

LE SOURIRE DE CHIANG KHONG



2024 Activity Report

In Thailand

As the months go by

January	Day dedicated to the ethnic groups of Thailand organized by the children of the home, with a program of games, dances, demonstrations of various traditions, etc.). Children's Day in Thailand. A day of various activities was organized for all our children (dances, songs and games).
February	The children take part in a sports day organised by the teenagers of the home.
April	"Songkran" festival, three days of festivities were organized in the foyer. The children participate in a camp organized by the center's teenagers. Children participate in various camps held in Chiang Rai province.
May	All the children participated in the summer camp (education and reflection), organized by the teenagers of the home.

June	Election of the youth committee of the home for the school year 2024/2025.
July	Visit of various members of the Government for an in-depth inspection of the home: constructions, safety standards, hygiene, everything is in compliance. Fire drill day and safety instructions for all children in the home.
August	Mother's Day. A day was organized at the center. On the program, a show with songs and dances, as well as a special meal for children.
November	"Loy Krathong" festival. A day was organized at the center. On the program, the making of "kratongs" by the children and traditional festivities.

Everyday life

- ❖ Follow-up of schooling.
- ❖ Thai Language Learning.
- ❖ Hmong and Akha classes (mother tongue of most children).
- ❖ Safeguarding ethnic traditions (sewing, embroidery, dancing, singing).
- ❖ Drug prevention and awareness.
- ❖ General knowledge.
- ❖ Hygiene care and prevention.
- ❖ Cultural activities, sports, entertainment...
- ❖ Summer program for older children in the home (internships).
- ❖ Summer program for new boarders, refresher courses and teaching (school program).
- ❖ Active participation in the country's official Buddhist and Christian religious festivals.
- ❖ Recruitment and training of young people to supervise children.
- ❖ The children of the home occasionally help the peasants in the neighboring villages, as well as the development of the neighboring villages.
- ❖ Various and necessary procedures with the Government in order to obtain official documents (identity cards, etc.) for children.
- ❖ Ongoing support for Thai villages and the Akha and Hmong tribes.
- ❖ Ongoing support for the various schools attended by our boarders and sponsored children in the villages.
- ❖ Regular visits to villages to attend to the needs of villagers and follow-up on sponsorships.
- ❖ Permanent contacts with indigenous people in Chiang Rai province supporting our work.
- ❖ Meetings with parents of sponsored children living in villages.
- ❖ Active presence in the various meetings organized by the Government for all NGOs and foundations in Chiang Rai Province.

- ❖ Search for sponsorships and donations.
- ❖ Continuous training of staff (courses and seminars organized by the Government).
- ❖ Visits to parents in prison to maintain contact with the child.
- ❖ Environmental awareness, waste recycling. The children in the household sort the waste, which is stored in a special room and then sold.
- ❖ Maintenance of all solar outdoor lighting installations within the home.

The staff

To assist them, Barbara and Prapapone recruited staff from the local population. This makes it possible to give work and to firmly anchor the home in the life of the region. In order to attract competent people, and with the idea of ensuring the sustainability of Le Sourire, former residents are called upon

The farm and the buildings

Throughout the year, as part of the children's extracurricular activities, we use our corn fields, rice fields, orchards and plantations, take care of our animals (pigs, cows, buffaloes, etc.), cultivate our gardens and carry out maintenance and landscaping work.

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

- ❖ Various renovations and repairs have been undertaken – the boys' changing rooms and showers, the girls' changing rooms and showers, extension of a staff house, repairs to a pavilion, repairs to the rice storage building, repairs to the library.
- ❖ Several grading and landscaping were carried out with heavy machinery.
- ❖ Digging of two new agricultural basins.

In Switzerland

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January	Committee in Sion.
April	Committee and General Assembly in Laconnex.
August	Committee at Coppet.

Throughout the year, in Sion, sale at LA BOUTIQUE of second-hand clothes for the benefit of child sponsorships of the Smile of Chiang Khong and Colors of China.

Throughout the year, presence at various markets and sale of manufactured objects by a member of the committee for the benefit of sponsorships of Chiang Khong Smile children.

Throughout the year, AMAT massages are present with information stands at various markets and events. In 2024, they were present in Morges, Saignelégier and Aigle.

Expanding the solidarity network

Thanks to sponsorships, some 300 children are welcomed into the home or followed in their villages. Throughout the year, the Chiang Khong Smile Association is active in developing child sponsorships, raising funds and investing in events for the benefit of the children of the household. Many municipalities and foundations support one-off projects.

Organization

An organisation with a human dimension, rigorously managed and controlled, the association incurs a minimum of operating costs (1.4% in 2024). The aid goes directly to action on the ground.

As a humanitarian organization, the address of the Chiang Khong Smile website is as follows :

www.lesourire.org.

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