## NEWS FROM THAILAND

### Grace Ministries GIVING CHILDREN A FUTURE AND A HOPE

#### September 1, 2019



#### Dear friends,

We celebrated Thai Mother's Day recently. **Twenty-one of our precious children do not have mothers**, and we had a special meal to show them how loved they are by our God and Father and by all the staff here. They enjoyed the meal, ice cream and gifts. Our heartfelt thanks to their wonderful sponsors for giving them a day they will not forget. Later that evening **our children and staff showed their love and appreciation to "Mum" (Yoke Fong)** for her genuine and sacrificial love each one can count on.



Thirty of our children and staff participated in the Krasang 12km race and 5km fun run recently. The proceeds go to the local hospital to provide medicine to the poor and transport for the elderly poor who have no means to get to hospital. It was great fun, and it was great to be able to support such a good cause in our community.

**Ji**, one of our girls who has been a member of our family for the past two

years, gave testimony recently to how sad and difficult her life was before she came to Grace. She is a Christian and pleaded with the Lord Jesus to intervene in her very difficult circumstances so she could leave home and have an education. Two days later we chose her to come and live here, even though we had not yet met her. How good and how loving is the God we adore.

Alumni **Pam, Wi, and Mae Yai** contacted us this month, and we visited **Sujitra** in a nearby village on the occasion of the birth of her second child, a beautiful little boy.

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Our rice is growing very well, and we and the local farmers are looking forward to harvest time in November. Great credit to Witoon, Thaa and the older boys for their diligence and hard work in looking after our crop.

**Our inter-tribal sports day was a huge success.** Our Lao children won the overall competition, followed by the Khmer and our Chiang-Mai and Chiang-Rai children.

Yoke Fong will return to Ireland on September 4, and is looking forward to time with family and friends. Doi, Yao and little Rada will accompany me on the same date to Portland, Oregon. We are looking forward to spending the month with friends and sponsors. They will return to Thailand on Sept. 30, and I will visit more friends of Grace Ministries in Ohio before I return to Thailand in mid-October.

The plans for the new girls' home have been completed, and we have contacted a number of puilders.



Love from all of us at Grace.