest their lives in our community (minimum 1 year but hopefully forever)

Where are we?

Northern Thailand near the border of Laos, and Myanmar.



Visuals and Stories

Starting in 2016, from the ground up, this place is built by the kids, staff, volunteers, and the founders.



Snapshots through the years.



What the ministry looks like now.



Current Fundraising Projects

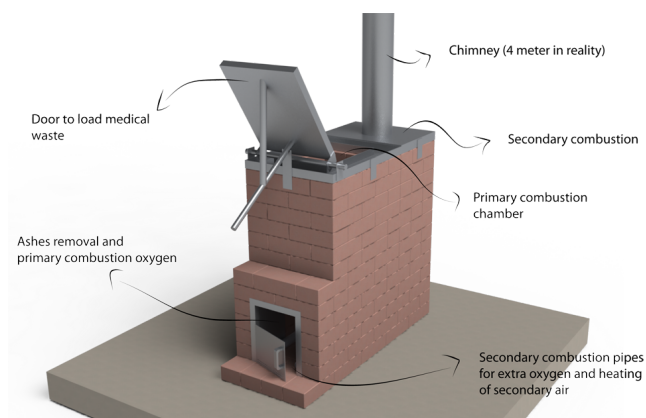
1. Incinerator

Because our organization is so big, we are not allowed to use the community's dumping ground and there is no other trash management where we are. We attempted to build a burning pit that has deteriorated over the years. We are in need of building or purchasing two more incinerators to efficiently manage our trash.

Our current burning pit



Example of what we need



2. Tuition support

Our tuition is affordable but we serve communities that have so little that the amount we ask is still more than some can afford. Even after scholarship, payment plans, and allowing a trade system where parents can supplement tuition cost with their harvest, some families are still not able to fully fund their children's tuition. The school ends up absorbing the unpaid cost. We have a list of students who need more financial aid with the exact amount they need and reasons why they need them for those interested to give.

3. Library

We are in the process of putting together a library where kids can spend their free time reading and researching. Because we limit their screen time to once a week, we want to encourage them to discover the world through books and other learning material we can provide. We could use funding to purchase up-to-date books, learning material, and problem-solving games. Specific details also available per request.

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