

MARCH 2026

**ASIA CENTER
FOUNDATION**



MARCH SNAPSHOT

DEAR ACF FRIENDS,

We wrapped up the 2025-26 school year with parent meetings with all 116 scholarship parents, as well as our new CLC parents. The pre-schoolers went to see a dolphin show for their last field trip and our 'graduation ceremony also took place. Much has been done during the past year and we look back in awe of what we managed to accomplish. Thomas Edison once said "If we do all the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves". I totally agree!



On the 7th of March 108 golf fanatics in our support network met up once again at Laguna for our annual golf charity fund raising event. Due to the fantastic support from the players and the sponsorship of Cathay Pacific and the Marriott group both, including individuals and businesses who sponsored vouchers or items to be auctioned off, the event was another resounding success! As a charitable, non-profit and NGO, ACF is dependent on events and grants to fund our projects. Events are therefore extremely important to us and we thank our Ambassador, Lillian Haynes and her husband Mike, for an excellent job organizing the event for a second year! Funds raised was dedicated to our shelter and CLC.

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GRADUATION DAY 2026



We celebrated our six-year-olds' time at ACF and Cornerstone Education Center with a beautiful graduation ceremony. Seventeen bright young children proudly attended, dressed in their brand-new school uniforms sponsored by ACF. Awards were presented, good character was celebrated, and the efforts of those who excelled academically or in sports were recognized.

We were honored to have Roland Machek, our Ambassador in Austria, in attendance. Together with volunteer Shereen Chua and ACF Board member K. Radchaneekorn, they added a special touch to the day by presenting certificates and awards to the children.

It is ACF's wish and desire to be able to add on a primary curriculum in English for our CLC students as soon as possible. Please pray with us for funding to complete our last primary school building.



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM COMING TO AN END



Afterschool activities plays an important role in building and maintaining relationships with children who left our pre-school and who are sponsored while attending local Thai schools. Youth program activities built around the challenges children face daily helps them grow, and build their self confidence and skills in managing emotions and conflict.

AWARDING NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

During the annual parents meeting we awarded certificates for outstanding academic performance to some of our scholarship students, and new applicants received confirmation letters for sponsorship. Through the amazing generosity and support of our donors we are able to sponsor 125 students next year and we thank all our sponsors for making another year of sponsorship possible.



The impact of a Scholarship: Receiving a scholarship can truly change a child's future. Children in our scholarship are not only sponsored financially. They are invited to attend our after-school program, where they gain access to growth and development opportunities they might not otherwise experience. These activities create meaningful mentoring and counseling opportunities, while also giving them the chance to learn about God's love for them. Over the past year, we have seen our youth leaders grow in both skills and confidence, and we look forward to seeing them apply what they have learned in the coming school year.

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FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - 2026

It's an ACF tradition to end each term with a Family Fellowship Night, and this term was no exception. We bring together our Scholarship and Cornerstone Education Center families for an evening of fun, food, and genuine fellowship. Our goal is to close the school year by creating space for children and families to enjoy time together—setting aside, even if just for a while, the stresses of daily life—and to reflect on the many blessings received throughout the year, while having fun and reconnecting with each other.





I stepped onto the red carpet as I entered the dining room. (Yes—we roll out a red carpet. Some days deserve to be remembered.)

The stage is already set. All available staff members are carefully shaping paper flowers, while others prepare the musical instruments. Around me, another graduation ceremony is quietly taking form in the capable, experienced hands of our team.

Tomorrow, our six-year-olds will say goodbye and take their next step into primary school.

From outside, I hear laughter—children playing, carefree and full of life. Inside, I see a different picture: a team that is tired, yet fully ready. Ready to celebrate, ready to let go, ready to send these children off into the next step of their futures.

And yet, my heart feels the weight of it. We are sending them off because we are still not ready with our own primary school.

Questions rise, one after another. What about our 'special cases'? How will they manage in a class of thirty or more? Will their new teachers have the patience they need? Will their love for learning endure when things become difficult? Will they succeed? Have we truly prepared them for what lies ahead?

So many questions. So few answers.

And then I am reminded of a quote that hangs in my office, by Robert Louis Stevenson: **“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant.”**

So we hold on to hope. Hope that the seeds planted here will be nurtured and watered. **And one day, may we see them grow into strong, steady oak trees — deeply rooted, reaching high — right here in this community.**

We wish you all a blessed Easter and will be back in April!

Roelien and Team

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