



LE SOURIRE DE CHIANG KHONG



2023 Activity Report

In Thailand

Over the months

- January A day dedicated to the ethnic groups of Thailand, organised by the children of the hostel, with games, dances, demonstrations of various traditions, etc.). Children's Day in Thailand. A day of various activities was organised for all our children (dances, songs and games).
- February Various members of the government visit the home for an in-depth inspection: buildings, safety standards, hygiene, everything is compliant. The children take part in a sports day organised by the hostel's teenagers.
- April Songkran" festival, three days of festivities were organised in the foyer. The children take part in a camp organised by the centre's teenagers. The children take part in various camps organised in Chiang Rai province.
- May All the children took part in the summer camp (education and reflection) organised by the hostel's teenagers.

June	Election of the foyer youth committee for the 2023/2024 school year.
July	Fire drill day and safety instructions for all the children in the home.
August	Mother's Day. A day was organised at the centre. The programme included a show with singing and dancing, as well as a special meal for the children.
October	Visit from all the local authorities in the commune (mayor, chiefs of the various villages, school teachers, etc.).
November	Loy Krathong" festival. A day was organised at the centre. The programme included children making "kratongs" and traditional festivities.

Every day

- ❖ Monitoring schooling.
- ❖ Learning the Thai language.
- ❖ Classes in Hmong and Akha (mother tongue of most of the children)
- ❖ Safeguarding ethnic traditions (sewing, embroidery, dance, singing).
- ❖ Drug prevention and awareness.
- ❖ General culture.
- ❖ Hygiene care and prevention.
- ❖ Cultural and sporting activities, entertainment...
- ❖ Summer programme for older children in the home (internships).
Summer programme for new boarders, refresher courses and teaching (school programme).
- ❖ Active participation in the country's official Buddhist and Christian religious festivals.
- ❖ Recruiting and training young people to supervise children.
- ❖ The children in the home occasionally help the farmers in neighbouring villages, as well as contributing to the development of nearby villages.
Various necessary steps with the Government to obtain official papers (identity cards, etc.) for the children.
- ❖ Ongoing support for Thai villages and the Lahu, Lisu, Akha and Hmong tribes.
- ❖ Ongoing support for the various schools attended by our boarders and sponsored children in the villages.
- ❖ Regular visits to villages to look after villagers' needs and monitor sponsorships.
- ❖ Ongoing contacts with local people in Chiang Rai province supporting our action.
- ❖ Meetings organised with the parents of sponsored children living in the villages.
- ❖ Active presence at the various meetings organised by the Government for all the NGOs and foundations in Chiang Rai Province.
- ❖ Seeking sponsorships and donations.
- ❖ Ongoing staff training (courses and seminars organised by the Government).
- ❖ Visits to parents in prison to maintain contact with the child.
- ❖ Raising awareness of the environment, recycling waste. The children in the home sort the waste, which is stored in a special room and then sold.
- ❖ Maintenance of all solar outdoor lighting installations within the home.

The staff

To support them, Barbara and Prapapone recruit staff from the local population. This provides work and firmly anchors the home in the life of the region. In order to attract competent staff, in view to ensuring the long-term future of Le Sourire, former residents are called in!

The farm and the buildings

Throughout the year, as part of the children's extra-curricular activities, we tend our maize fields, rice paddies, orchards and plantations, look after our animals (pigs, cows, buffalo, etc.), cultivate our gardens and carry out maintenance and landscaping work.

Thanks to the support of generous donors and foundations, work has been undertaken:

- ❖ Various renovations & repairs have been undertaken - the main building, the six children's dormitory houses, the boys' changing rooms and showers, the girls' changing rooms and showers, repairs to a staff house,
- ❖ Various cement works have been undertaken, especially around buildings.
- ❖ Heavy machinery was used to level and develop the site.

In Switzerland In Switzerland

Over the months

February	Committee in Genthod.
April	Committee and Annual General Meeting in Coppet.
September	Committee in Genthod. Le Sourire's 25th anniversary party at Domaine de la Merrière in Soral in Most of the members of all the committees have been present since the company was founded.
November	Théâtre de l'Espérance, performance in aid of Le Sourire.

Throughout the year, second-hand clothes are sold at LA BOUTIQUE in Sion to raise funds for the children sponsored by Le Sourire de Chiang Khong and Couleurs de Chine.

Throughout the year, we attend various markets and sell items made by a member of the committee for the benefit of the children sponsored by Le Sourire in Chiang Khong.

Throughout the year, AMAT massages have an information stand at various markets and events.

Expanding the solidarity network

Thanks to these sponsorships, some 300 children are welcomed into the home or followed up in their villages. Throughout the year, the Sourire de Chiang Khong association works hard to develop child sponsorship, raise funds and get involved in events that benefit the children in the home. Many local authorities and foundations support one-off projects.

Organisation

A human-scale organisation, strictly managed and controlled, the association has minimal operating costs (less than 1% in 2022). Aid goes directly to action on the ground.

In 2023- the Committee met three times, in Genthod and Coppet. The Annual General Meeting was held in April 2023 in Coppet. The composition of the Committee can be found on the association's website.

As a humanitarian organisation!-Le Sourire de Chiang Khong's website address is: www.lesourire.org.

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