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DEAR ACF FRIENDS,

Our Scholarship team kicked this month off with making home visits to some of the 119 students we sponsor. It is a great way to continue our relationships that has been build with the parents and caregivers. Staying in touch ensure that we are aware of changes in family members' day to day lives and how it affects the children and the consistency of their education. Ministry team members spend time praying for the families needs, encouraging them and sharing advice where required.

Fire, Fire!

A fire safety training session with the local fire station staff created huge excitement amongst the children (even the neighbors came to see what was happening!) and participating in extinguishing a fire was an amazing experience for those children and staff brave enough to have tried.



Our youth group meetings focused on the children's health and personal hygiene this month and our team had to teach them how to apply lice shampoo, gave some much needed haircuts and discussed the benefits of eating healthy. An outdoor cooking competition was well attended and enjoyed because the children don't often have the opportunity to learn to cook.



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A Walk around Phuket

NGO's depend on events which can create more visibility. It's a full time job raising funds to be able to continue our work, so when people use initiative and create events to assist in this process it serves as huge encouragement. We are blessed to be part of the 'A walk around Phuket' initiative by Paco Vazques, a teacher at UWC. You can support us by visiting his website at <https://www.awalkaroundphuket.org/>



Credits: A Walk Around Phuket Page

On a new mission - Baking and Selling!



Our Step-UP (Skills, Training and Education Preparation Program) baking students are ready to take orders from now on and will bake to sell once a month. Watch Facebook and Instagram for announcements!

Office of the Basic Education Commission (OBEC)

We received our first visit from the Thai Education Department after being registered. We were advised on practical matters and we had opportunity to ask questions with regards to application of the new curriculum we are following. We were encouraged by their feedback and are confident that we are on the right track with following the new curriculum.



CHAMPIONING CHANGE

Asia Center Association –
Switzerland takes action

You're Invited! ♥

**NEW PERSPECTIVES.
REAL OPPORTUNITIES. ♥**

A special afternoon with the
Asia Center Foundation

Roelien Muller
Founder of the
Asia Center Foundation
Phuket, Thailand

**Saturday
October 31, 2026**

Starts at 2:00 PM

**Venue
Winterthur Area**

Look forward to an inspiring program ♥

- Roelien Muller shares about her work in Thailand and the current challenges
- ACF Switzerland introduces itself
- Experience reports from our volunteers
- Delicious Thai food
- Fun activities for the whole family, like tin can shooting, skill games and much more
- Raffle with great prizes

Organized by:
ASIA CENTER FOUNDATION
Switzerland

Be part of it! ♥
Support children in Thailand and experience an unforgettable afternoon full of inspiration, connection and impact!

Scan the QR code for more information and to register!
<https://www.acf-switzerland.ch/news>

EVERY CONTRIBUTION HELPS. EVERY ENCOUNTER MOVES US.
TOGETHER, WE CREATE NEW PERSPECTIVES.

Asia Center Foundation Switzerland Event
We're excited to announce a special afternoon hosted by our ACF Ambassadors Phil and Naemi Bruderer (President of ACF Switzerland) this October in Winterthur, Switzerland!

Please see the details for this event and join us in supporting children in Thailand with hope and new futures.

More info & registration: <https://www.acf-switzerland.ch/news>

Prince of Songkla University

We had opportunity to share our work with a group of International university students from Prince of Songkla University. Most students leave after such a visit with touched hearts and changed views about their own lives after hearing about the circumstances our children face every day. It is our hope that these visits inspire them to become involved or to do something in their own worlds that will make it a better place for someone else one day.





A VOLUNTEER'S PERSPECTIVE ON NGO WORK

Written by: Ms. Hannah Bepler – Intern from Germany

If I could choose one outstanding experience during my volunteering at ACF that changed the way I reflect on life, **it would be taking part in the home visits.** Soon I realized that it is much more than checking on the students' living conditions and well-being. What surprised me most was how warmly the families welcomed us. Although I was a stranger to them, they treated me with incredible kindness and generosity. They offered us drinks, fresh fruits and snacks, always with a smile on their faces. I had rarely experienced that before.

In Germany, I grew up with the saying, "Nothing in life is for free", which also represents most people's mindsets. At the same time, these visits were also very emotional for me. I was deeply affected by the living conditions some families had to cope with every day, lacking running water, food and enough living space. Things that should be a right for every human being. Seeing their homes and understanding their daily reality made the situation much more personal for me, as it gave me an insight into each student's daily life.

This experience reminded me that kindness and generosity are not measured by wealth. Money does not define a person's character, but it can restrict the opportunities available to them. This is why I really admire the work of ACF, that improves life not only for children but their whole families.

My team surprised me with a lovely dinner event to celebrate my 60th birthday. My family members came from SA, my son from Sydney, and my dear friend Marianne from Sweden!

It is a privilege to still be celebrating birthdays at this age and I feel exceptionally blessed by God's provision and work in my life for so many years, and for the friendships that were build over my time in Thailand.

Warm thanks to all of you who contributed to and supported me and our work for the past 26 years!

Roelien and team

Please consider becoming an ACF "Champion of Change" by **supporting us monthly.** For bank transfers please use the following bank details or transfer via WISE.com

ACF Bank Details

(For local and international bank transfers)



For **online donations** to ACF's General Bank Account Please scan the QR code.
(Only donors in Thailand)

- **Bank:** Siam Commercial Bank
- **Account Name:** Asia Center Foundation (Phuket)
- **Account Number:** 817 2021906
- **Type of Account:** Savings Branch: Central Festival
- **Swift Code:** SICOTHBK

