

# Asia Care Foundation

## Newsletter anniversary year 2020

Dear people involved in the work of Asia Care Foundation,

### **Blessing of Bob**

On Sunday, August 22, 2010 Bob was blessed in Evangelical Mission Congregation De Ark. It was a special service where many of Bob's family and friends were present.



This is how the first newsletter in 2010 started.

**Yes, we are dealing with a real jubilee here.** For 10 years already Bob is busy helping people in Thailand. He actually started before that, but 2010 is the year he founded The Asia Care Foundation. We are grateful that we receive so much support for the work of Bob. Thank you for this!

In the previous newsletter you could read that Bob, on a family visit to Australia, ended up in the corona lockdown and could not return to Thailand. Well you won't believe it, but Bob is still stuck in Australia. On December 25 his 'permit to stay' in Thailand has expired. If he can return home in 2021 a difficult and time-consuming process might follow to regain the "permit to stay". Although a lot more difficult, Bob succeeds to organize support / assistance from Australia. Earlier, Bob made arrangements with a Swede who also lives in Hua Hin and was willing to assist. Through him, the help has continued in Thailand and the necessary relief supplies were delivered on site for a longer period of time (3 months). The Swede, visiting his home country at the end of April, just before Christmas returned to Thailand. In his absence several reliable persons helped to get relief supplies to underprivileged families in Pala U. And fortunately also to the children's home in Padeng.

## Review of Ten Years of Missionary Service.

### *Asia Care Foundation food and diaper project*



The food project that started in 2005 by the family Mulders, once started with 7 families, and now monthly provides 31 families of rice, shrimp paste, oil and salt. Most families have fled Burma and live in Pala U and surroundings. The target audience are the underprivileged, such as handicapped, old, sick people and widows with children. In Pala U is a bible school, which plays an important regional role in the social cohesion of the refugees and of course in education. The school also has a good view of the underprivileged people and partly selects which families need food assistance.

A new family was added to the program in 2019. A physician from the local hospital in Hua Hin pointed out a poignant family situation to Bob. It concerns a young Thai mother from Padang with a multiple handicapped daughter (blind, deaf and mute and unable to walk). The girl is now 4 years old and has spent much of her young life in the hospital. This family is supported by the food project with Nutricia milk powder and diapers.

Last November, Bob was indirectly approached by the Hua Hin Hospital to support a boy in Pala with diapers. This 11-year-old boy fell out of a tree and broke his back. He is now paralyzed and not housetrained anymore. The hospital provided an overhauled wheelchair and another foundation gave a special mattress. He cannot live at home anymore because the house of his parents is too poor. For the time being he can live at the house of a teacher and Bob has committed to provide diapers on a monthly basis.



## *Hua Hin Phetkasem Foundation*

Bob has been working with the Hua Hin Phetkasem Foundation for 9 years. This is an organization providing first aid and (emergency) assistance, and brings injured or sick to a hospital by ambulance if necessary. They also organize aid trips to isolated Karen-villages which are only reachable in the dry season. Usually they travel



here once or twice a year in a column of about fifteen to twenty

four-wheel drive pick-up trucks. In the remote areas they then bring (dry) food, second-hand clothes and other relief supplies. In addition, a party and a campfire is usually organized. They usually stay overnight in premises of the relevant schools or in self-brought tents. The last activity / support for Phetkasem dates back to 2019.



### *The children's home in Padeng*

The Asia Care Foundation has been providing structural support to the orphanage in Padeng for five years. This was badly needed, since the financial support for this orphanage had suddenly disappeared. Acute help was needed for the food supply to the children, and Asia Care Foundation stepped in. The orphanage with 24 children is run by a young couple of the Karen-tribe. In recent years, Bob has taken significant steps there to provide support. A milestone for the orphanage was a big renovation project; a collaboration of Asia Care Foundation with the German embassy. Asia Care Foundation monthly delivers rice, shrimp paste, oil and salt, still in 2020.

### *The Goat Project.*

The goat project was started in 2014. The family consisted of a blind father, a mother, two boys and a severely handicapped girl named Apple. Unfortunately, Apple passed away at the age of fourteen. The family already joined the food and diaper project. Despite the difficult family situation, the mother was very motivated to become independent and no longer dependent of help. This family is helped starting their own company, a goat farm. Additional advantage of this is



that the mother of the family can work near her house and take better care of her blind husband and (then) three children. The goats are purchased for them, and for their food supply, a motorbike with sidecar and a shredder were bought. The mother / farmer now takes care of these goats and the children help as much as possible. In the

meantime she has been taught how to best take care of the goats, to make them fatter so that they yield more. Medicines are also being used for this. A shelter was built covering the entire farm, preventing bird droppings to get on the goats' food making them sick. Since 2018 the happy moment was achieved where the family has become independent through the goat business.

#### *Other running and completed business*

- A dependent Thai family (91 years old lady with a mentally disabled son)
- Financial support (rental price) for a family in the vicinity of Hua Hin in collaboration with the “Power of Love” foundation.
- The local government hospital in Hua Hin indirectly asks now and then if Bob can help with transportation of aids for the disabled, like wheelchairs, hoists, walking frames and beds. Recently another child was added to the diaper project.
- Bob's work has now gained sufficient local exposure. So that he receives goods of his Thai and foreign residents to go to people in need, to bring to the Karen and the isolated schools. Usually it concerns secondhand clothing, children's toys, milk, eggs, cans of fish, or treats such as candies. Latest support dates from 2019.

**We would like to thank you very much again for the support that we could receive as a foundation. This enables many support programs and makes the lives of children, (young) adults and the disabled better and more promising.**

#### **Guided tour**

Bob likes to lead people around in his area, so if you are in the area: make an appointment and please send us your travel report to post on the website.



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## Support

You can support Bob's work in Asia and also himself in various ways:

- By sending him a postcard. The postal address in Thailand stands beside.
- By praying for him and his work.
- By donating a cash amount to one of the following Bank accounts:\* A small fixed amount per month (for example one euro a month) is more practical than a larger amount once, however that too is welcome.
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Money coming into these accounts will be used among other for the purposes specified in this letter. Thanks in advance for your support.

Sincerely, Bob, Gerard, Hans and Matthias

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