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DEAR ACF FRIENDS,

When life fills up with challenges and we get caught up in the wave of requirements and expectations just to get normal things done, it's easy to get frustrated and forget to focus on our real purpose. This month circumstances out of our control forced us to apply the serenity prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." Visa delays, unexpected expenses, communication issues and adjusting to change and new requirements in our day to day workload created stressful situations on our team. Yet here we are, we managed to stay standing and we are thankful to say that despite the pressure, and by the grace of God, we made it through July.

MARIOTT COLLABORATIONS



Two meetings strengthening our collaboration with the Marriott group took place. The baking team met with Junior Marriott Business leader K. Aunz who organize the next round of chefs participating in the baking training project for our high school students. Angel and I also met with K. Jenny, Marketing Manager at the Renaissance, who shared great guidelines with us with regards to improving our social media.

NEWLY FORMED EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We had our first Cornerstone Education Center Education committee meeting as required by the Thai Education Department. We want to thank all the members for accepting the invitation to serve on this committee for their support and cooperation.



SCHOOL VISITS

During July we visited 20 schools and educational institutions to introduce our scholarship team members and to meet the responsible teachers and staff who will be overseeing our scholarship students for the year. We also introduced ACF at new schools where we sponsor students for the first time. Six institutions are located in other provinces and therefore are too far to visit.

We have made new connections and will soon finalise a new volunteer agreement with Prince of Songkla University.

We were proud to be informed about students participation in volunteer school activities and that some were chosen as leaders.

PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY PHUKET



CHAMPIONING CHANGE

Longterm
sponsorship
impact

These students recently graduated from tertiary institutions with the help of sponsorship. To our sponsors out there - thank you - for not giving up your support over the years. You have opened doors they could not have opened on their own.



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WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE FOR A NGO?

Being present at our students' preparation sessions for their graduation ceremonies is always a wonderful experience. Some smile confidently; others need a little coaching into a pose before a shy smile appears. Dressed in their graduation outfits and holding flower bouquets, they gather for photographs and sometimes family members move closer for a proud family portrait. In those moments, we can see the pride of accomplishment glimmering in their eyes. ***That's when we feel that we have succeeded, too.***

Behind those smiles—confident or shy—are untold stories of struggle. For many, no family member will be able to attend the ceremony. Some were raised by only an aunt who took responsibility for them, yet there may be no money for the journey to Bangkok, or wherever the graduation certificate will be presented. The reality is simple and accepted: they will not attend their ceremony. Others have spent long hours working and studying, leaving little trace of the once-chubby high school student.

Their eyes may be tired, but they remain bright and are already fixed on the next major concern: finding a job.

Knowing their stories—and understanding the day-to-day challenges they faced to arrive at this point, some of which their families still endure—can make their accomplishments feel bittersweet. What may be considered simply part of life in many parts of the world is, here, a major milestone for an entire family. Because these students now become breadwinners for the rest.

This year, years of sponsorship made it possible for four of our students to graduate from tertiary institutions. That support has brought them to where they stand today—with a key in hand, ready to unlock doors to a future of meaningful work. Because someone on the other side of the world chose to give, these young people were able not only to study, but to persevere and succeed.

Growing together as a team seems to be what God has in mind for us in this season. At our recent monthly prayer night, we were paired in unexpected ways—drawing names and committing to pray with and for one another throughout the month. Shifting our focus from our own challenges to someone else's circumstances helped us see with fresh eyes the people we encounter at school, church, and work each day. As we reached out to support one another, what had once felt overwhelming began to lose its power. May we all continue to grow in prayer, compassion, and unity as we walk alongside one another in the month ahead.

Roelien and team

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