



# Child's Dream

A charity organization supporting children in need

Unprivileged Children Have Dreams too...

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Child's Dream would like to support the EMFS Nursery School in Mae Hong Son with the following infrastructure:

- New wall and drainage system
- Playground

## Organizational background of EMFS

The ongoing civil war in Burma forces a lot of people to flee over the border into Thailand. Many of these refugees are not eligible for refugee status in Thailand and are therefore not allowed to live in the 9 existing refugee camps along the Thai/Burmese border. To make a living and in order to support their families, most of these refugees work in the poorest paid sectors of the Thai economy. They try to make a living as construction workers, clear land for farming and work on plantations. Poor health conditions and an uncertain legal status put many of them into a difficult situation. Given their status as unrecognized refugees, support by the government is out of question and this makes these people vulnerable to any kind of exploitation.

In 2002 a group of migrant workers established the EMFS network (Ethnic Migrant Families Society) in Mae Hong Son province. As of today, the society includes 7 villages with a total of about 300 families. The network's goals are to help their members to find jobs, to protect women and children's rights, in particular rights to education and to promote health in their communities. Since both parents have to work in order to make a living, small children are often left at home alone or given to relatives for supervision. These children therefore lack education and a safe environment, where somebody takes care of them during the day.

We therefore decided to support EMFS in building a nursery school for about 50 children. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2005 about 25 children go to school there.



Planting trees to protect the wall



We recently painted the wall of the school

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## Project Description

During the heavy rainy season the wall around the building slid down (see picture). Since the security of the children isn't guaranteed anymore, we decided to build a new wall. We also consider passing some pipes so that the water does not push back the wall and flood the garden.



The inclining wall

The estimated cost for the wall is USD 700.-- and for the drainage system USD 200.--.

Furthermore we would like to build a playground. We built one for Hsa Too Lee School in Mae Sot (see pictures) and it is always so enjoyable to see the playing children. Besides it's important for the children's physical development to have possibilities to climb, swing and skip as well as to train their equilibrium sense.

The estimated costs for the playground are USD 1000.--.



Some impression of the playground we built for Hsa Too Lee School in Mae Sot

Chiang Mai, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenni'.

Marc T. Jenni  
Vice-President and Co-Founder

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Siegfried'.

Daniel M. Siegfried  
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