



Child's Dream

A charity organization supporting children in need

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Project goals

- To stop migration of Burmese children from their origin
- To prevent child labour, trafficking and sexual exploitation
- To cultivate a better attitude towards life and society
- To help children to take pride in themselves and strengthen their self-esteem
- To improve living conditions
- To encourage the children to love and respect their own customs and culture
- To raise awareness among families and the communities of child trafficking

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School for Yabauyaya village in Burma

Background

The war between Myanmar's army and the Shan South East (SSE) political party has brought unspeakable suffering to the Thai-Burmese border area. Children are the worst affected. Many of them have lost their parents and become vulnerable to abuse. They are trying to survive as drug couriers, beggars or prostitutes.

This region - also known as the 'Golden Triangle' - is famous for its large opium production. The Thai government has recently eradicated most of the poppy farms on the Thai side. Unfortunately, the opium production is still a thriving industry on the Burmese and Laotian sides. Many drug-addicted parents are no longer able to take care of their children. With nowhere else to go, these children try their luck in Thailand; mostly with fatal consequences.

Yabauyaya village

This Akha minority village can easily be reached from the Thai-Burmese border in 15 walking minutes. Given their ethnic background, they cannot make use of the basic Burmese infrastructure. Electricity is produced by petrol generators and the water is taken from a nearby spring (the water quality depends on whether it has recently rained or not). The Akha people are mostly unemployed and have lost all hope of a brighter future. Many make a quick escape from their misery by taking amphetamines, which are produced not far from the village, while the children are sent to Mae Sai to beg for money from tourists, who stop over on the way from or to the 'Golden Triangle'. These children are considered lucky compared to the ones who have become drug addicts or prostitutes. It is common for drug lords to persuade children to try heroin and once addicted they can easily be used as drug traffickers or as prostitutes.

Our project partners

Child's Dream is working together with a local project called 'Childlife' and a German charitable society called 'Hope for Life'.

In 1999, 'Childlife' has started to provide shelter and food to children that fled across the border mostly from Burma, including the Yabauyaya village. Now with up to 60 children, 'Childlife' has reached a capacity problem and wants to solve the problem at the source in Burma to stop the migration of these children.

'Hope for Life' is supporting 'Childlife' financially by covering their running costs.

School

By building this school and offering a basic education and vocational training, it is our goal to prevent child labor, trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of these children. Furthermore, we aim to improve the material, social and spiritual quality of life and to teach these children to take pride in themselves, their culture and customs.

This school will provide these children with an alternative to the illegal border crossing.

Costs

According to our concept, 'Child's Dream' will bear the building costs of the school as well as the required infrastructure, whereas 'Hope for Life' will take care of the running costs. The school will feature a big classroom for about 30 children, a kitchen, a toilet and an electric generator. The estimated costs are USD 4000.

Donations

If you want to make a difference, and might it just seem like a drop into the ocean for you, we will make sure that it does indeed make a difference. All funds donated are used for a pure charitable cause. We are determined to allocate the charitable funds where aid and relief seem most appropriate. A donation can be made via a standing order or lump-sum payments into the following account:

Bank: UBS AG
Address: Bleicherweg 30, 8002 Zurich
Switzerland
Account: Child's Dream
Account no.: 0274-821130.01J (CHF)
0274-821130.60A (EUR)
0274-821130.61V (USD)

Thank you