



Child's Dream

A charity organization supporting children in need

Unprivileged Children Have Dreams too...

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Funding Proposal

Child's Dream would like to support the following project as outlined below:

Project concerned:

Construction of a boarding house, a kitchen and toilets for about 30 children of different hill tribes in a remote village called Mae Num Khun, located in the mountainous area of the Chiang Rai province in northern Thailand.

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Executive Summary

Child's Dream is incorporated in Switzerland as a charitable society and in Thailand as a charitable foundation supporting underprivileged children in the Mekong Sub-Region. We would like to support the construction of a boarding house, a kitchen and toilets for about 30 children in the remote Mae Num Khun village. The current living quarters are no longer safe for the children to stay and even present a health risk.

The new infrastructure will allow these children to better concentrate on their education and therefore have better opportunities for themselves and their community in the future. Education is the most important factor for sustainable development and a peaceful coexistence in a community. They will sleep in this house, do their homework and cook their food. By supporting this construction, we aim to improve the living conditions of these children.

We hope that you will find this project interesting and that you help us making an enormous positive impact on many children's lives.

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1. Who is Child's Dream

Child's Dream is a charitable society incorporated in Switzerland (ZGB, article 60ff) and has been tax-exempt by the tax authorities of Canton Zurich as well as by the federal tax authorities. It is also registered as a Thai Charitable Foundation.

Our mission is to support underprivileged children in the Mekong Sub-Region (Thailand, Burma, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam). This area is at the core of many humanitarian crises such as human trafficking, exploitation of children and the spread of HIV/AIDS.

From our office in Chiang Mai, we selectively provide support to 'grass-roots' projects, which are in dire need of help and care for children. We want to prevent exploitation of children (child prostitution, child soldiering, child labor and child trafficking) through improving living conditions and education standards, through helping children to take pride in themselves and through restoring their dignity and instilling healthy values towards life and society.

Since its establishment in October 2003, Child's Dream implemented over 30 projects (see the red dots on the map) all over the Mekong Sub-Region ranging from educational infrastructures (nurseries, schools, vocational training centers and colleges), orphanages and water & electricity systems to a children in-patient hospital ward. We are also providing stationery to countless schools as well as clothes and uniforms to over 3400 refugee children. In order to complete the education cycle, we offer scholarships to talented, but financially underprivileged students.

In order to ensure an optimal use of the funds, Child's Dream provides infrastructure (schools, shelters, water systems, etc.), as well as personal items to meet health and educational needs (clothes, stationary, etc.) directly to the projects concerned.

The two co-founders, Marc Jenni and Daniel Siegfried, had been working for UBS in Asia for many years until they realized that money not only didn't make them happy, but that it also distorted their sense of reality. More information about the founders can be found at www.childsdream.org/en/aboutfounders.asp.

About 70% of all charitable funds raised originate from private individuals mostly residing in Switzerland, Hong Kong and Singapore. We are also proud to be supported by the following corporations and institutions (full list of our corporate sponsors is available at <http://www.childsdream.org/en/ourSponsors.asp>):

- ✓ Embassy of Switzerland, Bangkok, Thailand, www.eda.admin.ch/bangkok_emb/e/home.html
- ✓ UBS, Singapore, www.ubs.com
- ✓ Credit Suisse, Asia Pacific, www.creditsuisse.com
- ✓ Migros Genossenschafts-Bund, Zurich, www.migros.com
- ✓ Siam City Cement, Bangkok, www.siamcitycement.com
- ✓ Novartis, Basel, www.novartis.com
- ✓ Marc Faber Limited, Hong Kong, www.gloomboomdoom.com

Given our lean structure, we are proud of maintaining an administration expense ratio below 10% (currently 6.35%).

The Child's Dream Team



From left: Watt, Sallo, U, Daniel, Say Thong, Marc & Tai

The Child's Dream Project Map



2. Situational analysis

Approximately 550,000 persons from different hill tribes are living in Thailand. Most of them migrated to Thailand from Tibet, China, Burma or Laos in the 19th and 20th centuries and live in the mountainous areas in the north and west. The government recognizes nine ethnic minorities under its umbrella term "hill tribe". Although the majority of these people were born in Thailand, many of them do not have birth certificates, which means they have no citizenship, no identification cards, and thus no legal identity and are therefore considered illegal aliens in their own country. Access to basic entitlements like education, health care and land ownership are restricted. Being marginalized, these people, and especially the children, are very vulnerable.



Mae Num Khun lies in the Chiang Rai province. There are around 800 children from 12 villages in the Takaw sub-district. Most of them are from hill tribes; almost 10 % have no ID card. For many students it is a huge effort to attend classes since they live quite far away from Mae Num Khun village. Some of them have to walk for more than 3 hours a day. The rainy season makes it even more challenging as the steep roads leading to the school become very muddy.

By giving these children the opportunity to study in the Mae Num Khun school, we offer them a regular access to education and provide them with better chances to lead a successful life.

One of Child's Dream's main goals is the children's integration to improve their job chances without losing their culture. The children in Mae Num Khun originate from different hill tribes and therefore do not speak the same language. In order to communicate they have to learn Thai. In addition they are taught in Chinese and English language to increase their job opportunities by knowing foreign languages. However, they are always encouraged to be proud of their own culture and to perpetuate its singularity.

Usually we don't support government schools in order not to take away responsibility from the government. However, in Mae Num Khun the budget provided by the government is not sufficient to provide a safe learning environment for all the students. Thus we decided to cooperate with the school to support their efforts to integrate these children from different hill tribes. However, the main responsibility for the school buildings and their maintenance still lies with the government.

3. Boarding House in Mae Num Khun village

In order to also offer students from far away a possibility to study, the school arranged a boarding house, where currently 17 students are living. However, the shelter is in very bad condition and there are more students who would like to stay close to the school during the week. A new and primarily larger boarding house as well as a kitchen and a shower house are desperately needed.



Child's Dream agreed to build a new boarding house with two big rooms, a kitchen and shower houses with toilets. We herewith not only allow more children to stay close to the school, but also provide a considerable upgrade in safety, hygiene and comfort standards.

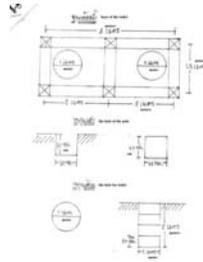
The new boarding house will be the home for the children where they sleep, do their homework and cook during the week.

Construction

- ✓ The boarding house will have 2 rooms. **The budget also includes the furniture such as beds, cabinets, etc.**
- ✓ The kitchen will be located next to the boarding house. **The budget also includes the infrastructure.**

✓ The shower house includes 3 toilets and is located next to kitchen and boarding house. **The budget also includes the infrastructure.**

Which pics?!



4. Budget

Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
Materials				
Steel bar 1.6m.m	Bar	41	\$8.87	\$363.67
Steel bar 1.2m.m	Bar	237	\$5.00	\$1,185.00
Steel bar 1.4m.m	Bar	47	\$6.81	\$320.07
Steel bar 0.6m.m	Bar	444	\$1.04	\$461.76
Steel wire	Kg	76	\$1.00	\$76.00
Nail	Kg	87	\$0.74	\$64.38
Cement	Sac	573	\$3.20	\$1,833.60
Sand	m ³	103	\$6.00	\$618.00
Small gravel	m ³	31	\$13.00	\$403.00
Dig gravel	m ³	61	\$11.05	\$674.05
Hold brick	Piece	61333	\$0.05	\$2,759.99
Wind brick	Piece	576	\$0.50	\$288.00
Wooden supporter	Bar	400	\$0.50	\$200.00
Plywood	Piece	6	\$251.25	\$1,507.50
Earth for foundation	m ³	367	\$0.67	\$245.89
Sub-Total Materials				\$11,000.91
Roof				
Iron roof with tiles				\$9,660.00
Sub-Total Roof				\$9,660.00
Interior				
Student table		100	\$20.00	\$2,000.00
Teacher table-chair		4	\$80.00	\$320.00
Writing board		4	\$30.00	\$120.00
Window shutters		12	\$80.00	\$960.00
Door shutters		4	\$100.00	\$400.00
Window & door frames		16	\$4.00	\$64.00
Lock		4	\$3.00	\$12.00
Sub-Total Interior				\$3,876.00
Paint				
Paint and Tool	m ²	855	\$1.70	\$1,453.50
Sub-Total Paint				\$1,453.50
Labour				
Lower skill labour	Person	660	\$3.00	\$1,980.00
Skill labour	Person	250	\$3.75	\$937.50

Unskilled labour	Person	732	\$2.00	\$1,464.00
Sub-Total Labour				\$4,381.50
Grand Total				\$30,371.91

5. Objectives

Our overall objective is to prevent exploitation (child prostitution, child labor and child trafficking) and migration of children by

- ✓ improving living conditions and education standards;
- ✓ helping children to take pride in themselves, restoring their dignity and strengthening their self-esteem;
- ✓ raising awareness among families and communities about child trafficking;
- ✓ instilling healthy values towards life and society and
- ✓ encouraging the children to love and respect their own customs and culture

With this particular project, we aim to achieve the following:

- ✓ to accommodate more students and widen the access to education;
- ✓ to provide a safe and humane living and learning environment;
- ✓ minimize the absenteeism rates and
- ✓ reduce illiteracy among the children



6. Implementation and ongoing management

The building is scheduled to start in February 2007. The construction will be implemented by a local contractor under the supervision of Child's Dream and the school committee. We purchase the construction material at a local construction shop and arrange for the transportation to the site. As for all our projects, we encourage the local community to participate in the construction. It gives them a sense of pride and ownership, which means that they will look after the buildings better and know how to maintain them. We will regularly check on the progress as well as the quality of the construction and aim to complete the project by May 2007 before the new term starts.

Child's Dream will also visit the project after completion in order to check the utilization and maintenance of the infrastructure. The school itself will be responsible for the maintenance work and covering the running costs.

7. Final reporting

As with all our projects, Child's Dream will submit a detailed final report about the project summarizing all costs.

8. Funding request

We kindly ask you to support us in our quest to provide safe living conditions and education to the children in the Mae Num Khun school.

Chiang Mai, February , 2007

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