

Asia Care Foundation

Bob lives in the center of Thailand, in Hua Hun, 225 kilometers southwest of the capital Bangkok. His working area is about 60 kilometers west of Hua Hin. There, amongst others in Pala U and Pa Deng, are the mountain tribes that have fled from Burma.

Many care programs are in place now thanks to the support we get as a foundation from you. As a result, the lives of disadvantaged children, (young) adults and disabled people have become a lot better and more promising.

We truly want to thank you for this.

Children's day in Pala U

Every second Saturday in January in Thailand is 'children's day'. In Thailand people celebrate Mothersday, Fathersday and children's day. Asia Care Foundation has also paid attention to this this year, as Bob brought fun stuff to the children of the Karen Tribe in Pala U. These included mainly practical things, such as crayons, clay in different colours, stationary and balloons. Others also collected and shared gifts, mainly loads of candy. A real fun holiday! To conclude the day, older kids provide a music performance. The pictures were taken this day.





Rice to Bang Saphan



On New Year's Eve 2022, Bob travelled to Bang Saphan along with people from the church of which he is a member. This is about 200km south of Hua Hin. The 37 families there received all kinds of products (for example blankets) to make life more enjoyable. Asia Care Foundation provided each family with a 15kg bag of rice.

“Power of Love”

A beautiful name for a Thai foundation, set up by an Englishman. For several years Asia Care Foundation provides financial support (rent for a very basic home) through that foundation to a disadvantaged Thai family.

Rescue Phetkasem Foundation

For years Bob cooperates with the Rescue Phetkasem Foundation. Unfortunately, in 2023, this hasn't been part of Asia Care Foundation's care program. It is an



organization that provides first aid and (emergency) assistance, and takes injured or sick people to a hospital with ambulances if needed. They also organize support trips to isolated Karen villages that are only accessible during the dry period. Usually they travel here twice a year in a column of about twenty to thirty-five 4WD pick-up trucks. They then bring (dry) food,

second-hand clothing and other aid supplies to these remote areas. This is a photo from a while back, when Bob still had a 4WD pick-up. Bob will probably be able to start this again in 2024, as soon as he himself can have a pick-up truck again.

Asia Care Foundation food- and diaper project

The food project provides 30 families with rice, shrimp paste, oil, salt and, if necessary, diapers and medicines every month. The demand is increasing, but Bob can't handle more. Most families have fled from Burma and live in Pala U, Padeng and the surrounding areas. Target group are disadvantaged, such as disabled people, old, sick people and widows with children. A bible school is located in Pala U, playing 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 disadvantaged and selects which families need food help.

The children's home in Padang

For already nine years, Asia Care Foundation has been providing structural food support to a children's home in Padang.

The orphanage with 24 children is run by a young couple of the Karen tribe. Past years, Bob has been able to provide important support here. Asia Care Foundation still supplies rice, shrimp paste, oil and salt there on a monthly basis. Now that Bob no longer has the pick-up truck, he drives the motorbike to about halfway to the rice wholesaler and a local Thai



supermarket and buys the necessary food there at competitive prices. People from the Bible school in Pala U and the children's center in Padang take the purchased goods to the right destination.

We would like to thank you very much for the support that we, as a the foundation, have been receiving from you. As a result, many aid programs are possible and the lives of children, (young) adults and disable people become a lot better and more promising.

How Bob is doing now

After the corona lockdowns, Bob was able to return home. Unfortunately, what he found there was a less pleasant surprise. He owned a Toyota Hilux, for auxiliary transports in difficult to pass terrains. Upon his return, it turned out to be no longer on its fenced ground. The same fate also affected his scooters. Inside the house, a large part of the household had disappeared. The PC, laptop, TV, all electronic devices were vanished. Could it get any worse? Yes, since the house was not inhabited, rats had taken his place, eating holes through closets, clothes,

books and everything composed of fabric and paper. As you can imagine, a true disaster.

Now, two and a half years later, Bob still doesn't have a habitable house, he temporarily lives in a condo. Latest plan is that his house should be finished end of this year. Then he can also buy an off-road vehicle again and store it on his own site. This would make it a lot easier for Bob to run the care programs.

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
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. More information about Bob's work can be found here. Bob's testimony is also posted here. The texts were updated early 2021.