

LE SOURIRE DE CHIANG KHONG



Activity Report 2025

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. The children participate in various camps organized in the Chiang Rai province.

May	All the children participate in the summer camp (education and reflection), organized by the teenagers of the home.
June	Election of the home's youth committee for the 2025/2026 school year.
July	Fire drill day and safety instructions for all children in the home.
August	Mother's Day. A day was organized at the center with a show, songs and dances, as well as a special meal for the children.
November	"Loy Krathong" festival. A day was organized at the center. On the program, making "kratongs" by the children and traditional festivities.
October	Visit of various members of the Government for an in-depth inspection of the home: constructions, safety standards, hygiene, everything is in order.

Everyday life

- ❖ Follow-up of schooling.
- ❖ Learning the Thai language.
- ❖ Hmong and Akha classes (mother tongue of most children).
- ❖ Preservation of ethnic traditions (sewing, embroidery, dance, singing).
- ❖ Drug prevention and awareness.
- ❖ General knowledge.
- ❖ Hygiene care and prevention.
- ❖ Cultural activities, sports, entertainment...
- ❖ Summer program for the older children of the home (internships).
- ❖ Summer program for new residents, courses and teaching of upgrading (school curriculum).
- 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 household occasionally help the peasants of the neighbouring villages, as well as the development of the neighbouring villages.
- ❖ Various and necessary steps with the Government, in order to obtain official papers (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 the province of Chiang Rai supporting our action.
- ❖ Meetings organized with the parents of sponsored children living in the villages.
- ❖ Active presence in the various meetings organized by the Government for all NGOs and foundations in the Chiang Rai Province.
- ❖ Search for sponsorships and donations.
- ❖ Continuous training of staff (courses and seminars organized by the Government).

- ❖ Visits to relatives in prison to be able to maintain the contact with the child.
- ❖ Environmental awareness, waste recycling. The children in the home 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 also called upon.

The farm and the buildings

Throughout the year, as part of the children's extracurricular activities, we operate 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 - renovations of the boys' open shelter for drying clothes, repairs to the boys' dormitories, toilets near the canteen, a retaining wall behind the boys' changing room building and repairs to the main laundry building, the shed for storing rice.
- ❖ Several grading and landscaping were carried out with heavy machinery.
- ❖ Installation of a fence and two gates at the pigsty due to theft.
- ❖ Manufacture of bunk beds for the children of the home.

In Switzerland

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February	Committee in Sion.
April	Committee and General Assembly in Coppet.
August	Committee in Genthod.
November	Theatre "Frou-Frou les bains" in favour of the Sourire (Club Richelieu) Geneva

Throughout the year, in Sion, sale at LA BOUTIQUE of second-hand clothes for the benefit of the sponsorships for children of the Sourire de Chiang Khong, Couleurs de Chine and other local associations.

Throughout the year, presence in various markets and sale of manufactured objects by a member of the committee for the benefit of sponsorships for children of the Sourire de Chiang Khong. In 2025, presence at the Saint-Romain craft market in Founex, at a Christmas market and at "La Boutique" de Sion.

Expanding the solidarity network

Thanks to sponsorships, about a hundred children are welcomed at the home or followed in their villages. Throughout the year, the "Sourire de Chiang Khong" Association is active in developing child sponsorships, raising funds and investing in events for the benefit for the children of the home. Many private donors, municipalities and foundations support one-off projects.

Organization

An organization with a human dimension, managed and strictly controlled, the association incurs a minimum of operating costs (less than 1% in 2024). The aid goes directly to action on the ground. In 2025, the Committee met three times, in Sion, Coppet and Genthod. The General Assembly took place in April 2025 in Coppet. The composition of the Committee can be found on the association's website.

As a humanitarian organization, the address of the Sourire de Chiang Khong website is www.lesourire.org.

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