

## ABOUT US

Hands of Hope began as an income-generating project in 2005, for those living with HIV/AIDS. Facing discrimination in their village communities, the people have found support and unconditional acceptance at the Good Shepherd 'Friendship Centre' Nongkhai, in northeastern Thailand.

The Hands of Hope community, has 35-40 producers at any one time. During the week, while their children attend school, the producers work together making beautiful, handmade cards, decorations, mobiles and gifts.

Full responsibility for all aspects of the project, is taken by the participants. The elected committee oversees production and management of the daily tasks, including care of the working environment. The specific roles of designing, quality control, stock management, packing, ordering and shopping for raw materials, are undertaken by others within the group, with each person, from the committee down, involved directly with production itself.



*"Absolutely incredible what a little bit of medicine, a lot of unconditional love, hope and people who deeply care can do, to give strength and the 'will to live' to those facing one of our planet's most deadly diseases."*



The community aspect of this programme is so important. Anti-retroviral medicine is indeed necessary for prolonging life, but without dignified employment and daily social support, it cannot give quality and purpose, to those *living* with HIV/Aids. Hands of Hope does exactly that.

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NONGKHAİ, THAILAND



Original and attractive  
handcrafted saa paper cards,  
mobiles and decorative items,  
made by villagers

*living* with HIV/AIDS

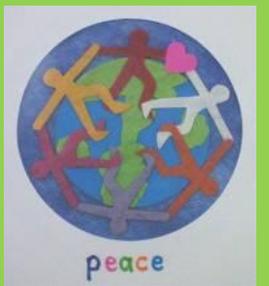
# HANDS OF HOPE

‘Hope in our hands,  
hope in our hearts’

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Product samples



## How to order.....

**On-line shop.....**for the perfect card or gift for any occasion, check out .....

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## Wholesale.....

Browse our full catalogue on the website and place a wholesale order with a 50% saving.

## Keep in touch.....

Our monthly blog keeps you updated with news of special events, new designs and stories about our producers.

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Think ‘ Hands of Hope’, think ‘saa’ paper!  
Think ‘ Hands of Hope’, think ‘handmade’!  
Think ‘ Hands of Hope’, think ‘hope-filled’!

**Every one of our products** uses the unique natural medium of ‘saa’ paper, made from the bark of the mulberry tree, which is a renewable source.

The sheets of paper used by the Hands of Hope producers are made in Chiang Mai in the north of Thailand, by a small family company, that has supplied our paper since we started in 2005. They provide work for local villagers and we are happy to support them with our orders.

**Every one of our products** is laboriously drawn, cut and pasted **by HAND**, with each task, ability assigned. (Some producers have vision impairment and so are provided work which they are able to manage.) Products pass through many hands along the production chain.

**Every one of our products** is a gift of hope – both to the producer, who embraces the opportunity by which they can help themselves, and to the customer, who through the product, connects to the lives of the people here and knows who their purchase is assisting.

Product embellishments include wire, beads, saa string, ribbon and bells, but always at the heart of the product - ‘saa’ paper.



Mothers can care for preschoolers who accompany them to work and during school holidays, older children can attend the project, producing an exclusive children’s line of products and earning money to assist with their school expenses.

Other benefits for producers include:

- ✓ Health monitoring by Outreach Staff
- ✓ Sponsorship for children
- ✓ Paid time off to attend hospital appointments
- ✓ Designer’s bonus
- ✓ Christmas bonus and birthday gift
- ✓ Social welfare assistance
- ✓ Community rice planting