

# THE BOYER OHANA



We distributed shoes and other supplies on a two-day outreach in Mae Hong Son Province.

## If the Shoe Fits . . . Give It!

One thing most of us don't think too much about is our shoes. Or, if we do, we're thinking about getting that really cool pair that'll make us look good when we step out on the town!

We recently spent a few days on an outreach to some of the poorest villages in northern Thailand, including one small border community located next to a sprawling camp housing over 10,000 refugees from the Burmese civil war.

Thanks to your generosity and that of

one of ZOE's major sponsors, we were able to take relief supplies to these almost-forgotten people.

We were welcomed with smiles and laughter everywhere but it was the shoes we brought that elicited the most excitement. Some of the folks we met were barefoot while others wore shoes that were falling apart.

At the settlement outside the refugee camp lived a few hundred persons who, over the years, had been permitted to move outside the razor-wire guarded main camp.

They have a modicum of freedom to work in a limited area near the camp, primarily on local farms. Beyond that, they are not permitted. As for us, we were only allowed to visit those outside the main camp as no outsiders are allowed in.

It was poignant in that once we had distributed everything we had, many of them just lingered around us: not in any hope or expectation of getting more, but as if we were their only tenuous link to the outside world.

### MAKE WAY



Keep on your toes while navigating Chiang Mai's busy street markets. Otherwise, you might find tire tracks on them!

### IN A RUT



Thank goodness for four-wheel drive . . . especially during Thailand's rainy season!

### LOVELY LADY



This winsome woman is a member of the Karen "long neck" hill tribe.



# TASTE AND SEE



One of the main attractions in Thailand is the food. Many of our ZOE kids will work in restaurants when they head out into the world. Some as soon as they graduate and leave ZOE; others as part-time jobs while they attend university.

Cissy is using expertise gained from running her family restaurant to train the ZOE kids to operate a real-life restaurant. This semester, our ZOE Learning Center students researched, planned and set up their own Italian restaurant. They named it *Ristorante Delizioso* and served a menu of Spaghetti Bolognese, Chicken Caesar Salad and Italian sodas.

The students learned the “soup to nuts” of operating a restaurant. They cooked the food, designed the logo and

menu, decorated the “restaurant,” chose the uniforms and created coupons. They greeted and seated customers, took orders, plated and served meals, bussed tables, computed checks, collected money, and made change. After two days of practice, *Ristorante Delizioso* was open for business.

The students said they most enjoyed making customers happy, serving food, working together as a team and, of course, sampling their cooking!

At ZOE, our goal is to introduce a variety of job opportunities to our kids. Then they will have gained some experience to help them land a job, begin earning money, and choose a livelihood. It is rewarding to watch them discover their passions, pursue their dreams, and fill their stomachs!

## THANKING YOU

**LORD WILLING WE’LL BE IN HAWAII** this summer. It’s our fervent hope to see as many of you as possible to thank you in person for the love and kindness you have expressed through your generous support.

Your donations to ZOE are 100% tax deductible. Credit card donations can be made online at [gozoe.org/missionaries/rn-cissy-boyer](http://gozoe.org/missionaries/rn-cissy-boyer). You can also set up automatic recurring donations on the website. Please make checks to “ZOE” and mail to our P.O. box in Hawaii (please write “Boyers” on the memo line).

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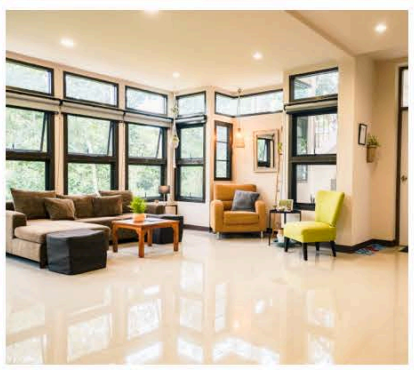
# Heart Prints



"There is so much love poured out at ZOE. And you see the kindness and grace of God over this place. This is a place of hope for the children. I pray for ZOE's future . . . and that many more kids will be rescued." ~ former ZOE child



At Christmas, Cissy taught about the birth of Jesus at Acts Church Sunday School using Christmas cookies. Afterwards, the kids got to decorate and eat their masterpieces!



Living room of our just-opened Short-Term Home for Girls.



A good education is one of the greatest tools we can give our kids.



ZOE staff got into the spirit for the 2022 Kids Carnival!



Government officials lauding ZOE for being the first NGO in Thailand to establish a daycare for the sole purpose of benefiting its staff.



ZOE mom reads to one of her girls as part of Cissy's annual "Reading Has Rewards!" Club.



## YEAR OF THE TIGER

Sua: it means “tiger” in Thai. It certainly is an apt name for this young man! In his 5 years at ZOE, Sua has been one of the most instrumental members of our Child Rescue Department. He has proven to be a top-notch investigator and has garnered the praise of high-ranking Thai police officials as well as FBI and HSI agents who work with ZOE. In his tenure with ZOE, he’s been involved in the rescue of hundreds of kids from human trafficking.

Born in a small village 30 years ago, Sua was raised Buddhist: his father was the local witch doctor. People hired his dad to perform rituals to appease the spirits.

At 5, he had a bad accident and moved to a refugee camp in order to get medical help. After a year, he went to live with his grandmother. As a teenager, he became a novice monk and lived in a Buddhist temple for a while. At 15, he went off to grade ten with two friends to a Christian school 700 kilometers from home.

As a Buddhist, he tried to fit in by going through

the motions. But at night, he would perform the Buddhist rituals before bed. One night, he said, “God, if you are real, show me and I will follow you.” After falling asleep, there was a knock at the door. The dorm manager took him to the canteen where a distraught young lady was weeping and calling his name. She told him: “God loves you and wants you to come back to Him!” And Sua believed.

He also met a girl at school who used to bring him food because he didn’t always have enough money. Later, that same girl got a job as a social worker at ZOE and told him to apply. Today, they’ve been married for almost 5 years.

His favorite thing about ZOE is being able to serve God. He loves helping poor children because he was poor and can empathize with them. To relax, he likes to spending time with his family, watching movies, or drinking coffee.

With Sua on our team, this is definitely “the year of the Tiger” for ZOE!



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