

## Editorial

All of you, dear benefactors of "le Sourire", through our regular news, know relatively well about our humanitarian actions in the North of Thailand, the borders of Laos, Burma and Thailand. In remote mountain valleys, various ethnic groups of Chinese origin live far from modern society.

The big victims (woman/child) manage the fields and the house – the man devotes himself to drugs. Extreme poverty often leads to the "sale" of the child who will be taken care of by clandestine organizations.

The two co-founders



Right now, the world is in trouble – everywhere – help is being asked EVERYWHERE. Generosity went around the world and sought to relieve the confrontations as best as possible. If it is true that it is impossible to "save" the world, we try to help each other where LIFE wants us. With Prapapone, we are "placed" in the Golden Triangle, perilous certainly, but confident that the Good always wins.

A large number of children, thanks to your support since the Sourire existed, have been able to escape a hellish world. Unknown and invisible, they now use their strength to accompany others towards an exis-



Barbara and Prapapone offer them an altruistic solution by inviting them to the Sourire home, which educates them in a family environment.

tence worth living. THANK YOU and may VITA give it back to you.

Barbara Prapapone



## Youth activities of the home



The Sourire action is aimed at the long term, preparing children to enter adult life in a responsible, free and sociable way. Le Sourire offers children the emotional and educational framework favorable to their personal and professional development.

## Digging two ponds



Government Action Plan for Water Management. Several pond digging for farmers has been approved in the region, including two for Le Sourire. The costs were covered by the government. The filling is done only with rainwater and is used to water our grounds and gardens.



## Pigsty



Pig farming affected by health problems is now a thing of the past. The gradual resumption of pig farming activities has made it possible to feed the young people of the household again.

## Honey harvest



Between the hives and the colonies of bees living in the wild, we are lucky to have good honey on a regular basis. In many Thai beekeeping traditions, honey harvesting is a dynamic activity often entrusted to young people. This responsibility encourages them to commit to the preservation of the environment while making them aware of the essential importance of bees for the balance of ecosystems.



# Our stay at Le Sourire



*At the beginning of March 2026, we had the chance to spend a few days at Le Sourire. What a warm welcome from Prapapone and Barbara.*

*So many changes since our stay in 2018, the main one being the new kitchen building, then under construction. A modern kitchen with large cold rooms and large gas hobs. Gone are the days of cooking over a wood fire in large cauldrons! The oxen pen has been enlarged and the dormitories improved; This list is far from exhaustive.*

*Prapapone and Barbara are amazing, with immense energy to lead, organize, and care for the children.*

*Everyone, when they come home from school or when they have time off, has their task. Some help with the kitchen, others take care of the oxen, the pigs or the maintenance of the gardens and flower beds.*

*This stay was a real life lesson.*

*A big congratulations to these two women who, for years, have developed a treasure trove of imagination to improve and sweeten the lives of hundreds of children.*

*We admire all that they accomplish.*

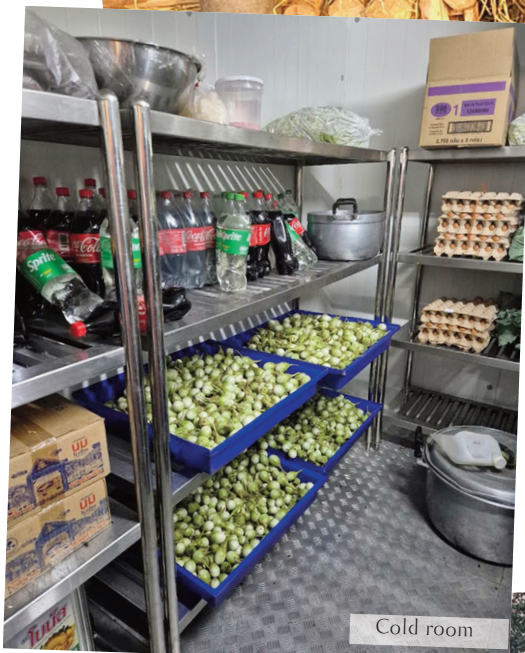
*Michèle, Anne-Lise, Jörg  
et Luigi*







Cowshed



Cold room



Main - Building



Kitchen building



Back to gardening



Girls House



## Building renovations



Building renovation requires a structured approach. To carry out these projects, it is essential to favour sustainable materials adapted to the local context, and to call on qualified local craftsmen.

## Floods



Every year during the monsoon, torrential rains cause devastating floods in Thailand, often with alarming human tolls and scenes of devastation. Mutual aid pro-

jects are organized with our young people to help the population concerned.



# Children's Committee of the Home



A committee elected by the children of the home meets regularly to discuss problems and conflicts, to develop ideas or to plan and carry out projects.

## Government inspection of the fireplace



At the home, every year inspections are carried out by the government to assess whether all the required conditions are met; and checks whether we have the necessary permits.



## Visits from the veterinarians for our animals



Regular visits by veterinarians are carried out for the care of our animals. Our young people are welcome to attend animal care, they appreciate the advice and are seduced by a profession that they are discovering.







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