



# LE SOURIRE DE CHIANG KHONG



## Activity report 2020

### 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).  
The children participate in a camp organised by the teenagers of the centre.
- February The children participate in a sports day organised by the staff.
- March The children participated in several camps organised in the Chiang Rai region. A sports day was organised at the home for our young people and for the children of the primary and secondary school of Taesaban 2 in Pha Ngae.
- April "Songkran" festival, three days of festivities were organised at the home. The children participate in several camps organised in the Chiang Rai region.
- May All children participated in the summer camp (education and reflection), organised by the teenagers of the home.  
Schools were closed by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, so the home's youth had to study at a distance on online platforms.

June	Election of the Youth Home Committee for the 2020/2021 school year.
July	Fire drill day and safety instructions for all children in the home.
August	Mother's Day. A day was organised at the centre. The programme included a show with songs and dances, as well as a special meal for the children.
October	Visit of 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 making of "kratongs" by the children and traditional festivities. The children took part in a sports day organised by the staff.

## Daily life

- ❖ Follow-up of schooling.
- ❖ Learning of the Thai language.
- ❖ Hmong and Akha classes (mother tongue of most of the children).
- ❖ Safeguarding ethnic traditions (sewing, embroidery, dancing, singing).
- ❖ Drug prevention and awareness.
- ❖ General culture.
- ❖ Hygiene care and prevention.
- ❖ Cultural activities, sports, entertainment...
- ❖ Summer programme for the older children of the home (internships).
- ❖ Summer programme for new boarders, courses and refresher courses (school programme).
- ❖ Active participation in the official Buddhist and Christian religious festivals of the country.
- ❖ Recruitment and training of young people to look after the children.
- ❖ The children of the home occasionally help the farmers of the neighbouring villages, as well as the development of the neighbouring villages.
- ❖ Various necessary steps with the government to obtain official documents (identity cards, etc.) for the children.
- ❖ Continuous support to the 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 look after the needs of the villagers and to monitor the sponsorships.
- ❖ Permanent contacts with local people in the province of Chiang Rai who support 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 the NGOs and foundations in Chiang Rai Province.
- ❖ Search for sponsorships and donations.
- ❖ Continuous 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 allows them to give work and to anchor the home firmly in the life of the region. In order to attract competent people and to ensure the continuity 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 cultivate our corn fields, rice fields, orchards and plantations, care for our animals (pigs, cows, buffaloes, 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 were undertaken - staff houses, the main building, the office building.
- ❖ Various cementing works were undertaken, especially around buildings.
- ❖ Construction of a wood storage shed.
- ❖ Construction of a room to store our fruit crops.
- ❖ Construction of a meeting room in the children's canteen.
- ❖ Construction of a building for reception areas and parent-child meetings.

## In Switzerland

### Over the months

January      Committee meeting in Laconnex.

June          Committee and General Assembly in Laconnex.

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

Throughout the year, in various shops in Founex, Sion and Nyon, sale of objects manufactured by a member of the committee for the benefit of the children of Le Sourire de Chiang Khong.

No market or event could be organised due to the sanitary measures imposed by the Federal Council because of COVID19.

## Expanding the solidarity network

Thanks to the sponsorships, some 400 children are taken in at the home or followed in their villages. Throughout the year, the Chiang Khong Smile Association is active in developing child sponsorships, raising funds and getting involved in events for the benefit of the children in the home. Many municipalities and foundations support specific projects.

## Organisation

As a human-scale organisation, strictly managed and controlled, the association has minimal operating costs (less than 1% in 2019). The aid goes directly to the action on the ground. In 2020, the Committee met twice in Laconnex. The General Assembly took place in June 2020 in Laconnex. The composition of the Committee is listed on the association's website. As a humanitarian organisation, the address of the Smile of Chiang Khong website is: [www.lesourire.org](http://www.lesourire.org).

Chiang Rai, 21 May 2021