

# Asia Care Foundation

Bob lives in the center of Thailand, in Hua Hin, 225 kilometers southwest of the capital Bangkok. His work area is about 60 kilometers west of Hua Hin. There, in Pala U and Padeng, among other places, live the mountain tribes that fled from Burma.

Many aid programs are possible thanks to the support that the foundation receives from you. The lives of underprivileged children, (young) adults and the disabled are therefore much better and more promising.

We would like to thank you very much for this.

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In the jungle of Pala U lives fifty-four-year-old Kaplau. He is one of the people supported by the Asia Care Foundation via the Bible school in Pala U. The Bible school located in Pala U 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 and helps select which families need food aid from the Asia Care Foundation. Mr. Kaplau fled the terror of the Myanmar army in 1997. Due to physical disabilities, he is unable to perform regular work. In the harsh reality of Thailand, many of these people slide into hopeless poverty and end up in the gutter. Fortunately, thanks to the food aid that Mr. Kaplau receives, things have turned out much better for him and his family. Together with other refugees, he has been able to build a simple bamboo house in the surrounding jungle near Pala U. He lives there with his family and says that they have a happy life.

Bley Blaw Wah is a young woman, studying higher education at the Bible school in Pala U. She had to leave her home and hearth because of the armed conflict between ethnic groups in Myanmar and fled to Thailand. Her dream is to be a teacher. Partly thanks to the support of Asia Care she is able to make that dream come true. In two years she hopes to have graduated and start teaching in the village of Padeng. Her parents, brothers and sisters and other family members still live in Myanmar. Bley Blaw Wah hopes to be able to return one day and continue her dream in her native country.



The support that Bob provides on your behalf can also start with a simple phone call. In early December 2024, Bob got a call from Phetkasem Rescue Hua Hin. This is an organization that provides first aid and (emergency) aid and, if necessary,



transports injured or sick people to a hospital by ambulance. They also organize aid trips to isolated Karen villages. The question was whether he could deliver aid supplies and 4WD transport from the Asia Care Foundation to the residents of a hamlet located in the Salawin National Park. It is an inaccessible mountainous area in the northwest of Thailand, about 1200 km from Bob's home. Bob has dealt with such things more often, but this had to be done on the spur of the moment, the convoy would leave the next day. It can be very cold in those mountainous areas, so warm clothing and blankets are worth their weight in gold to the residents. The clothing donated to Bob during the year was quickly loaded and the next day Bob

joined the convoy. To such an isolated Karen village, only accessible in the dry season, (dry) food, clothing, blankets and other aid supplies are being brought. In the end, Bob was on the road for five days. Yet we don't have to feel sorry for him, because Bob really enjoys this kind of aid.

Bob also donated to the children's home in Khao Thakiab in December 2023. With that food donation the children's home organized a Christmas dinner for the children.



*Delicious food for 150 children*

The above is a selection of the support that Asia Care Foundation provides in Thailand. The other aid programs, such as the diaper project and the children's

home in Padang, will of course also continue. This is made possible by your donations, thanks again!

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### **Support**

You can support Bob's work in different ways:

1. Send a postcard to Bob van Rijn, P.O. Box 144, Hua Hin Prachuap Kirikhan 77110, Thailand
2. E-mail [bob@asiacarefoundation.org](mailto:bob@asiacarefoundation.org)
3. Donate at IBAN: NL49INGB0005641822, owned by Asia Care Foundation. Money put in this bank account will be used, amongst other things, for the objectives mentioned in this letter.

Best regards,  
Bob, Gerard, Hans en Matthias

### **Sending of funds**

The foundation does not pay any remuneration, expense allowance or salary to the board members or to the persons who work in Asia on behalf of the foundation.

### **Website Asia Care Foundation**

Asia Care Foundation has set up a website: [www.asiacarefoundation.org](http://www.asiacarefoundation.org). More information about Bob's work can be found here. Bob's testimony is also posted here. The texts have been updated early 2023.