



LE SOURIRE DE CHIANG KHONG



Activity report 2019

In Thailand

Over the months

- January A day dedicated to the ethnic groups of Thailand organised by the children of the home, with a programme of 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).
- The children participate in a camp organised by the centre's teenagers.
- The staff participates in the opening of sports games for all secondary school students in Chiang Rai province.
- February Big party organised in the home to mark the 20th anniversary of Le Sourire. Many guests attended. On the programme were, dances, songs, stands representing the various ethnic groups of Thailand, a big meal, etc...
- March The children take part in a sports day organised by the staff.
- The children participate in several camps organised in the Chiang Rai region.

April Songkran festival, and three days of festivities were organised in the foyer.

The children participate in several camps organised in the Chiang Rai region. Two young people from vocational schools go on a one-year internship - (one young person went to Bangkok to work for a company specialising in the ventilation system for large ocean liners and another young person to work for a car dealership in Chiang Rai).

May All the children participated in the summer camp (education and reflection), organised by the teenagers of the home.

June Election of the home's youth committee for the 2019/2020 school year.

July Help from 5 "Scout de France" volunteers for one month: teaching, games, various activities.

Fire drill day and safety instructions for all the children in the home. Financial participation in the construction of a shelter for the children of the Ban Saeo primary school in Chiang Rai.

August Mother's Day event organised at the centre. The programme included a show with songs and dances, as well as a special meal for the children.

The children participate in several camps organised in the Chiang Rai region. Students from Sirimat public school in Phan participate in a day of home activities (rice planting, meals and teaching).

September Various members of the Government visit the home for a thorough inspection: constructions, safety standards, hygiene, and everything conforms to standard.

November Festival of "Loy Krathong". A day was organised at the centre and the children made "kratongs" and participated in traditional festivities.

The children take part in a sports day organised by the staff.

Visit of academics from Mae Fah Luang University in Chiang Rai to learn about and discover the activities of Le Sourire.

Visit to the home of the first intake of children of Le Sourire (intake of 1998); they came to offer the children a meal.

December In collaboration with the Government (Department of Social Welfare), several days of courses were organised for various NGOs in Thailand. On the programme, raising awareness and improvement in the field of social work development.

Daily life

- ❖ Monitoring of schooling.
- ❖ Learning the Thai language
- ❖ Hmong and Akha (mother tongue of most children).
- ❖ Safeguarding ethnic traditions (sewing, embroidery, dancing, singing).
- ❖ Drug prevention and awareness.
- ❖ General culture.
- ❖ Hygiene care and prevention.
- ❖ Cultural, sports and entertainment activities...
- ❖ Summer programme for older children in the home (internships).
- ❖ Summer programme for new residents, courses and refresher courses (curriculum).
- ❖ Active participation in the country's official Buddhist and Christian religious festivals.
- ❖ Recruitment and training of young people for childcare.
- ❖ The children of the home occasionally help the farmers in the neighbouring villages and in the development of the surrounding villages.
- ❖ Various and necessary steps with the Government in order to obtain official documents (identity cards, etc.) for the children.
- ❖ Ongoing support to Thai villages and the Lahu, Lisu, Akha and Hmong tribes.
- ❖ Ongoing support to the various schools attended by our boarders and sponsored children in the villages.
- ❖ Regular visits to the villages to monitor the needs of the villagers and follow up on sponsorships.
- ❖ Permanent contacts with local people in the province of Chiang Rai supporting our action.
- ❖ Meetings organised with the parents of the sponsored children living in the villages.
- ❖ Active presence in the various meetings organised by the Government for all NGOs and foundations in Chiang Rai Province.
- ❖ Search for sponsorships and donations.
- ❖ In-service training of staff (courses and seminars organised by the Government).
- ❖ Visits to parents in prison to maintain contact with the child.

The staff

To assist them, Barbara and Prapapone recruit staff from the local population. This makes it possible to provide work and to anchor the home firmly in the life of the region. In order to attract competent people, and with the idea of ensuring the continuity of Le Sourire, former boarders are brought 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, 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 have been undertaken - children's dormitory houses, staff houses, haysheds for buffaloes and cows.
- ❖ Construction of an extension to the tool shed and repair workshops.
- ❖ Construction of a building to store wood, as well as a space to make our own fertilisers and natural fertilisers.
- ❖ Construction of a garage for vehicles.
- ❖ Construction of a building for the girls school belongings, as well as a work room for the staff.

In Switzerland

Over the months

February	Committee in Savièse.
April	AMAT information stand, massages in Morges. May Committee and General Assembly in Blonay.
June	5 Continents Festival in Martigny, information stand, AMAT massages and sale of manufactured objects in favour of the Smile. Information stand and AMAT massage in Bulle. Spring market in Founex - sale of manufactured objects in favour of the Smile.
August	Committee in Arbaz.
September	Presentation of the Association at the Gourmettes club in Monthey.
November	Théâtre de l'Espérance, performance in aid of the Smile. AMAT information and massage stand in Aigle. Christmas market in Founex - sale of manufactured objects in favour of the Smile.
December	"Christmas Tree", collection sponsored by the Espace Interculturel de Sierre.

Throughout the year, in Sion, second-hand clothes are sold at LA BOUTIQUE to benefit the sponsorship of children from the Sourire de Chiang Khong and Couleurs de Chine. www.la-boutique-sion.ch

Enlarge the solidarity network

Thanks to the sponsorships, some 400 children are welcomed in their homes or followed up in their villages.

Throughout the year, the Chiang Khong Smile Association is active in developing children's sponsorships, collecting funds and investing in events for the benefit of the children of the home. A number of communes and foundations support specific projects.

Organisation

A human-scale organisation, strictly managed and controlled, the association has a minimum operating cost (less than 1% in 2018). Aid goes directly to action in the field.

In 2019, the Committee met three times, in Savièse, Blonay and Arbaz. The Annual General Meeting was held in May 2019 in Blonay. The composition of the Committee can be found on the association's website.

In its capacity as a humanitarian organisation, the address of the website of Le Sourire de Chiang Khong is the following: www.lesourire.org

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