



Childlife Newsletter – Leader Youth Camp - part 1



It is school break for the children at Childlife, and this school break is proving to be a very dull one. There is not enough staff or volunteers to help out with activities. Some children go home for the school break but many do not have families to go home to, they have no other option other than Childlife, it is their home. Currently it is almost the end of the rainy season and it is very hot at the shelter. All the children have to walk under the scorching sun and are very bored, there is nothing new going on.



Some kids have nothing to do, they just sleep. The Childlife site is very hot and has no electricity. There is no playground for the small children to occupy themselves with.



Emergency house after we have effect from rainstorm by save the children found UK



The new girls house and bunk beds



The new kitchen by Hope for life .

I walk in the shelter and look around me. A lot of things are developing in my organisation. Among the new developments are the emergency house that was built after a rainstorm destroyed the building two months ago (Support from save the children fund UK), a new kitchen (Support by Hope for life Germany organisation), and a new shelter for the girls (Support by Khun Laura Cordisco from International Justice mission and Our friends from Phuket Khun Jose L.Gay , and Khun Toni Alzamora from Life Home Project Foundation).

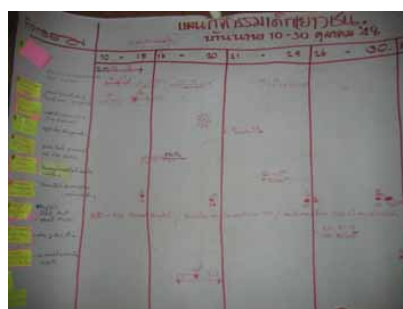
I am happy about the new buildings but I am not completely happy because the children have no staff to make activities for them. One day I am walking to the shelter and one of the kids asks "Oem! What happened? You look sad Ku Ngaow." I said to him "Oem! I am bored and he replied "Oem! I am also bored." I was sad to hear his reply. I asked him "Should we think of something fun to do on this school break?". He agreed and quietly said "lets go!" He lead the way to the kitchen and we sat and discussed what our plan was going to be. Pretty soon children around us were interested and started to move closer. More and more children came and finally we came to a conclusion...

The development and life skills camp for youth leader activities.

From October 10 – 30 , 2005

Background.

School is out for the term and some kids have parents that they can go home to, but some children have no parents to fall back on, these are the children at the shelter. The main focus of the first strategy in the Development and Life Skills Camp for Youth Leader Activities are the children. They need to learn life skills and how to develop themselves in positive ways. Because there is not enough staff at Childlife and we do not have the funds to hire anyone else we must train the children with life skills enough to be future assistants or volunteers with Childlife. The children thought of this camp entirely on their own, they came up with activity ideas and have invited anyone who is interested to join. They made a name for their group, Arho yeu yeu, which means 'working ants'.



Kru Ngaow and the kids discuss and brainstorm activities. They also estimate the budget.

Target Group

The bigger kids who are interested from Childlife, 17 kids
5 boys and 12 girls from 13- 16 years old.

Objective

- To develop life skills to be a leader and assistant
- To give them the education and skills to work as a team
- To create unity between the kids who stay at Childlife
- To learn how to work in the frame of the system and to follow tradition
- To learn how to write proposals and reports.
- To teach them how to be responsible for themselves and others.

Activities Plan.

1. Vision study from another organisation place - DEPDC Mae Sai, Catholic shelter for hill tribe Mae Sai, Baan rung arun Viangpapoah Chiangrai and mirror of art foundation in Chiang Rai
Date: October 11-12 , 2005 ,
Budget: 2 days for food and gasoline and sweets **2400 baht**
 2. Learn to write proposals and write the reports from vision study
Date: October 13 -14, 2005
Budget: small material and some sweets **200 baht**
 3. Go to Mae Sai areas to do research on the situation of the street children and to learn how to collect the data in related areas 5 times
Date: October 15,20,25,29,30 , 2005
Budget: gasoline 1,000 baht / pocket money for kids 4 time for 16 kids: 1,800 baht and the last day cross to Myanmar pocket money: 750 baht
3550 baht
 4. Performance activities
Date: October 16-19 ,2005
Budget: prepare the material and show in Mae Sai areas on Oct. 19,2005
4000 baht
 5. Chiangmai university camp, kids to learn leadership skills for other children at Childlife. 20 university students will come to make a national camp.
Date: October 17-20 ,2005
Budget: material for camp **2000 baht**
 6. Building the mud house
Date: October 21-23 ,2005
Budget: wood and roof construction **5000 baht**
 7. Learning basic computer skills
Date: October 24-25,2005
Budget: expert and some material **600 baht**
 8. Off site camp for 2 night 3 day at Maechan district
Date: October 26-28 , 2005
Budget: transport 1,500 baht / place contribute 2,500 baht / small material 3,000 baht / food, 6,300 baht / emergency medicine 1,000 baht / expert 1,000 baht
14800 baht
 9. Learn to type and make a total of the results by the children from all of the activities
Date:October 29, 2005
Budget: material as paper ink or a small things **500 baht**
 10. Completion ceremony and certificates given to the kids
Date: October 30, 2005
Budget: make certificate and some small party **2500 baht**
 11. Spare money for the activities **3000 baht**
- Total budget 38550 baht**

(Newsletter continued in part 2)