



2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITION

For Life RAINBOW NEWS

TRUSTEES VISIT THAILAND

For Life trustees James Treasure and Henry and Lydia George recently visited Rainbow House to spend time with CCD directors Wasan and Chariya Saenwian.

The transforming work of CCD continues to grow and develop, with more children than ever receiving care each day and an increasing number being successfully reunited with their families or adopted into new families.



Once again we were struck by the tremendous need of the children but also by the incredibly loving approach taken by CCD as they work relentlessly to address these needs. It has been our approach over the past two years to do all we can to support CCD in their work and it was discussed at our annual review meeting how we could continue to do this. It was agreed that we would keep training and sending volunteers, raising awareness and proving funds, but in addition to this we have committed to providing CCD with half their annual budget. This is a huge responsibility, as their budget is vast, covering the salaries of 50 specialised care-givers and the running of Rainbow house and all the day-care centres. However, we are determined to give all we can to help them change this situation FOR LIFE! Our target therefore is to raise £100,000 by January 2007. All donations welcome!!

NEW WEBSITE

As you may have seen in recent weeks, the For Life website has had a make-over! If you have not visited www.4lifethailand.org yet then we do encourage you to check it regularly for the latest news about the charity. Here, you will find current fund raising initiatives, news about the children, updates on volunteers and much more!

It is a real encouragement to our supporters and friends around the world to hear about all the fundraising that goes on here in the UK. If you have any stories of fundraising that you have been involved with then do email henry@4lifethailand.org with your story or write to us at the address above. We will then endeavour to put your news on our website.

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For Life celebrates **2 YEARS!**

It is now two years since we became a registered charity and began raising funds and awareness for the work of CCD in Thailand. Our relationship with CCD though, goes back a whole decade, throughout which James Treasure (Director of For Life) has been taking teams of young people to visit the work.

Here are the highlights of the past two years...

- Oct 2003 - Lydia Nash wins £16,000 on 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' and gives it to CCD to help them finish building Rainbow House.
- Dec 2003 - Sky News fly Lydia and James to Thailand to film a documentary about the work of CCD.
- Jan 2004 - The Sky TV Documentary is shown and as a result of this and various newspaper articles, a further £30,000 is donated to CCD.
- Feb 2004 - Starfish Trust donate £100,000 to CCD to buy the land which is now called Lydia's Garden.
- Mar 2004 - Rainbow House is opened.
- May 2004 - **For Life begins** with trustees James and Esther Treasure, Henry George and Lydia Nash (now George!).
- Aug 2004 - For Life sign a partnership agreement with CCD to represent them here in the UK, providing funds, raising awareness and training volunteers.
- Nov 2004 - For Life begins training volunteers for Tearfund.
- Mar 2005 - Total raised since October 2003 reaches a quarter of a million pounds.
- May 2005 - Chris and Jennie Oranges's album 'Emmanuel' is released. The album is free of charge but voluntary donations are accepted and given to For Life. The result...£12,000 has been raised so far!
- Oct 2005 - Thai Gala Dinner. £21,000 is raised in one night by Kate and Astrid from Henley!
- Jan 2006 - Mark Scutt records 'Relentless' and gives all proceeds to For Life.
- Mar 2006 - Mark Harris begins working in the For Life office one day a week.
- Apr 2006 - For Life agree to raise and provide half of CCD's annual budget, a massive £100,000!
- May 2006 - HAPPY SECOND BIRTHDAY TO FOR LIFE!

We would like to give our sincere thanks to all who have been involved during the past couple of years. It has been an amazing journey so far and we have been truly overwhelmed by your generosity and faithfulness to this work. We are excited to have so many people standing together to fight the cause of abandoned disabled children in Thailand and we hope that this will continue into the future!



For Life's New Development Director!

We are really thrilled to welcome Mary Sutton onto the For Life team. Mary joined us on 21st June and will spend three days a week helping to develop For Life and also to see to the day to day needs of the charity.

Having worked for many years with various churches and charities she comes with a great deal of experience and is now looking forward to the fresh challenge of taking For Life forward into the future. In addition to her commitment to For Life, Mary is currently doing a degree in Development Studies.



Mary Sutton: New Development Director of For Life

We are delighted to welcome Mary, not only because of her expertise but also her many personal qualities and we're sure you will be hearing from her soon!

THANK YOU!

For Life would like to say a big THANK YOU to Mark Harris! Mark has been working a day a week in the For Life office since January. His role has been to help with our administration, deal with volunteer applications, emails, letters, donations, and manage our rapidly growing database! Bless you Mark and thank you so much for all your hard work, you will be missed! From September Mark plans to train for full-time ministry in the Anglican church.

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THE OPENING OF

The opening of Lydia's Garden took place on 1st April 2006 and was a fantastic event for all involved. James, Henry and Lydia were there to explore the incredible new garden: it was an honour to be involved.

The Governor of Nonthaburi Province was a special guest at the ceremony. He said that the garden was a shining example of CCD's work and called on the Government staff to see it as the standard for them to aim for in the run-down Pakkred homes. The gardens were opened by the Governor, alongside Lydia, with the cutting of a ribbon. **Let's take you on a tour of the garden.**



The Governor cuts the ribbon

There is a **wide open lawn** for football and other field sports, with underground rotating water sprinklers to keep the grass green in the hot weather. To the far right is an **area for playing Boules**, a favourite game of some of the children. A **small hill** stands in the centre of the garden with tunnels that run underneath for children to explore and play hide-and-seek.





LYDIA'S GARDEN

The beauty of Lydia's Garden lies not only in its design and natural serenity but also in the way that every aspect demonstrates the care, love and thought that CCD have for the children. All the decisions that have been made and every idea that has been realised, comes from the deep desire to give abandoned disabled children the love, hope and future they deserve.



Children from the CCD day-care centres perform a song

Next to the hill is an **outdoor swimming pool!** The pool is small in size but lots of fun and is fitted with high powered jets for hydro-therapy sessions.

At the entrance of the garden there is a small shop selling the artwork of some of the older boys that attend the CCD day-care centre at Baan Rachawadee Chai. CCD have some older children in their care now who need to gain some work experience and learn about independent living. The **charity shop** aims to do this and helps them to meet members of the public and become integrated into Thai society.



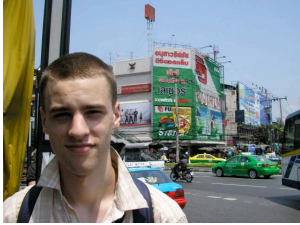
Children and staff enjoy the pool

On the site there is also the beginnings of a **vegetable garden**, which CCD is very proud of! It is hoped that this will also contribute to the development of the older children as they learn yet more valuable life skills.

The garden is beautifully decorated with hundreds of **plants and trees**. There are many areas of shade that make it a great place to be.



CCD Breaks New Ground



Adam Gray, one of the volunteers who is breaking new ground in the wards

The number of volunteers going to Thailand to work with CCD has increased steadily over the past few years. Sami, Dan and Adam are three of the volunteers who are out in Thailand at the moment. These three weren't placed in the day-care centres but given a special new pioneering role.

CCD work in only a limited number of the wards in the Pakkred Government homes. However, due to their consistent work and perseverance, they are gradually gaining access to more. The reason that access is restricted in certain areas is due to the extreme severity of disability and deformity of the children there. In such wards the children barely have any human contact at all, they are quiet and bare with nothing for the children to do. **But**, this new team of 'musical' volunteers were invited by the Government staff to take their songs, activities and dancing games into some of these restricted wards and now a weekly schedule has been drawn up and the 'three wise men', as Wasan calls them, take joy and happiness into the wards on a full-time basis.

Sami Hussain: "The wards are harrowing. Too many children, men and women crammed into too few beds, given very little stimulation or interaction.

"We've broken new ground in Fuang Fah, the Government home for young children, being allowed access to several new wards. This means we get to bring music, fun and love to many more children."



For Life continue to train and send volunteers to work with CCD. Are you interested in volunteering? Perhaps you can sing or play an instrument? You may have professional skills such as physiotherapy or nursing, or perhaps you simply want to show these children some love? Send us an email to volunteers@4lifethailand.org

THAILAND VOLUNTEERS NETWORK

Have you volunteered at CCD before? Are you interested in doing more to help raise funds and awareness for them here in the UK?

Please get in touch and join the volunteers network to see what you can do to help.



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MORE NEWS FROM RAINBOW HOUSE



MEET BOH...



Chaiwat Piromkong, nick-named 'Boh', was born on 26th July 2002 with paralysis below the waist. He came to CCD on the 9th May 2004, neglected and with behavioral problems. After a year of care at Rainbow House, his physical movement began to improve. He also received specialist medical treatment. He is now a permanent resident of Rainbow house and his cheerful attitude is an inspiration to all those who meet him. This September he will start at a local school! Needless to say, the change in Boh has been wonderful to see.

Opening of New Library and Sensory Rooms!

On the same day as the opening of the gardens, the Governor of Nonthaburi also opened the New library (right), and a new computer room with 6 Dell computers donated by a travel agent (below).



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FOR LIFE WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

Lynne McDonald for your tireless work in raising funds and awareness for the children - you are an inspiration.

Wes Sutton for giving so generously to the work of For Life.

Graveney School for welcoming us so warmly to come and talk to you about the work of For Life. A special mention to Clare Caldwell who is leaving Graveney at the end of this term and who initially invited us to the school. It has been a privilege working with you Clare!

Key Warner & James Henney for committing to the three peaks challenge in Switzerland next winter in aid of For Life! They are training at the moment and are looking for fellow mountaineers who are up for the challenge!

FINALLY; FOR ALL DONATIONS, FOR LIFE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU!



RELENTLESS

Congratulations to Mark Scutt on the release of his first album 'Relentless'. A big thank you to you and the band for donating all the profits to the work of For Life.

ELIZABETH SMALL'S COFFEE MORNINGS

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to Elizabeth Small and her friend Kitty Lee from Southsea for organising *another* fundraising coffee morning in aid of For Life! We were overjoyed when Mrs Small held the first coffee morning, which raised over £600, but the news of the second, raising another £610, was just amazing. The event was held in the church hall and featured all manner of cakes and a 'bric-a-brac' stall! We would also like to thank Elizabeth's friend Betty who asked for donations to For Life instead of 80th birthday presents! She raised a further £70.



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