

**DEAR  
ACFRIENDS,**

It's been a month of back-to-back celebrations over here in Thailand. We kicked off with Valentines Day, and then it was Chinese New Year which is widely celebrated here as well. Bright red lanterns can still be seen on our streets, and the traditional dragon also made an appearance in our area. We had important meetings too, completed training sessions, and met with our Swiss Ambassadors, Naemi and Phil.

# ASIA CENTER FOUNDATION



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## FEBRUARY SNAPSHOT



### BEACH BAPTISM AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Our little Thai church, Cornerstone Community Church, held an outdoor baptism service this month, baptizing three children and 2 adults. What is so wonderful about an outdoor event is that it also offers an opportunity for staff and church members to have fellowship together at the beach, something we normally don't have much time for.

### MONITORING AND EVALUATION TRAINING

We are continuing our Monitoring and Evaluation training, this year by departments. The goal is for ACF to have a clear strategy and goals so we can face the future more prepared and with greater effectiveness. We thank K. Kad, one of our Board members for preparing and presenting the training sessions.



# ACF HIGHLIGHTS

## CLC NEW APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-27



The Cornerstone Learning Center (CLC) team has completed home interviews with new applicants for the upcoming school year. It's hard to say who is more excited—the new little ones or our teachers, who were deeply encouraged by the children's eagerness to start school. Many of these young applicants are more than ready to begin their learning journey, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to welcome them into our beautiful facilities in the new school year.

## 2026 BOARD MEETING

ACF has been blessed through the help of each board member who committed themselves to assist us with help, advice and guidance on a number of important matters through the years - and this year was no exception. We want to thank every member for making time to attend our first meeting this year. We look forward to their continued support as we move into our 25<sup>th</sup> year of serving our community in 2027.



## ACF SWITZERLAND VISIT



The Directors of ACF Switzerland also visited this month. It was a very special time for our team to meet up with Phil, Naemi and Joy who came to Phuket with their families for a short holiday. We spent the day with them and were once again reminded that working together, across borders, we can ensure that our children continue to have access to education, healthcare and life skill opportunities.



## KOREAN YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM VISIT



A Korean youth team from Cheonbo Church finding their forward in life, recently spent time with our kids. It was filled with meaningful activities, inspiring performances, and the love of Christ shining through every moment. They impressed us thoroughly by singing worship songs to the children in Thai!

Our CLC students had an amazing fun-filled afternoon. Thanks to a cross-cultural activity experience created by Pastor Armand (from All Nations Church) and his family who joined us for the afternoon, presenting a wonderful activity program.

## SOUTH AFRICAN FAMILY FUN DAY WITH CLC



We are deeply grateful for the public alarm system, playground equipment, and beautiful mural which the Rawai Pool League (under leadership of Kelly O'Brien and Mark) generously sponsored, bringing joy and colors to our playground.

## RAWAI POOL LEAGUE SUPPORT



Thailand has celebrated Chinese New Year for centuries, with traditions rooting back to the migration of Chinese traders and settlers during the Ayutthaya period (14th–18th century). It's widely observed, especially in cities like Bangkok and Phuket, featuring, lion dances, and the wearing of red.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR: YEAR OF THE HORSE





## ACF– Switzerland board visit

As **Asia Center Foundation Switzerland**, we had the opportunity to travel to Phuket with our families and were once again deeply moved.

Thailand showed us why our board members **Joy Stäger, Philippe Bruderer**, and **Naemi Bruderer-Wegelin** lost their hearts to this special country: *the soothing serenity, the openness of the people, and a warmth that you can feel.*

**Roelien, James**, and the entire team gave us a very warm welcome. For Naemi, it was a particularly moving reunion, as she had worked there for several months in 2019. We had already visited together as a board in 2023, and this connection led to the founding of our association in Switzerland in 2024.

We are filled with great respect and gratitude for the foundation's development: projects are growing, the infrastructure is expanding, and professionalism and warmth go hand in hand. We are particularly impressed by the strength and perseverance with which the organization continues undeterred despite ever-changing NGO

regulations, registration processes, funding changes and visa requirements. Roelien and her team do not allow themselves to be discouraged. They continue to work with heart, faith, and remarkable consistency. As Asia Center Foundation Switzerland, we support this work ideologically, financially, and strategically.

We promote sustainable projects for children, young people, and families and see ourselves as a bridge between Switzerland and Thailand, supported by personal ties and the desire to give hope and prospects for the long term.

After three weeks, we returned to Switzerland deeply grateful and extremely motivated. Our time there impressively confirmed the meaningfulness of our commitment and strengthened both our hearts and our dedication. We are delighted to continue on this path.

Deeply impressed, we send our warmest regards, on behalf of the entire board,

**Naemi Bruderer-Wegelin,**  
**Asia Center Foundation Switzerland**  
**President**



## MINISTRY INTERNS - A FAREWELL

Over the last 10 months we were blessed with some extra helping hands. Two Bible college interns from a Bible school in the North of Thailand did their internship year with us. They just completed their time, and we asked them about their challenges and observations during the internship - they had the following to share:

**Sean**(left), I had to teach a Northern traditional dance to scholarship students attending the annual Rugby Elevens: "I prayed to God, believing that with Him I could do it. I also received encouragement from the children who came to practice every evening. Their dedication, along with the staff's willingness to sacrifice their time to help, reminded me that I wasn't alone. That gave me strength not to give up".

**Yut** said "I saw the love ACF has for the community. Even when some parents didn't cooperate, ACF still helped poor children, giving them hope and showing them that education is important." He also had in mind that they will sleep on the floor during their internship and was pleasantly surprised by their accommodation on site. That made him feel valued and appreciated while serving with us.

*We have been reminded once again this month of the brevity of life, but also of the resilience of the human spirit as we assisted a wife and mother whose sudden loss of her husband while on holiday, has changed her world overnight. Loss draws people from different worlds together and while nothing seems to make sense in the midst of a crisis, we can find peace in knowing that everything works together in God's plan.*

**Roelien and team**

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