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## LITTLE JILADA ARRIVES...



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### PRAYER & PRAISE

- Pray for Jilada's adjustment
- Praise God for His provision of the meat
- Pray for committed staff
- Praise for His goodness to us—every day!
- Long term volunteers, the Azalis arrive in April :)

Jilada is finally here!! We have prayed and prayed for this little girl to join our family. She is the youngest sister of Lulu and Tarni and was in great need of care.

Mum asked us to take Jilada so we travelled many hours including an overnight stop to pick her up. Mum decided that she couldn't let us take her as she would be too lonely so after our long trek North, we came home without this precious child. A few days later mum phoned and said she wanted to give her to us but that we would have to make the long journey back to her village. We said that we were prepared to meet her half way. She couldn't do this and so we waited. A few weeks went by and the mum phoned us out of the blue and said "I will bring her to Chiang Mai tomorrow" I have never seen Lulu this excited

before. She couldn't wait to see her beloved sister. After our initial long journey (and false start!), we didn't have too travel far to get our new little girl. On Friday morning I told Lulu "Lulu, today we will get Jilada." Lulu jumped up and down and said "Hooray, Lulu pray. Lulu ask God "can Jilada come Baan Jai Dee and God say "yes".

We are often humbled by these children and their simple faith..

Hooray! God good mum' Wow. Tarni was SO excited as she waited for her baby sister. She leaned over the table and kept grinning at me and holding my hand very tightly. Then the moment arrived. The girls jumped and laughed and cried at seeing one another. After visiting together and with the paper work completed it was

time for the mum and children to say goodbye to one another. Many tears were shed and then the mum turned and walked away.

Over the next 2 hours all three girls cried, sometimes at the same time and sometimes at different times. It is heart wrenching to watch a child grieve—let alone 3 children! Their mum had told us that she will live with her mother – in –law and wait until her husband gets out of jail. "How long will that be?" Sam asked. "Twenty one years". We can only imagine her pain and grief. She looked so defeated. Please pray with us during this difficult transition for little Jilada.

## PEOPLE, HIS PROVISION AND PIGS!

We have dear friends here who help other Ministries using the Business As Mission (BAM) model of support raising. They raise pigs and fish to support church planters and to help Children's Homes.

Our friend called us to say they were giving the first fruits of their "harvest" to be shared between us and a local church—would we please come and help cut up

the pig! It took a while but we thank the Lord for this generous gift. A few weeks went by and we went and helped mince many kilos of pork and we bagged up a whole pig! The meat is half the price than at the market and we now have a big supply of fresh pork—a meat enjoyed by ALL the kids!

We purchased 6 chickens and after a few months the children were delighted with

the arrival of 7 chicks. One particular chicken and has taken a bit of a shine to Allan and will run up to him. Very funny to watch! No comments on Allan and his harem!

Each night after dinner, one of us collects the eggs and we all guess how many for that day (usually 2!). It's hilarious... and rowdy as each calls out their guess.



## PHOTOS



The things we do! Chopping up pork for the kids to enjoy. Yum!

## FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO HELP LONG TERM!

The house we are living in is for sale along with the house at the front of ours.

We desperately need more room and accommodation on site for children, long term and short term volunteers. The older house is quite large and could use renovating. The land needs tidying up, the house needs painting,

some re-tiling, curtains and general repairs

The plan would be to organize the upstairs for volunteers and downstairs for either staff and children and eventually to be used to as a respite centre for mothers to be able to be together with their child while we support them to get back on their feet.

As the number of children in need increase, we would also like to start a second home—keeping it so close would be much easier to oversee. We would also all eat together and fellowship together. The two houses are on approximately 2 acres of land, with a further 3 acres of farmland for sale just down the road. Pray for these urgent needs and funds.



## AR-NEE

The story of Ar-nee was so sad and yet we have seen her transform from a completely mute and sullen child with a fake smile (not uncommon in severely abused children) to a loving little girl who is warm, funny, animated and who has a zest for life. Occasionally now we have to say "quiet please Ar-nee!!"

She loves to sing now and is very affectionate. Schooling

can be problematic for some of the children as they don't feel safe so they need lots of TLC.

Allan and Sam decided to enrol Ar-nee in a Christian Bi-lingual kindergarten which turns out to be the perfect choice for her. She is excited to go to school. She "flies" in the door after school and is quick to show us her latest artwork or exciting discovery of another new letter of the alphabet.



The first time we met Ar-nee



Look at her now!! Thank you for helping put a smile on the face of these precious children!

## REFERRALS

We simply cannot overstate the investment that your time and resources has had in the lives of these children. So many of them have such tragic pasts and yet God has not forgotten them.

Sometimes the need can overwhelm us.

This last 2 weeks we have had referrals to take in siblings aged 11, 8, 3 and 5 months—mum died and dad

has already tried to give them away but no-one will take them. Many homes here are full with resources stretched to the limit.

Another family—Girls aged 11, 7, 5 and 2 - do we want them? No-one else seems to! Dad is in jail and mum has "long gone." Another boy, 16 months—mum wants to marry again and doesn't want him. Pastor's turn up asking us to take in

children. Photos and ID's arrive in the mail like this one simply with a name and phone number on the back of them. What would you do?.

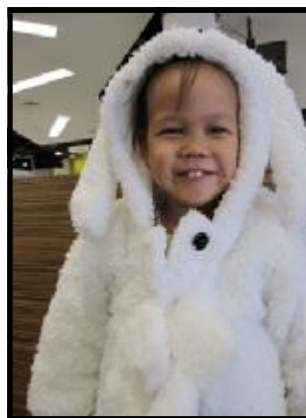


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## COCO

Another part of our Ministry is to the parents of some of the children. Hurt, lonely and often abused and neglected themselves, we see this part of our Ministry growing eventually to housing and supporting mothers and their children which will keep families together. We do not advocate separating families, although in all of our kids cases there was no alternative.

Thank you for your loving support.



## Baan Jai Dee cares for kids

### OUR DETAILS

#### How to give:

##### AUSTRALIA:

Baan Jai Dee support:

Commonwealth Bank. A/S Schmidt BSB 063 504 Account No. 10086740

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This mother asked us to take her 9 month old son. We felt an alternative arrangement would be best where the mother could keep her baby with her while she is supported, trained and helped to get back on her feet after her husband abandoned her. We referred her to another organization who is now caring for the mother and her two young sons. A good outcome for all.

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## CULTURE, FUN AND FRIENDS

Our long time friend Kezzie Baillie and her friend Paula volunteered at Baan Jai Dee recently. Al, Wasana & Jordy joined Kez & Paula on an elephant adventure ride. Wasana couldn't stop grinning! Paula bought Wasana a little wooden ele-

phant that she brings out of her drawer from time to time as she reminisces about her exciting adventures. They also went on a bullock ride complete with a large umbrella perched over them to keep them cool. Visiting us is fun!!

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