

BRIDGEWORKS
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Children & Youth Ministry Co-operative Thailand



BRIDGING THE GAPS TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES THAT HINDER ORPHANS & ABANDONED CHILDREN & YOUTH FROM LEADING PRODUCTIVE, FULFILLING, & PURPOSEFUL LIVES.

BRIDGEWORKS is a care and share co-operative of small impoverished locally directed Children's Homes and ministries in the north of Thailand.

BridgeWorks facilitates projects to help the leaders of these homes break the cycle of poverty and exploitation that these children are caught in.

Education, Equipping, Agricultural, and Income-producing projects help to break this cycle. They reduce dependence on 'hand-outs', reduce the incidence of child-trafficking, and prepare the children for a more stable future with a wider choice of skills and opportunities available to them.



THE CHALLENGES:

The Hill tribe cultures that these children come from are the most marginalised and disadvantaged people groups in Thailand. Issues they contend with on a daily basis include poverty, human trafficking, lack of access to adequate education, restricted freedom of movement, community and cultural breakdown, drug abuse, discrimination, human rights violations, land rights, and lack of Thai citizenship. The children's homes also are faced with these obstacles as they seek to find ways to build a home and a future for the children in their care.

GOALS:

Provision: Moving from poverty & dependency to independency helps the children's homes become better resourced and to attain some level of sustainability through opportunities for 'self-help' (eg: rice cultivation program).

Protection: Moving from vulnerability to security by finding ways that the homes can be empowered to ensure the safety / security of the children in their care.



Community: Moving from abandonment to family, to facilitate the development of strong, long-term 'family' and community relationships; to help meet the children's need to 'belong'.

Equip & Empower: Moving from dysfunctional to functional, through finding realistic ways to help these children and youth to overcome any dysfunctional 'inheritance', and the continuing obstacles that they face, to enter adult mainstream society in a productive, fulfilling and purposeful way.

Blessing: Moving from receivers to givers. To encourage and facilitate blessing to the wider community through the service of the children's homes to those around them; and to become effective contributors to society.

Discipleship: Moving to spiritual stability & maturity in Christ. To facilitate the setting down of strong spiritual foundations in these children's lives, to enable them to be led as individuals to live out God's purposes for their lives. "I have come that you may have life, and have it in abundance" (Jn 10:10).



PROJECTS:

Rice Cultivation & Agricultural development (eg - pig, chicken, fish and vegetable farming)

BridgeWorks Centre: A Centre incorporating residential care, nurture and training of 'transitioning' youth; external programs for children residing in the children's homes (eg – after school, weekend and holiday programs); a place for coming together for shared events of the various children's homes. The centre is located in Chiangmai.



BridgeWorks Youth Transition Program: a co-operative program of the various children's homes seeking to develop pathways that enable the children / youth to continue to be cared for, loved and also trained, as they need to leave the children's homes.

Educational / Vocational Youth Scholarships: To fund / enable further education and provide a viable future option for those in their mid-teens.

Fair Trade product Development and Production, and other Income-Generating Projects.

Pastoral Care, Training, and other Support of Children's Homes carers.

Land Purchase & Development as needed



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BE HELPFUL:

Please visit our web page at www.bridgeworksinc.org for suggestions on ways that you can help the children and young people in this ministry. Opportunities range from sponsorship, to donations for agricultural, training or income-generating projects, and also opportunities for short-term volunteers (6-12 months) or teams (1-3 weeks).

DONATE:

Online donations can be made via the **BridgeWorks** web site.

Cheques (in any currency) can be posted direct to **BridgeWorks** in Thailand. Please do not send cheques under \$100 as our Thai Bank will not accept foreign cheques under this amount. Please nominate the purpose of the donation, and include a return name and address for receipting purposes. Make cheques out to '**BridgeWorks**' and post to:



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