

## ABOUT US

For 12 years, until the government pre-school system was founded in 1996, the Good Shepherd Sisters ran five day care centers for poor children in Srakrai District, Nongkhai. While working in THE centres, it was discovered that many of the children, apart from suffering from malnutrition and slow development, did not have the opportunity to study beyond primary school due to poverty. In response to this need, the Children's Sponsorship Programme was begun.



**121** students have since graduated

Among them: nurses, engineers, computer personnel, barristers, accountants and our programme staff

## Currently:

**526** students provided support to attend school. 322 females and 204 males.

**145** students Kindergarten to High School

**69** students Vocational Training

**76** students attending University  
(48 female)

**151** schools have contact with the programme

## WHAT WE DO

Providing access to education, thereby enabling and empowering rural children and youth, to create their own future

- Referrals from schools, village committee, neighbours, self referred
- Home visitation and collection of data
- Selection is based on needs.  
(parents with disability, students who have lost one or both parents, live with impoverished grandparents or infected with HIV/AIDS. )
- Added to waiting list until a sponsor is found.
- Family history , child's bio-data and photograph is sent to the sponsor.
- Regular visitation is made of students at home and in their educational institution to follow progress.
- Scholarship funds are distributed twice a year. Some sponsors provide gifts and additional support.
- Collaboration with village committee, schools and other organizations involved in the lives of the students.

## Children's Sponsorship Programme

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# Children's Sponsorship Programme

NONGKHAI, THAILAND



*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela*

# ' A CHILD WITH AN EDUCATION IS A CHILD WITH A FUTURE '



## A Sponsorship Success Story Veerayuth Kitprasert

Veerayuth, or 'Micky' to his friends and family, first came to the Sponsorship Programme in his last year of vocational training. Aged 9, Veerayuth's parents separated and his invalid mother was not able to support the family financially. Veerayuth lives with his grandparents who cultivate rice, grow vegetables and raise fish, from which they receive a very small income. He has always been a good student, but financial strain on the family threatened to cause him to stop studying. Even with a loan from the Government, he could not cover his expenses. Aged 19, Veerayuth completed his Pre-University Course, (Bachelor of Science in Information Technology) at the Technical College in Nongkhai. His average score was an impressive 93%.



He has also held elected positions and received numerous honours. He was recently chosen among six students in all of Thailand, for the "Royal Award for Outstanding Students," from Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Jakri Sirindhorn. We are very proud of all he has accomplished. We know he has a bright future ahead, which would not have been possible without the support of his sponsor

## Seminars/Workshops/Meetings

Apart from individual sponsorship, all those in the programme are encouraged to attend:

- Parent/guardian meetings
- Seminars on social issues given at age appropriate levels
- Presentation of payments
- Celebrations

## **Additional benefits for families..**

- Counselling and referrals
- Emergency relief assistance
- Savings groups – loans for family needs / additional educational costs/income generating activities. There are currently

**416** members from 4 districts

- Village Death Support Fund (Money received to help with funeral costs of family member)

This fund has **924** current members



## Sponsorship Contributions

Direct student support and project needs.

**Direct sponsorship** payments are made, to meet the cost of books, uniforms, transportation, food and lodging (senior students)

Files kept on every child include:

- Family history
- Correspondence to and from sponsors
- Payments
- Visits
- School performance records
- Photographs
- Bank books

**Graduates** who secure employment are encouraged to 'give something back'. Their contributions enable others to go to school.

**Level 1.** Kindergarten/ Primary School  
.....6,600 baht/year

**Level 2.** Secondary School  
..... 7,700 baht/year

**Level 3.** High School and  
Vocational Training School  
.....9,900 baht/year

**Level 4.** College and University  
.....22,000 baht/year

Alternatively – any contribution welcomed, according to each individual sponsor.

Should you be interested in sponsoring a child, please contact us  
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