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Good Shepherd Sisters
Nongkhai, Thailand



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Creating a home

The Good Shepherd Sisters have worked in the Isan (northeastern) area of Thailand since 1980. Responding to the needs of the rural poor has seen the implementation of a diverse number of projects and programmes, catering to all generations.

As part of the Village Outreach Programme which has worked increasingly with people infected or

affected by HIV/AIDS during the past 15 years, the Garden of Friendship was opened in December 2008. The aim of this first residential project, was to provide permanent housing to families and individuals in need of accommodation and to offer 24 hour nursing care to a limited number of patients without alternative support. The emphasis has always been on community living, healing and well being.

A growing 'family'

At the time of opening, in the Garden's central building we had a three bed care room. That building

served us well and miracles were witnessed, as the sick were restored to health, the lame walked and those without hope, gained independence and fulfilling lives.

Four family homes shared the compound.

In August 2010, the facilities were expanded in response to a growing need for residential care amongst our target group. Four individual patient rooms were added – enabling us to take in those infected with TB and the three bed care room was relocated to the new wing. At the same time, four new family units were opened.





Unconditional holistic care

The purpose of the Care Facility has always been to provide the necessary support to those in our care – social, medical, physical, nutritional, emotional and spiritual - until such a time, with their physical strength restored, they can return to independent living with their families or village communities. Palliative care is also given and if healing is not possible, dying patients feel the support and love of their new found 'family'.

For an increasing number of patients referred to us, when it is time to move on, there is nowhere to go. Without a home or family support, those who continue to require a measure of assistance with daily

tasks, cannot live independently. In 2012 therefore, 'Sr Mary's Assisted Living Cottage' was built, providing three additional beds.

The more able bodied patients, as well as participating in a structured daily activity programme, assist generously with the care of others. Officially, we now can provide health care to 14 patients. However, as our project becomes better known, we are receiving constant referrals and have made the decision to increase our accommodation by constructing a new building with 16 more beds. This should be completed by May 2016 when we look forward to welcoming others into our community.

Please join us in providing much needed care

As you can imagine, providing for the patients daily needs, incurs expenses and with the increasing number of referrals, we are unable to find sufficient funds.

We have decided to invite others to participate in the patient care we provide, by proposing 'Bed Sponsorship'.

We wish to find sponsors for our 14 'high care' beds, with additional funds assisting with food and toiletries for less dependent residents.



Requirements (per patient/bed)	Per month Baht
Food + daily milk	3,450
Pampers (adult diapers)	1,340
Wound dressings	1,070
Toiletries	300
Milk /Protein supplements	200
Total per month	6,360
GBP	115
US\$	195
A\$	210
Euros	145
Total per year	76,320
GBP	1,385
US\$	2,370
A\$	2,520
Euros	1,740

NB: Adult pampers, wound dressings, special milk and protein supplements, are not required for every patient. However, to cover these costs we have divided the total equally across the 14 beds.

We thank you for considering this very great need and should you decide to partner us in this way, please contact us at:

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