

Winner of the CR-Christmas Campaign visits a Child's Dream office



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It was my great pleasure to recently visit the Chiang Mai offices of Child's Dream – the small, but dedicated charity supported by the Kuoni group as part of our Corporate Responsibility Christmas Campaign.

Tucked away in a peaceful courtyard off from the busy streets of Chiang Mai, the attractive offices of the Child's Dream charity look like a pleasant place to work. The beaming smile of Manuela, the Child's Dream COO who so warmly greeted us, as well as those of the rest of the team certainly seemed to confirm this. Although one suspects that it is the work they do that makes them smile so, rather than where they do it. The team's enthusiasm for their work was certainly very evident.

During our visit, my wife and I were made to feel especially welcome – given the VIP grand tour no less! And it was a genuine honour to hear of so many good things being done for people in such need. It was also a great pleasure to donate to Child's Dream a collection of English football shirts, something Manuela assured me the children would LOVE. Amazing – the universal, unifying factor that is FOOTBALL, especially among children! I must thank my colleagues in the UK who were so generous in contributing to my appeal.

The Child's Dream charity is an organisation devoted to providing unconditional help for underprivileged children in Burma, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. With complete commitment, the team works tirelessly, helping to improve the educational and healthcare shortcomings for the children and young people of disadvantaged communities, work that often leads the charity into extremely remote and difficult-to-get-to places.

Specifically, much of the work of Child's Dream focuses on improving young people's opportunities and prospects through the construction of schools and learning centres, but also through building boarding houses to enable remote pupils to attend schools that are often many hours walk from their family home. Child's Dream also then provides the schools and the children with learning materials, support for vocational and skills training and finally scholarships for Higher Education programmes. The charity also provides invaluable healthcare programmes in remote areas by delivering medicines and medical care to help reduce childhood mortality and allow the children to participate in education.

If you would like to learn more about the work done by Child's Dream and would like to donate, please click [here](#).