



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

**CONCORDIA WELFARE &
EDUCATION FOUNDATION -
THAILAND**



ABOUT US

Founded in 1988, the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation – Thailand (CWEFT), is a fully registered non-profit organization, established to minister to the needs of underprivileged communities in Thailand, especially orphaned children and women without support. CWEFT works in partnership with other organizations, to protect, promote and assist children, women, and families in need through its human care and educational projects. In the past year, CWEFT has worked hard to provide educational and important life skill opportunities, to make sure individuals in need would not be forgotten or exploited, able to stand on their own and contribute to society.





OUR VISION

To empower underprivileged children, women, & families through holistic education and training.

OUR PROGRAMS

CWEFT works with communities, schools, government agencies, and other organizations, to protect, promote, and assist children, women, and families in need, through human care and educational projects. In 2023, we emphasized improving the capacity for the underprivileged throughout Thailand via a variety of programs, including:

DAY CARE & COMMUNITY CENTER

Bangkok

- Preschool program
- Saturday classes
- School break activities
- Elderly outreach
- School sponsorship

STUDENT DORMITORIES

Northern Thailand

- Two dormitories

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Bangkok

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Northern Thailand

- Three remote villages

COMPUTERS FOR EDUCATION

Northern Thailand

- 50 computers

CLEAN WATER PROJECTS

Northern Thailand

- Six remote villages
- 31 homes in remote villages



OUR TEAM



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Board Member

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



2023 has been an amazing year for CWEFT.

As we come the end of another fiscal year, it is with much joy, praise, and thanksgiving that I reflect on the year we have completed. It has been a year filled with blessings, challenges, and abundant opportunities for growth.

On behalf of the entire CWEFT team, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering and steadfast support- whether it be through prayer, volunteering, financial assistance, or otherwise.

This past year, CWEFT was able to make an incredible impact in the lives of more than 12,000 individuals through our projects and initiatives throughout Thailand- that is nearly a 35% increase from last year alone!

Our longstanding projects in Bangkok and Northern Thailand continue to grow and adjust to meet the changing needs of those we serve in both familiar and new ways. We are thankful for a wonderful team of staff and volunteers who play such a vital role in allowing us to do what we do.

God has truly blessed this outreach, as not only were we able to expand our programs to reach so many more people, but we were able to do so in a fiscally responsible manner that maximized our effect in wonderful ways.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We look forward to see what the Lord has in store for us in 2024.



CDCC

Concordia Day Care & Community Center

The Concordia Day Care & Community Center (CDCC) serve children between the ages of 2-15, as well as their families, and the elderly. These children are among the most vulnerable, living in crowded disadvantaged communities along the Bangna expressway. We promote education and bettering the lives of the children, so they may finish school and go on to achieve their full potential.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The objective for this project is to provide care for children between 2-5 who are too young to attend public school, and whose parents must leave for work. Children are cared for in a safe, nurturing environment who would otherwise be left alone at home, at risk to multiple dangers. We offer activities that address five areas of wellbeing: physical, mental, emotional, social, and developmental. This includes meeting common gaps in nutritional health, by providing meals according to the children's needs. This past year, this program assisted 60 children, as well as preparing and sending off 15 children to kindergarten.





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SATURDAY CLASSES



To assist children with learning needs between 5-15 years old, we offer math, English, and computer classes on Saturdays, as well as once a month activities in art therapy. We look for opportunities to promote emotional and mental well-being, as well as teaching important life skills that help to reduce the risk of addiction and violence. We want to see each student develop personal discipline, have courage to share their opinions, use their free time wisely, and see the value of education. We are also mindful in choosing teachers who can counsel students and their families. In the past year, we had a total of 77 children and family members attended Saturday activities.



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Concordia Day Care & Community Center

SCHOOL BREAK ACTIVITIES



During school breaks, many students are left at home alone because their parents have to leave for work. This leaves children at risk for getting into trouble, spending all their time on devices, gambling, and other dangers without anyone to look after them. In order to help parents, Concordia Day Care opens especially during school breaks to be a place of safety for children, while including activities that continue their learning with reviewing school lessons, English classes, sports, and other extra-curriculars. In all, we had 26 children join us for school break activities in the past year.



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ELDERLY OUTREACH



The elderly face many struggles, including no one able to help care for them, poverty, and family problems. In response, CWEFT partnered with the Buddharaksa Foundation, Magnolia Quality Development Corporation, and Dhanin Tawee Chearavanont Foundation to conduct elderly visitations and provide resources such as food, medicine and medical supplies, and hospital transportation services. We also helped with planting vegetable gardens and fixing leaks and other issues in homes. In all, our elderly outreach served six communities and reached 5,126 people in the following impoverished communities:

- Bangna Community: 787 people
- Buakerd Community: 1,224 people
- Rung Rueang Community: 2,000 people
- Poonsin Community: 90 people
- Yamsuan Community: 1,000 people
- Rom Pho Community: 25 people





CDCC

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SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP



CWEFT works closely with children and their families in its CDCC program who struggle to make ends meet in an unstable economic situation that has not improved for many. Some families are forced to move back to their rural villages to try to find work, increasing the risk that children are pulled out of school early to help work and support their families. With the support of World Help, CWEFT is able to provide ongoing sponsorship support to assist children with school needs, such as uniforms, shoes, sports supplies, and more, to ease the burden on families and help keep the children in school. In all, CWEFT sponsored 82 students through this program.





STUDENT DORMITORIES

CWEFT provided help for at-risk ethnic minority children and young adults who must leave their families in order to attend school, as schools are not always available in more remote, mountainous areas. When away from home, they are often at risk for things like addiction, domestic violence, broken marriages, incarceration, neglect, and a lack of education and resources. In addition, many ethnic minorities lack legal papers such as birth certificates and citizenship making it difficult to access education and other available resources.



To address these needs and provide the necessary care, CWEFT provides safe dormitories with responsible care-givers who will provide food, school transportation, activities that foster good health and wellbeing, support for literacy in both Thai and their native language, as well as structure, discipline and other important life skills.





STUDENT DORMITORIES

The dormitory programs also promote English skills by providing Saturday English classes for elementary students.

To promote a close connection with families and communities, the program also provides transportation to visit family once a month to preserve their cultural heritage, and teach them in the Christian faith.

Children are taught personal safety and how to recognize the dangers of drugs, trafficking, and exploitation. CWEFT also works with local partners and organizations in the area to help in times of crisis and need.

In all, we supported 42 students and 275 of their family members in the past year at two dormitories:

Ban Manaporn Dormitory

- 22 students
- 173 family members

Mercy House Dormitory

- 20 students
- 102 family members





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HUAY SOM VILLAGE & HUAY LUEK VILLAGE

- IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THUN CHURCH
- CHIANG MAI PROVINCE

CWEFT partnered with Pastor Sudkhet Planengsorn from Lamthun Church to regularly visit children and their families in two nearby villages- Huay Som Village and Huay Luek Village. His team found that there are many struggles among these families: lack of clean water, exploitation, and unfair wages.



Many of these families are from the Karen minority group (pronounced "ka-RIN"). Many Karen families travel to larger cities looking for work. Karen men often work caring for elephants, while Karen women work in the fields. Sadly, without support and access to resources, they often find themselves in difficult situations.

Therefore, CWEFT (in close cooperation with Pastor Sudkhet) has come to their aid to promote knowledge for parents and education for children, by providing music lessons, extracurricular activities, Bible study, and training on human rights and safety for children.

Altogether, services were provided to 19 children and 71 adults.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BAN DOI SA NGO BON VILLAGE

- IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BAN SA NGO BON CHURCH
- CHIANG RAI PROVINCE

There is no school in this village, which means that children attending school have to stay in dormitories far away from family from a young age. Children in this type of situation often exhibit behavioral and emotional problems, and are at an elevated risk for exploitation.

CWEFT has partnered with Pastor Chowmin Saengsin from Ban Sa Ngo Bon Church to offer school break camps for children and their families, teaching important life skills, and training parents on observing and counseling their children.

In the past year, 23 children and 120 adults attended these programs.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

EMERGENCY AID & RELIEF

- BANGNA COMMUNITY
- BANGKOK

On the December 18, 2022, a fire broke out in the Bangna Expressway Community, destroying three homes, including a home belonging to the family of two children, Neptune and Ninja, who attend the CDCC programming. With support from generous donors, CWEFT was able to rebuild all three homes for the children and their two neighbors.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE

• NORTHERN THAILAND

CWEFT provided clean water to six communities in Northern Thailand by installing water filters at centrally located sites within each community. These locations included:

- Mercy House Dormitory
- Manaporn Dormitory
- Huai Som Village
- Huai MaKang School
- Doy Sa Ngo Bon Church
- Lamthum Church



In addition, 31 smaller filters for home use were given to 31 families in more remote areas, along with important training on the importance of clean water and how to care for the filters. These smaller filters were donated by CWEFT volunteer and trainer, Ms. Debby Suchyta.



In all, up to 6,000 people will benefit from these water filters. CWEFT would like to thank all of our partners and supporters who gave in support of these filters that will provide free drinking water that is free of bacteria and harmful chemicals.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMPUTERS FOR EDUCATION



CWEFT worked in partnership with Dell Corporation Thailand and was able to provide 50 computers to promote education for children in need. in rural areas. CWEFT gifted 18 computers to schools in remote areas of Northern Thailand, as well as our partner, the Beginnings Foundation.

In total, 428 students will benefit from this project.





VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the key to improving our organization and creating new opportunities for our work with children and communities in need. They open up our eyes in the different ways they share their lives and bring their unique experience and perspectives for us to learn from. We were honored to receive help from volunteers from Thailand and around the world this past year.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINERS

Ms Debby Suchyta from the USA joined us this past year to provide important training to help children recognize warning signs of unsafe and exploitative situations, along with what to do and who to go to for help. Debby has a passion to protect children from trafficking and exploitation. In cooperation with CWEFT staff, Debby was able to impact all those who were able to attend her training sessions.

In total 406 people from around Thailand attended her trainings. This included sessions at the following locations:

- Concordia Day Care & Community Center (Bangkok)
- CWEFT dormitories (Northern Thailand)
 - Three schools & three churches (Various locations)





VOLUNTEERS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

International schools in Bangkok continue to support a variety of CWEFT programs and projects. Students and staff work in close cooperation with CWEFT to enhance the quality of our programs. These partnerships help students to develop and foster responsibility for society and care for others in meaningful ways.

International school volunteers helped to provide school supplies, host special events, prepare Christmas packages for the CDCC children, and spend time with the children.

This past year, the following schools sent student and staff to volunteer at CWEFT projects:

- Concordian International School
- Keerapat International School (KPIS)
- International Community School (ICS)





VOLUNTEERS

BEGINNINGS FOUNDATION

Our partner organization, the Beginnings Foundation, helped coordinate various activities and provide supplies throughout the year. Ms. Libby Bundrick from Beginnings and her family brought the children art supplies. Dental resident Ms. Issayaporn Thongves (daughter of Beginnings Director & CWEFT Treasurer Ms. Ann Thongves) worked with Ms. Pang from the Beginnings Home to teach the CWEFT day care children how to care for their teeth.





VOLUNTEERS

PANYOTAI WALDORF SCHOOL

Panyotai Waldorf School reached out to us to open up the opportunity for Panyotai students to provide community service during school breaks. This helps the Panyotai students to build their knowledge through real work experience. Specifically, we welcomed Grade 11 student, Woraphan Worasayan, who has an interest in social work and crowded communities, to teach activities and have fun with the children during the CDCC School Break Program.





TESTIMONIALS

“Thank you to CWEFT and every supporter who has aided us at Lamthun Church, providing children with opportunities for education, learning how to be a better person, and developing a relationship with God. They become their parents’ hope and the future of our nation. Please continue to pray for us and the children’s guardians, that we will receive wisdom from God as we serve Him through this children’s ministry.” -Pastor Sudkhet Planengsorn, Lamthun Church



Rak, age 11, is currently studying in Grade 2 and is an orphan after losing both of her parents. There are three siblings altogether, and none have legal papers or citizenship. They were given to relatives to raise, but their relatives were unable to care for them, which resulted in the children becoming homeless and having to beg on the streets.

CWEFT received information from a local church along with social services, and all three of the children were brought to Mercy House Dormitory to be cared for. “I want to thank you for helping me and my two younger siblings, so that we no longer have to beg or fend for ourselves, but have a safe place to live, food to eat, and are able to go to school. I am taken care of and I don’t have to be afraid.”



TESTIMONIALS

New is currently in 9th grade. During the Covid crisis his parents lost their jobs and turned to selling noodles. “During school breaks, I need to help my mother sell chicken noodles every day because she has to work so hard while dealing with a chronic disease. My older sister had to leave school to find work to do. I save my snack money to use on school supplies instead. Once I finish school, I would like to apply to join the police, that way I can help take care of my mother and protect her and others too. I want to thank you for sponsoring my education so I can go to school, have the supplies I need, and finish higher school at a higher level. May God bless you all!”



Pon's parents separated and each have their own families now, which resulted in Pon being raised by his grandparents. His father moves jobs often due to chronic liver disease, and his grandparents also have to work, which means Pon is often left alone. In addition, there is no school in his village and his family has very little income. His father wanted him to leave school to work, but Pon really wants to go to school. Therefore, Manaporn House Dormitory offered to take him in. “I have so much happiness that I can stay here. I have the opportunity to go to school, and there are many activities that help me learn and grow and not be lonely. Thank you for helping to support me to go to school and have a safe place to live, with school supplies and food to eat too. May you be blessed, healthy, and strong!”



FINANCIAL REPORT

PROJECT	EXPENSES	CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL SERVED
Manaporn Dorm & Community		22	173	
Mercy Dorm & Community		20	102	
Lamthun Ministry & Community		19	71	
DORMITORY TOTALS	1,371,562 Baht US\$39,051	61	346	407
Daycare		60		
Saturday Classes		77		
School Break		26		
Elderly			5,126	
CDCC TOTALS	1,929,671 Baht US\$54,941	163	5,126	5,289

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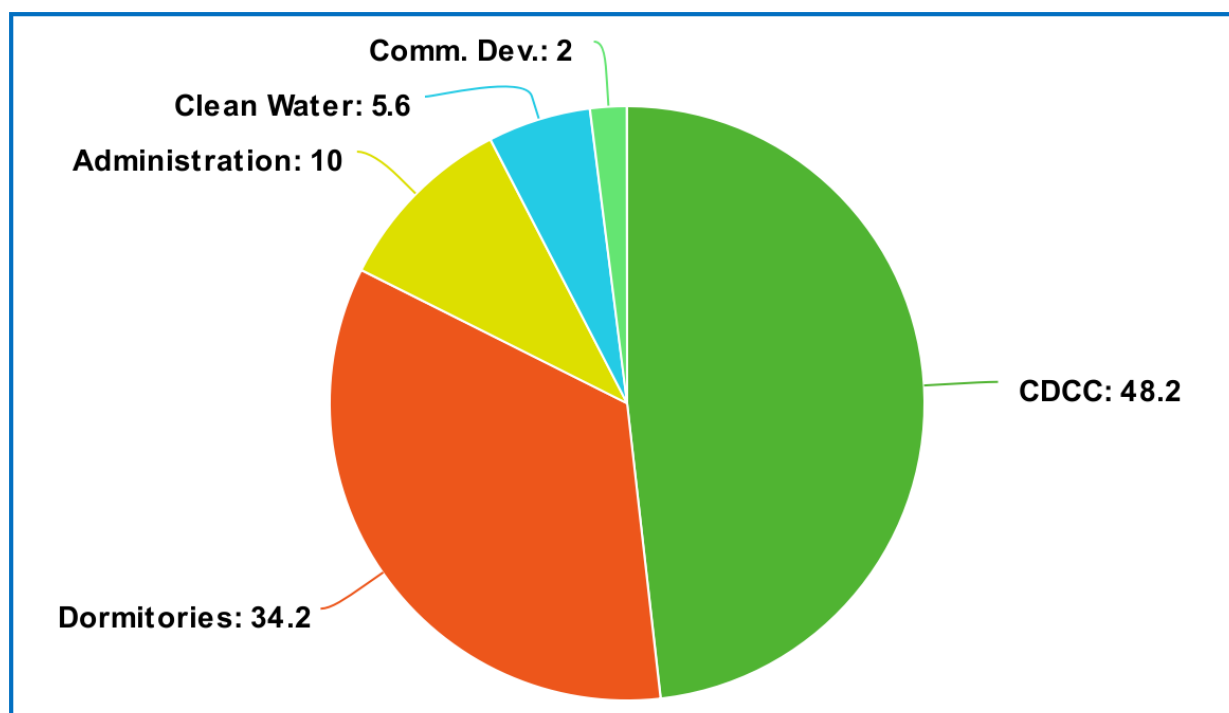


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PROJECT	EXPENSES	CHILDREN & ADULTS
Ban Doi Sa Ngo Bon Community		143
Huai MaKang School & Community		132
Wat Nam Bo Luang School & Community		109
Pha Duea School & Community		76
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOTALS	79,482 Baht US\$2,263	460
CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE	224,381 Baht US\$6,389	6,000
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	399,545 Baht US\$11,376	
ANNUAL TOTALS	4,004,641 Baht US\$114,020	12,156 PEOPLE SERVED



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CDCC Dormitories Administration Clean Water Comm. Dev.

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CONNECT WITH US

VOLUNTEER

CWEFT welcomes individuals and short-term teams to serve at its projects throughout the year in a variety of ways. We also participate in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and school community service programs.

DONATE

With your help, we can continue to improve the lives of underprivileged children, women, & families!

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