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Introduction

WELCOME TO THE CHILD’S DREAM YEARBOOK 2015!

This year's introduction to our annual report is not only a review of the past 12 months, but also a reflection on our major achievements since the establishment of Child's Dream in 2003. When Child's Dream was born, the two of us did not even dare to dream of writing such an introduction more than 12 years later.

Let us start with one major event which impacted our work in 2015 and which will impact it for many years to come; an event which was completely out of reach only a few years ago: the recently held democratic elections in Myanmar. In November 2015, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her party, the National League for Democracy (NLD), won the first national election with a landslide victory, following her release from house arrest at the end of 2010 and the opening of Myanmar in 2011. Whether this first and very important step towards lasting peace and democracy will be successful remains to be seen. However, we confidently look to Myanmar’s future. Whatever the long-term outcome, it will definitely affect our work in the country.

Our three focus groups made significant progress last year, reaching out to thousands of children and youth.

In 2015, our health group has accepted 138 new cases into the Children’s Medical Fund (CMF), and successfully completed 175 treatments of young children from Myanmar and Laos. We have accepted a staggering 1,360 little patients since the start of the CMF at the end of 2006, and we spent over 3.5 million US dollars on treatments so far.

In Basic Education, we built a record number of 40 schools in 2015 and 579 students were enrolled in our High School Scholarship Programme in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. This focus group can very proudly look back at its achievement since 2003: since our humble start, we have built 58 boarding houses, as well as 227 schools in our four supported countries. These facilities are benefitting tens of thousands of children every single day.

In Higher Education, as well, progress and impact are clearly visible. Our post-high school programmes to create community leaders in Myanmar already have 1,050 students enrolled in 2015 and our University Scholarship Programme currently counts 155 students and 106 alumni. For university studies alone, we have spent over 5 million US dollars since the start of the programme in 2006. One of our alumni won a seat in the provincial parliament of Shan State, Myanmar, representing the ruling party, NLD, which fills us with pride and hope.
In terms of fundraising, 2015 was another record year for us. Our two legal entities, Child’s Dream Foundation (Thailand) and Child’s Dream Association (Switzerland) for the first time raised over six million Swiss Francs. As our project work simultaneously grew in 2015, we still had to tap into our reserves due to the spending of roughly 6.3 million Swiss Francs. Thanks to our rigorous cost control during the past year, the administration ratio was at a mere 5.9% (6.8% in 2014).

Operationally, 2015 marked the year in which Daniel and Marc started to increasingly delegate more day-to-day decisions to a new, five member strong management team. This shift in operational responsibility is an important milestone in the long-term sustainability of Child’s Dream. We are pleased with the way the management committee took broader ownership of daily issues and thus collectively brought our organisation another important development step forward. The two of us are not abandoning our ‘unire’ in its 13th year of operation, but Child’s Dream has entered puberty and a potentially rebellious child requires more strategic guidance. To sustainably diminish/eradicate educational shortcomings in our four countries, we need not only more funding from donors, but also stronger cooperation with educational authorities across our geographical area. Fundraising, representation and identifying the needs of our beneficiaries in the decade to come are of strategic importance to our work and are, therefore, our main responsibilities going forward.

We are proud of what all of us at Child’s Dream have achieved. Our impact is steadily growing and positively influences more and more children and youth. Their lives are sustainably improved day by day and access to equal opportunities is enhanced.

All of this would not have been possible without the very generous and outstanding support from all of our donors, friends and families. We feel lucky that support is given to us in all sizes and in various ways. We want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. You are the fuel needed to keep the Child’s Dream engine running strongly.

Many, many thanks!
With the start of 2015, we made room for senior employees to run the operation of Child's Dream. Many people assumed that “MDM” had stood for Management Director’s Meeting or, as our dear Australian friend, Sue, pointed out somewhat accurately, for Mad Director’s Meeting. As flattered as we were by her lovely and probably wise remark, we are pragmatic and much more simple-minded than that: MDM simply stood for Marc, Daniel, Manuela, the three people who had taken almost all operational decisions in Child’s Dream. MDM had been useful in building up the organisation and in growing trust among our donors.

By now Child’s Dream has reached a level of complexity which requires a wider consensus in decision making. We also want to achieve an even higher identification of our senior colleagues with the organisation. In January, Child’s Dream introduced a new organisational structure: operational decisions are now taken by a Management Committee. Okay, the “MC” as we, too, have a knack for organisational acronyms. This new Management Committee unites our experienced Focus Group Heads from the project side with three senior team members from the administration side. Our new Management Committee has a combined Child’s Dream work experience of astonishing 36 years. Who would have thought? Daniel and Marc, our two founders, are of course still fully engaged and committed to Child’s Dream, acting as Directors and continuing to foster and develop Child’s Dream. A substantial part of their work relates to donor communication and fundraising. Manuela has finally rid herself of her former title as “Chief Operating Officer”. She is happily back to her professional roots, heading Human Resources and doing fundraising, two tasks of increasing operational importance.

New Child’s Dream Management Committee
The sky is the limit: Our new partnership with SilkAir

We are honoured that SilkAir, the regional wing of Singapore Airlines, has adopted us as their charity for 2015-2018, offering us a number of free flights annually for project work and fundraising. A wonderful co-operation ceremony took place at the Child’s Dream Office on 21 January 2015, bringing together SilkAir representatives, SilkAir guests and the whole Chiang Mai Child’s Dream team. Child’s Dream was featured in both the March and July 2015 issues of Silkwinds, the inflight magazine of SilkAir. Thank you, SilkAir, for your support and trust in our work!

Khin Cho Thein - our new In-Country Manager in Myanmar

The first time we met Khin Cho Thein? On 9 July 2007. Khin Cho was our scholarship student with ID # 4433. After graduation in Bangkok in 2010, she was able to continue her graduate studies in Korea, where she completed her Master’s degree in Inter-Asia NGO Studies in 2012. We were so happy to receive her job application for our vacancy as an In-Country Manager for our Yangon office three years later! She successfully competed against other candidates and started her one-month, very intensive training period with Child’s Dream in January 2015. Welcome to Child’s Dream, once again, Khin Cho!
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**3-5:** Thomas: Myanmar, introduction trip with Khin Cho

**9-10:** Manuela & Meow: Thung Gae Boarding House Opening

**16-18:** Sreylin & Sinoeuy: follow-up school health programme in Tomnup Khnor, Cambodia

**23:** Daniel, Land & Meow visit Mae Sot

**26:** Gene: Meeting with Artist (Project: Elephant Parade)

**27:** Farewell P’Mong
FEBRUARY

We DARE to approach a new, challenging topic

Myanmar is among the biggest producers of drugs, including heroin and amphetamines. As the Thai and Laotian governments have cracked down on drug trade, drug activity has shifted quietly to the Myanmar part of the infamous Golden Triangle. In addition, the recent ceasefire agreements between the government and ethnic armed forces allow less restricted transport of goods (including drugs), even into very remote communities. Hence, we are observing a dramatic increase of substance abuse, especially among young people. Although this problem is known, there is still a strong taboo against it.

In late 2014, Child’s Dream received a proposal from the Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education (DARE) Network. Our proposal evaluation committee (PEC) unanimously approved DARE’s Step Back to Burma initiative. Over the last 14 years, DARE has been providing drug prevention and awareness as well as rehabilitation for drug users in the refugee camps along the Thai-Myanmar border. Their rehab success rate is almost 70%, which is much higher than other rehabilitation centres. Child’s Dream supports their expansion into 20 villages in Kayin State, Myanmar. 15 addiction workers are recruited and trained in DARE’s largest rehabilitation facility in Mae La refugee camps. These addiction workers are taught a culturally appropriate, non-medical and holistic treatment method that combines rehabilitation techniques from the East and West. These additional workers will work alongside the 20 village coordinators to conduct drug prevention and awareness workshops and to recruit the first clients for the rehabilitation centre that will be built in early 2016.

University Graduations in Thailand

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Bianchina Writes Birthday Cards for our Donors

Bianchina turned 95 a few months ago. Her birth date in 1920 raises many an eyebrow at immigration counters. Bianchina has spent her winters writing greeting cards by hand for Child’s Dream here in Chiang Mai since 2007. A long time ago, she worked as a civil servant for the Canton of Zurich. She still remembers Swiss zip codes with razor-sharp precision, so if a wrong zip code comes her way, she raises her forefinger and complains to Marc about bad database control and maintenance. Wondering what her real name is? Forget it. She will never tell you.

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1: Myanmar Public Holiday - Fullmoon Day of Tabaung

17: Sineouy & Yem visit new project in Svay Leu and sign contract Deichou Akphivath Primary School & Pa Ou Secondary School

27: Tha Wah travels with KSEAG, delivery of stationary to Thaung Daung Gyi

23-29: Daniel & Manuela: Fundraising in Hong Kong

31: Sreylin: School Health Evaluation & Award ‘Best Practice’ School, Cambodia
The idea sparked in 2014, after the daughter of one of our friends sent us a drawing she had made of our Child’s Dream logo: why not launch a drawing contest for children? After putting some thought into this, we came up with our competition entitled “My Dream”. We made two categories for the submission of drawings: an international one and a Mekong Sub-Region one for children who live in countries in which we work.

While arranging this in the Mekong Sub-Region, the logistics of informing children in rural areas was very demanding. Often, the villages have no electricity, which means no computers, no internet, no easy transfer of electronic pictures, etc., etc. But, we still did it! The winners were...

**Cambodia**
- **First Prize**: Ms. Sreynak Ren (11 years old) “I like all kinds of animals and I want to raise them in the future.”
- **Second Prize**: Mr. Kola Pov (16 years old) “I want to protect the forest.”
- **Third Prize**: Mr. Hun Saing (14 years old) “I want to be a teacher because I want to teach the students and I want them to have a bright future.”

**Myanmar**
- **First Prize**: Maung Ice Saung (12 years old) “Offering robes to the monks”
- **Second Prize**: Maung Sai Aung Myint (12 years old) “Animals are travelling”
- **Third Prize**: Maung Hlaing Bo Bo (8 years old) “This is how I experienced the Nargis Storm”

**Thailand**
- **First Prize**: Pichai Kaema (12 years old) “I want to see Thailand become a nicer and better place to live, for future generations.”
- **Second Prize**: Yosittha Woimae (18 years old) “I want to be a shop keeper in our community, to distribute and represent our hill tribe culture to foreigners.”
- **Third Prize**: Mol (11 years old) “I want to see Thai people love each other and be united so that we are a good example for our kids in the future.”

**International**
- **First Prize**: Patcharaporn Kumdang (Thailand, 11 years old) A Wonderland
- **Second Prize**: Tanapon Tamee (Thailand, 11 years old) The Prismatic Elephant
- **Third Prize**: Fiona Bertaggia (Switzerland, 11 years old) Sweet World

Elements of the children’s drawings manifested themselves in “Ms Fantasia”, our 2nd Child’s Dream elephant. The largest Miss Fantasia, 155 cm at shoulder height, today stands in a wonderful garden in Geneva. Smaller editions, either 10, 15, 20 or 30 cm at shoulder height, are available in our online shop. All the elephants are hand-painted by artists in Chiang Mai.

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Our winner!

Every year the Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports organises a National Outstanding Examination for three subjects: Khmer Literature, Mathematics and Physics. All students are invited to write this exam in their best subject. In March 2015, one of our scholarship students registered for Khmer Literature. She is one of the nine who passed at the provincial level and was sent to do the national level in Kampot Province. Finally, she was ranked number 10 among 225 students from 25 provinces in Cambodia.

More Fundraising Trips

January was a bit of a shock for us in terms of fundraising. We are well aware that our monthly fundraising achievements show great variance, but a donation total of "only" CHF 78,000 (approx USD 78,000) for January was well below the needed monthly average of CHF 500,000. On top of that, our project team spent over CHF 1 million in the same month. A repetition of such a dramatic money drain could put us in a serious situation. Swift action was needed. We drastically stepped up our fundraising efforts with trips all over the place and were very happy to see that fundraising was soon back on track.
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- **11-22**: Maha Thingyan (Water Festival) in Myanmar
- **13-16**: Public Holiday in Thailand: Songkran (Water Festival)
- **14-16**: Khmer New Year - Public Holiday
- **19-26**: Gee: Trip to Xaignabouli and Luang Prabang, Laos
- **26**: Teacher workshop Pang Hai Secondary School
- **26.04.-01.05.**: Koy participates in a teacher workshop at Pang Hai Secondary School
- **23-27**: Daniel & Marc: CDCO Board Meeting and Singapore CSR Asia
- **24**: CDCO Board Meeting

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Khmer New Year - Public Holiday.

**APRIL 19-26:**

Gee: Trip to Xaignabouli and Luang Prabang, Laos.

**APRIL 26:**

Teacher workshop Pang Hai Secondary School.

**APRIL 26.04.-01.05.:**


**APRIL 23-27:**

Daniel & Marc: CDCO Board Meeting and Singapore CSR Asia.
April is by far the most busy month for anyone in Child’s Dream working with university scholarship students. Several processes take place at the same time: the selection of the Laos university scholarship students, the selection of the Myanmar university scholarship students, personal interviews, and one of two annual student reporting rounds to scholarship donors. To top everything off nicely, we have a cherry on our cake: April means Thai New Year, Songkran. However, we spend these three days of public holiday reading applications instead of joining the traditional water splasher celebrating the New Year. Time is precious; clocks are ticking; deadlines approach; pressure rises, day by day, also because April is the hottest month of the Thai year. We sit amongst heaps and boxes of scholarship applications, sorted and piled up according to their geographical origin. We busily navigate our little office chair wheels around these enormous paper piles, which are bound together by red-and-white strings, the staples poking our fingers while we search through piles looking for a specific application. The piles go from one team member to the next. Focus, stamina and long reading hours are needed.

The teams then get together to determine which students are shortlisted for personal interviews. These sessions are always very interesting, as everyone brings a different viewpoint into the discussions. Then we swarm out to different corners of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand to interview applicants. The final list of eligible candidates is decided once we all reconvene in Chiang Mai. By that time, we have usually reached mid-May. The first rainfalls have begun and we can all exhale after some very intense weeks.

Welcome Child’s Dream’s New Cambodia Board Members

Since Child’s Dream is accountable to a board in each of four different countries, we have experience in forming effective boards. In April of this year, Marc and Daniel traveled to Siem Reap to join the board meeting of Child’s Dream Cambodia Organization. Layheng Ting has relocated to the US, but they found not just one, but two, very suitable replacements. Both have relevant experience in our field and are innovative, critical and willing to give constructive feedback. Thank you, Has Piseth and Se Sen, for your commitment!

A fresh new Look for Child’s Dream: Launch of our new Website

So very dusty it had become, our old website! Since our former volunteer, Rafael Fresoler, designed that website, an incredible 8 years had gone by. But times, styles and preferences change. Attention spans, reading and internet surfing habits of readers change. Websites nowadays look very different from the way they looked in 2009. Rafael, together with our own, very talented graphic designer-cum-communications man, Gene Lota, have given Child’s Dream a new look, fresh from the April Sakura Catwalk in a new outfit: childsdream.org!
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MAY

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1: Manuela: Meeting with a prospect donor (Foundation)

2: Tai: Contract signing with Basic Education scholarship students

3: Sak: Trip to evaluate computer room in Xaignabouli, Laos

4: Tuu: Announcement of university scholarships for students in Myanmar

5: Marc & Daniel: Fundraising in Japan

10-17: Marc & Daniel: Fundraising in Japan

10-15: Koy: Trip to Champasak - Savannakhet

25: Tuu: Announcement of university scholarships for students in Myanmar

25: Tai: Contract signing with Basic Education scholarship students

27-30: Nary delivers application forms to 4 districts and attends a meeting with all high school scholarship students
MAY

Our Annual Team Workshop

Our Child’s Dream Team Workshop brought together our three teams from Siem Reap, Yangon and Chiang Mai. A total of 35 Child’s Dream team members almost took over the Mantra Resort in Chiang Dao, located about 3.5 hours’ drive north of Chiang Mai.

For the first time, the event was organised by the new Management Committee. It had several learning modules prepared and presented by Child’s Dream team members: Teams with different personalities, Communication is a precious art, Knowing our work: new Child’s Dream projects, Monitoring and Evaluation, Photography Training. Our two volunteers, Maxime and Lorenz, taught two modules. The module on Monitoring and Evaluation, taught by Tai and Thomas, was very well received as the explanations and practical exercises are very useful and can easily be applied by everyone in Child’s Dream when working with our beneficiaries.

In our evening quiz, organised by Marc and Daniel, we competed fiercely on knowing or just guessing facts such as Belgium having four neighbouring countries, and Tonle Sap Lake in Cambodia expanding its size 600% during the rainy season. We were honoured to have our very experienced and skilled CD photographer, Forrest Beaumont, with us to document what was going on. Many thanks, Forrest, for being there!

New Electricity Power Poles for our Office in Chiang Mai

What started more than 12 years ago with one desk and a shared internet dial-up line for Daniel and Marc has turned into a powerful office in Chiang Mai with well over 30 colleagues making children’s dreams come true. So ‘powerful’ that we need a lot of energy to keep our many computers, laptops and servers running and cooled. Who would have thought 12 years ago that this would require the installation of our very own transformer and link to the grid via huge power poles? Our pantry now houses a control panel similar to the ones in atomic reactors!

Life Skills Training: Volunteer Spirit Programme

In May, we attended the first Thai national conference on volunteerism in Bangkok. This conference addressed new areas of knowledge, experience and best practice for all kinds of volunteer work in Thailand. We were invited as guest speakers to talk about our Volunteer Spirit Programme (VSP) ‘Life Skills Education’, inspiring volunteer work and the ‘behind the scenes’ aspects of volunteer management. On 11 May, we interviewed 29 potential volunteer candidates in Bangkok and Chiang Mai and selected 12 Thai volunteer teachers for our VSP cohort 3.
9-17: Child’s Dream Team Workshop in Chiang Dao, Thailand

13-17: Koy & Gee: Trip to Xaignabouli & Luang Prabang, Laos

17-21: CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION IN SAVANNAKHET, LAOS

22-26: Tuu & Thomas in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap for the assessment of university programmes

30.06.-02.07.: Daeng in Mae Sot: DARE opening ceremony in camp
While implementing Basic Education (BE) activities in four countries, we found that the needs and priorities for support are different for each country. For example, in Laos and Cambodia, infrastructure such as school buildings and boarding houses are still the priority for support. However, in Myanmar we are still in the process of identifying needs and understanding the forms of education provided by the government and different providers. The education system in Myanmar is still disorganised in many respects, so the priorities are different than other countries. Also, we try to balance our support for different ethnic states as well as the Burmese areas. Despite being better organised, Thailand urgently needs to improve the quality of education at all levels.

Our teams have to work with different stakeholders in implementing activities. Sometimes we need to find partners who specialise in the areas with which we are not familiar. Stakeholder analysis and partnership skills are very important to our teams. On 16 June 2015, after Child’s Dream’s annual workshop, Daniel kindly provided training on “How to effectively work with partners” for all BE teams. The training focused on five questions: What is partnership? Why do we need partnerships? When can we partner with others? How do we choose partners? And how do we work effectively with a partner? We learnt that, in dealing to partners, we don’t have to be too serious and or panic over problems; if not urgent, we can take time to seek an appropriate solution and consult with supervisors. Also, it’s ok to admit that we were wrong or misunderstood and then adjust. Partnerships are very important to our work, but managing partnership relations can be challenging!

Focus Group Basic Education - Training on Partnerships

Ta Kaung Shew Pyi School in Mandalay, Myanmar

It’s always exciting to travel to restricted areas of Myanmar, in particular with donors. This time, Marc travelled to the school opening celebration with Alexa and Prashant from ‘Raising the Roof’. Half way through the six hour journey, they were abruptly stopped by immigration police. After long discussions with the officers and a number of phone calls, the police allowed them to continue under the condition that they report to them on their way back. Marc and his guests truly enjoyed the subsequent opening celebration and were happy everything finally worked out.

Exploring a new Continent to enhance Fundraising

Getting donations is difficult, so we always keep our eyes and ears open and try to develop new donor markets. Over the years, Australia became more important and we decided to give it a push. Thanks to free airline miles, a trip to Melbourne and Sydney was affordable. We met existing donors and introduced ourselves to prospective new ones. Our goal was also to gain a deeper understanding of the way Australians give internationally and what structures are available. Given the initial feedback, we are confident about Australia and we will return again in 2016.
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Our AAP Conference took place in Yangon on 18/19 July. Most of the participants arrived on Friday evening to ensure they would all be ready on time for the conference start on Saturday morning. The programme had taken into consideration two aspects which had been proposed by participants of last year’s conference: it was extended to two days and, apart from guest speakers, there were more group sessions for active participation and discussion. Our team members Khin Cho Thein and Nang Kham Aung were appointed as Masters of Ceremony. Some speakers – 14 in total – were either representatives of programmes or projects in Myanmar funded by Child’s Dream who introduced their work or Child’s Dream employees. The aim of these presentations was to show students and alumni the breadth of areas in which Child’s Dream is active in Myanmar, and to open up networking and job opportunities for students planning to return to Myanmar after finalisation of their studies. Many discussions took place during the breaks and meals. During the two days, a total of three break-away discussion sessions took place in six smaller groups that reconvened after their discussion rounds to present their findings in plenary. The three discussion rounds had the topics Myanmar Development Opportunities, Priorities for Support in Myanmar (What is most needed?), and Child’s Dream Alumni Network: Ideas and Organisation. Overall, the logistics of organising the event have become substantially easier. There are more available hotel rooms in Yangon, and in general more services which are more easily available than before. Yangon has – again – changed a lot. It is buzzing with business people, a large number of construction sites, strongly improved communication services and visibly increased economic activity.

Free Health Checkups for Thousands of Monastic Students in Bago

Dr. Arkar Hein is a true grassroots philanthropist who quit his job in a government hospital because of the injustice of turning away the poor. Now he runs a private clinic and every Saturday he treats patients for free. A team of three other doctors visits one monastic school a week to give vitamin A and deworming pills and conduct physical health checks for all students. Child’s Dream supports this initiative to bring this impactful school health programme to almost 2,000 students per year.

Memorandum of Understanding with Laotian Government

On 3 July, Child’s Dream co-founder Marc Jenni and External Relations Department Director General Ms. Chanthawane Phanthamrung signed a Memorandum of Understanding covering USD 3.5 million in Vientiane, Laos. This large amount is intended for project and programme funding 2015-2018 in 48 districts of four provinces in Laos: Champassak, Luang Prabang, Sawannakhet and Xaignabuli. Child’s Dream will focus on developing or improving basic infrastructure, the implementation of supplementary programmes and the support of highly capable individuals.
### AUGUST

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**CHILD’S DREAM YEARBOOK 2015**
AUGUST

Flood Relief Support for 15,000 villagers in Myanmar

Over the last decade we have observed more severe weather patterns affecting the four countries that we work in. Hardly a season passes without either widespread drought or flooding. In the past Child’s Dream actively provided emergency relief in affected areas such as the 2008 Cyclone Nargis and the flooding in Bangkok in 2011. At the end of July this year, Cyclone Komen slashed across Western Myanmar and brought torrential rains to the poorest areas of Myanmar such as Rakhine State and Chin State. Landslides and widespread flooding were reported. At least 17,000 homes were destroyed and over 100 people lost their lives. Survivors saw their livelihoods destroyed with vast areas of prime agricultural land inundated and thousands of livestock killed. The devastation affected approximately one million people.

Bi- and multilateral aid started to pour into Myanmar and large international emergency relief agencies geared up their operations. However, while these agencies were still sitting in their offices, doing their needs assessments and designing their relief activities, Child’s Dream and its local partner NEED had already started to provide basic support worth USD 30,000 such as food, medicine, water filters, school materials and financial aid to rebuild houses. Although the relief efforts were hampered by bad weather, an estimated 15,000 people across 15 hard-hit villages were helped within less than a week. As the relief team was delivering our aid, they saw many boats hired by the large aid agencies continuing their needs assessments. Meanwhile, our relief team met many dehydrated and starving people.

Lahu Women fight the Taboo of Sex Education

In remote ethnic minority areas of Myanmar the taboo that causes the most social problems is reproductive health. The Lahu Women’s Organization (LWO) is finally breaking this taboo by conducting health awareness education in Shan State. Participants in their late teens and twenties learn about methods of family planning and protection against sexually transmitted diseases (STD) such as HIV. Child’s Dream works with LWO to bring this important knowledge to roughly 300 Lahu youth and young adults.

GreatNonprofits

Child’s Dream has been honored with a Top-Rated Award 2015 by GreatNonprofits! GreatNonprofits is a leading online platform to find trustworthy nonprofits, a platform for community-sourced stories and reviews about nonprofits. Their mission is to inspire and inform donors and volunteers, to enable nonprofits to show their impact, and promote greater feedback and transparency.

Many thanks to every one of you who rated us highly, wrote positive testimonials about Child’s Dream and endorsed us! Another possible way to increase outreach for free.

GreatNonprofits
Daniel in Siem Reap for school openings and to visit "All Ears Cambodia", Hearing Protection & Deafness Prevention

13: Tuu & Kham: Meetings with Myanmar university scholarship students in Bangkok and Saraburi

16-19: Nary signs contracts in Trapeang Prasat, Banteay Ampil and Aek Phnom, Cambodia

29.08.-11.09.: Gee, Sak & Koy: Trip to Champasak - Savannakhet - Vientiane, Laos

31.08.-05.09.: Daeng: Trip to Siem Reap
Cambodian students to study at universities in Cambodia to obtain a bachelor degree. This expansion builds on the solid success of the programme, which already offers support to Myanmar and Lao nationals, also for bachelor-level study. This expansion has been launched after a data collection phase where our staff visited Cambodian high schools and universities in order to gauge the level of the students as well as the quality of the universities and majors they have on offer. This initial pilot phase allows students to apply for study at one of 11 vetted Cambodian universities, across a wide variety of subjects related to the development needs in Cambodia. The programme prioritises students who have proven outstanding academic performance, a clear financial need, and who are likely to have a large positive impact in the development of communities in Cambodia. Ideally students will be able to apply their knowledge immediately after they achieve their degree. Most degrees take four years to complete, however, some specialized technical degrees (such as engineering or medicine) often take five to eight years, respectively.

Launch of the University Scholarship Programme for Cambodia bachelor degrees (USPCB)

Our October Workshop
Making a presentation in a language that is your 2nd, or even 3rd language, especially if you have little experience, can be a very intimidating experience. Our long-term volunteer David - a former headmaster of many an international school – was the perfect person to train us. His training was followed by everyone practicing presentations and being given feedback. On day 2 of our workshop, U and Daniel orchestrated an international cooking competition. Everyone got to taste 16 different dishes for lunch before we got dressed for our annual team party.

All Child’s Dream Scholars pass the Cambodian National High School Exams
The 2015 Cambodian high school examinations were the second test of deep reforms to crack down on the bribery and cheating that had tainted previous exams. More students passed this year’s key examinations under the watchful eye of the Anti-Corruption Unit. As a result, all 10 of our high school scholarship students passed this examination. This year is a big success year of our scholarship program since 100% of our scholars have successfully completed high school, so our programme does provide quality support to our scholarship students.
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**OCTOBER**

1-2: CD Team Workshop

7-8: Sinouy: Tomnup Thmey and Anlong Mean opening

8-9: Thomas: Hpa An, Kayin State, MCAP and Zwekabin

19-23: Tuu & Nikone: Meeting with university scholarship students in Laos

30.10.-10.11.: Sak: Scholarship camps in Savannaketh, Laos
OCTOBER

Evaluation of “Old Schools” in Laos

“Old School” means a school we built more than five years ago. We started working in Laos in 2006 and have built more than 100 schools and boarding houses in four provinces since then. Champasak and Savannakhet are the first two provinces where we started to work, so these two provinces have more ‘old schools’ than Luang Prabang and Xaignabouli, the other two provinces. This year the Laos team visited our old schools in Southern Laos. The team went to about 15 schools to check the condition of the buildings, how the schools are being used, the number of students enrolled and the quality of school management. We also wanted to test the new Evaluation Database which was developed to keep track of all our school buildings and to remind us to go back to visit and evaluate the schools regularly. The results, so far, have been excellent as all the schools we went to see are well maintained and clean. The team was happy with the results of the evaluation, though there are some aspects which need to be improved, such as water systems and playground maintenance, which the team will follow up with the schools and communities later. The new evaluation tools which we have tested are effective and easy to use, though there are some minor adjustments needed and also the reporting function is not yet ready. Thanks to Michel, our IT volunteer, who has supported us by developing such a good system to evaluate the projects, our lives are now easier!

Thai Volunteer Spirit Programme, Batch 4

In July we started recruiting 12 new volunteers for batch 4 of the Volunteer Spirit Programme in Thailand. After a thorough and intensive selection process, only 8 successful candidates emerged. Some Thai volunteers didn’t show up or weren’t committed and changed their minds at the very last minute. We want committed, suitable and qualified volunteers. This is why we have improved and fine-tuned our selection process with every batch. Our volunteers started their assignments in Thai schools on 2 November and will end their work on 28 February 2016.

Mote Oo’s Annual General Meeting

Thomas and Khin Cho from our Higher Education team participated in Mote Oo’s annual general meeting during the week of 5 October. The week-long meeting was held at Youth Connect Foundation’s Picturebook Guesthouse in Mae Sot. The main topic of the meeting included updating the organisation’s structure, strengthening Mote Oo’s adminis-
NOVEMBER

30.10.-10.11.: Sak: Scholarship camps in Savannaketh, Laos
6-8: Land: High school scholarship programme in Mae Hong Son, Thailand
7-11: Tah Wah: follow-up with Kanpan Lan School & travel to Htee Hun Than and Ta Dah Kyi, Myanmar
17-20: Sreylin: Parents’ talk meeting in Bakprea, Prey Chas, Koh Chiveang & Peam Simea Village, Cambodia
21.11.-05.12. Daniel & Marc: fundraising trip to Switzerland
Our Higher Education team launched three new Facebook pages, one for Myanmar, one for Laos and one for Cambodia. These pages are platforms where our students and programmes can see all the work we are doing in Higher Education, to advertise jobs, application opportunities, internships/apprenticeships, to provide a ‘local language’ (Burmese, Lao and Khmer) discussion forum to help us spreading news about new scholarship applications and deadlines, to better network students and programmes with each other, to share updates across and to programmes, and to share relevant training or education opportunities. Only two weeks after the launch, the pages proved to be very popular among students, especially in Laos. Tim, one of our Laos students said that Facebook has put her in touch with students doing the same assignments and helped her to overcome many problems by exchanging ideas. The great things about this Facebook page for her are to be able to find internships, jobs, and future education opportunities. Most Laos students do not own computers. They use smartphones instead. They are unable to send emails but they can use Facebook and ‘Line’. These networks are their main connection to the outside world. It is no surprise to see that the CD Higher Education Laos Facebook page achieved 522 ‘likes’ during the first two weeks of its launch. CD Higher Education Myanmar received 311 ‘likes’, CD Higher Education Cambodia 64 ‘likes’. We have fewer followers on the Cambodia page because we just started our Cambodia University scholarship program. We are very pleased to offer our students a new, additional chance for social networking and we are excited to see how they are all enjoying and benefitting from our posts.
DECEMBER

21.11.-05.12. Daniel & Marc: fundraising trip to Switzerland
3-5: Thomas: Donor trip in Myanmar
8-12: Marc: Mandalay school opening with donors
12-13: Tuu & Thomas: Trip to Savannaketh
20-22: Marc: School openings in Cambodia
25: Christmas - Public Holiday
DECEMBER
School Opening in Mandalay

On 11 December 2015, Marc traveled to the North of Mandalay for yet another school opening with three donors from Switzerland. Though the road connects the Mandalay city center with the provincial capital of Kachin State, the road was in bad condition. Access to this area is still restricted because of gemstone mining. We received clearance from local authorities though due to the humanitarian nature of our trip. On arrival we were rewarded greatly by more than 300 smiling and cheering children, all eagerly waiting for balloons to be released and the school to be opened. With this opening, we are again another step closer to achieving full access to education for all children in our four countries.

SRF 1 - AESCHBACHER: Daniel and Marc interviewed by famous Swiss Talkshow Host
Kurt Aeschbacher, likely the most famous Swiss late night show host, invited Marc and Daniel for a small session called ‘Starke Doppel’ ('strong doubles'). On Thursday night, 10 December, 13 minutes with Marc and Daniel were broadcast in ‘Aeschbacher’ on Swiss national TV. The interview can be seen on our YouTube channel to be found on our website.

Yearbook Production
Our office volunteer Benji from Switzerland joined us for one month to help us compile this 2015 yearbook. She researched, drew, outlined, copied, pasted, deleted, re-pasted everything you see here with great patience and diligence. If you enjoyed browsing through these pages, it’s thanks to Benji’s lovely work. Benji, we hope to see you again!
FACTS AND FIGURES
Where did the money come from?

Total donations received in 2015: USD 6,064,771 (2014: USD 5,826,212)
The majority of our donors are private individuals

ORIGIN OF DONATIONS

- 30% Switzerland
- 17% Singapore
- 16% United Kingdom
- 9% Japan
- 9% Liechtenstein
- 9% Thailand
- 8% Hong Kong SAR
- 6% United States
- 5% Others

TYPE OF DONOR

- 42% Individuals
- 37% Foundations
- 11% Trusts
- 9% Companies
- 1% Others

Switzerland
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Others
FACTS AND FIGURES

Where did the money go to?

Total project expenditure in 2015: USD 5,927,033 (2014: USD 5,714,163)

- **FOCUS GROUPS**
  - 52% Basic Education
  - 32% Higher Education
  - 16% Health

- **ADMINISTRATION COSTS**
  - 77% Personnel costs
  - 12% Depreciation & provision
  - 10% Admin, IT, legal & travel
  - 1% Other costs

- **NATIONALITY OF BENEFICIARIES**
  - 48% Myanmar
  - 17% Laos
  - 15% Myanmar migrants & refugees
  - 15% Cambodia
  - 15% Thailand

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HEALTH

To reduce childhood mortality and allow children to participate in education

10,183 children receive vaccinations against 8 childhood diseases

1,281 children have received life-saving operations and medical interventions

300 youth and adults receive reproductive health training

5,077 Cambodian and Lao children learned about health and hygiene

To reduce childhood mortality and allow children to participate in education.
To offer basic education for all in order to improve literacy rates and create alternatives to exploitation

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To create opportunities for income generation and better quality employment

- 1,877 trained to become future leaders
- 155 students receive university scholarships
- 106 university scholarships alumni
- 5,344 students received vocational training for employment

HIGHER EDUCATION
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