

Paws for a Cause

(Final visit to Baan Nong Taa Kaew School)

Our project at Baan Nong Taa Kaew School has finally come to an end. Having spent 2 academic years on this school (our first school to help and assist) was definitely worth the time and effort. During the 3 visits, we have accomplished several positive changes both to the students and to the school itself. Our contributions were as follows:

- . Books and DIY shelves for Primary and Secondary Students
- . Essential teaching and learning materials
- . Toys (Educational and Recreational) for children in Kindergarten
- . First Aid Kits
- . Additional Sink in the washing area
- . Sports equipment
- . New Basketball hoop and Basketball court extension
- . New Football goal
- . Used computers

Other additional activities included actual classroom teaching, playing games and sports.

Our last visit to this school took place from the 20th-21st of February 2012.

Due to the fact that this was The Lionheart Society's last teaching visit to this school, we wanted to make it a little more special to show our love and compassion for the children. On February the 19th; one day before our planned visit, Praewa, Grace and May met at Pat's house to back cupcakes and cookies to bring along to the children at Baan Nong Taa Kaew School on the next day.



On Monday, 20th of February, we left early from Bangkok for Nakhon Ratchasima. At around 12:30 we headed to Baan Nong Taa Kaew School to give out writing materials to kids from K1-Y4 and additional footballs. This was followed by the presentation of the newly built play area together with some playground equipments which were funded by our Veggies from the Heart project.



Old Toilets



New Toilets

Thereafter, we presented the new toilets replacing the old ones (30 years old) which The Lionheart Society was lucky to have had been awarded the sum of 50,000 Baht from the Community Project Proposal competition of the Friends of Harrow Committee enabling us to cover the cost of reconstruction.

The next day, the 21st, we made an early head start to the school again to do the various activities including classroom teaching we have planned.

Schedule of activities for the day:

Year Group	Time		
	8:30 - 9:20	9:30 - 10:20	10:30 - 11:30
a.1 & a.2	Art Praewa & Grace & May	Maths Pat	English Prim
u.1	Sports Peak & Oak & Pete	Art Praewa & Grace & May	Maths Pat
u.2	English Prim	Sports Peak & Oak & Pete	Art Praewa & Grace & May
u.3	Maths Pat	English Prim	Sports Peak & Oak & Pete

In addition to this, we gave a brief presentation on the importance of the proper use of toilet and the practice of clean hygiene to promote sanitation, good health and disease prevention.

By midday, we were finished with all our activities and we had to tell everyone that it was our last visit to their school. As we said our goodbyes, most of the kids expressed their sadness and disappointment. We felt the same as well but we knew it was time to move on. We told the children how lucky we felt to have been given the opportunity to have shared valuable time with them with the hope that in our own small way, we have imparted to them knowledge, encouragement and most of all confidence to look ahead to a brighter and promising future.



Unfortunately in Thailand, there are so many schools desperately in need of help especially in the poor and remote provinces. Considering our limitations, we know that we may only be able to help a few but we will continue to do our part in making peoples' lives better to the best of our capabilities. And although we admit that in many cases our resources and means may be limited - this will never prevent us from achieving our goals. Our small contribution to the society will never be wasted as in any good deed done with sincerity and selflessness.

