



# LE SOURIRE DE CHIANG KHONG



## Activity report 2022

### In Thailand

#### Over the months

- January Day dedicated to the ethnic groups of Thailand, organised by the children of the home, with games, dances, demonstrations of various traditions, etc.). Children's Day in Thailand. A day of various activities was organised for all our children (dances, songs and games).
- February The children took part in a sports day organised by the home's teenagers. March Visit from all the local authorities in the commune (mayor, heads of the various villages, school teachers, etc.).
- April "Songkran" festival, three days of festivities organised at the home. The children take part in a camp organised by the centre's teenagers. The children took part in various camps organised in Chiang Rai province.
- May All the children took part in the summer camp (education and reflection) organised by the home's teenagers.
- June Election of the home's youth committee for the 2022/2023 school year.
- July Fire drill day and safety instructions for all the children in the home.
- August Mother's Day. A day was organised at the centre. The programme included a show with singing and dancing, as well as a special meal for the children.

- October Visit from various members of the government for a thorough inspection of the home: buildings, safety standards, hygiene, everything is in order.
- November "Loy Krathong" festival. A day was organised at the centre. The programme included the children making "kratongs" and traditional festivities.

## Daily life

- ❖ Monitoring of schooling.
- ❖ Learning the Thai language.
- ❖ Classes in Hmong and Akha (the mother tongue of most of the children).
- ❖ Safeguarding ethnic traditions (sewing, embroidery, dance, singing).
- ❖ Drug prevention and awareness.
- ❖ General culture.
- ❖ Hygiene care and prevention.
- ❖ Cultural and sporting activities, entertainment, etc.
- ❖ Summer programme for older children in the home (internships).
- ❖ Summer programme for new boarders, refresher courses and teaching (school programme).
- ❖ Active participation in the country's official Buddhist and Christian religious Christian religious festivals.
- ❖ Recruitment and training of young people to look after the children.
- ❖ Children from the home occasionally provide assistance to farmers in neighbouring villages, as well as contributing to the development of neighbouring villages.
- ❖ Various formalities with the government to obtain official documents (identity cards, etc.) for the children.
- ❖ Ongoing support for Thai villages and the Lahu, Lisu, Akha and Hmong tribes.
- ❖ Ongoing support for the various schools attended by our boarders and residents and sponsored children in the villages.
- ❖ Regular visits to the villages to look after the needs of the villagers and monitor sponsorships.
- ❖ Ongoing contact with local people in Chiang Rai province who support our work supporting our work.
- ❖ Meetings organised with the parents of sponsored children living in the villages.

- ❖ Active presence at various meetings organised by the Government for all NGOs and foundations in Chiang Rai Province.
- ❖ Seeking sponsorships and donations.
- ❖ Ongoing staff training (courses and seminars organised by the Government).
- ❖ Visits to parents in prison to maintain contact with the child with the child.
- ❖ Environmental awareness, waste recycling. The children in the home sort waste, which is stored in a special room and then sold.
- ❖ Maintenance of all solar-powered outdoor lighting systems in the home.

## The staff

To assist them, Barbara and Prapapone recruit staff from the local population. This provides work and firmly anchors the home in the life of the region. In order to attract competent people, and with a view to ensuring the long-term future of Le Sourire, former residents are called in.

## The farm and the buildings

Throughout the year, as part of the children's extra-curricular activities, we cultivate our maize fields, rice paddies, orchards and plantations, look after our animals (pigs, cows, buffalo, etc.), cultivate our gardens and carry out maintenance and development work.

Thanks to the support of generous donors and foundations, work has been undertaken:

- ❖ Various renovations & repairs have been undertaken - the main building, the six children's dormitory houses, the large shelter for youth activities, the piggery, one of the eaves to the girls' changing rooms, the roof of the butchery/feed preparation building, the recycling building.
- ❖ Various cement works were undertaken, especially around buildings.
- ❖ Changing the roof of the showers and the location of the boys' laundry.
- ❖ Construction of three eaves to the girls' changing rooms and showers.

# In Switzerland

## Over the months

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| February | Committee meeting in Sion  |
| April    | Committee and General Meeting in Plan-les-Ouates                                       |
| November | Committee meeting in Sion<br>Théâtre de l'Espérance, performance in aid of Le Sourire. |

Throughout the year, in Sion, sale at LA BOUTIQUE of second-hand clothes in aid of the sponsorship of Le Sourire children in Chiang Khong and Couleurs de Chine.

Throughout the year, we attend various markets and sell items made by a member of the committee in aid of the children sponsored by Le Sourire de Chiang Khong.

Throughout the year, AMAT massages are present at various markets and events, with an information stand.

## Expanding the solidarity network

Thanks to sponsorship, some 300 children are welcomed into the home or followed up in their villages. Throughout the year, the Sourire de Chiang Khong association works hard to develop child sponsorship, raise funds and get involved in events that benefit the children in the home. Many local authorities and foundations support one-off projects.

## Organisation

As a human-scale organisation, strictly managed and controlled, the association has minimal operating costs (less than 1% in 2021). Aid goes directly to action on the ground.

In 2022, the Committee met three times, in Sion and Plan-les-Ouates. The General Meeting was held in April 2022 in Plan-les-Ouates. The composition of the Committee can be found on the association's website.

As a humanitarian organisation, Le Sourire de Chiang Khong's website address is

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