



Dear fellow brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Lord has been faithful in the work of the Khlong Toey slum and I am very humbled to be a part of it. It has been almost 6 years now and all the sowing of seeds and plowing of ground, we are able to see growth. People has been responding to God and slowly turning their hearts to him

The Afternoon Activity Ministry is an after school program that the church has for the kids and youth to participate in after school on Tuesdays to Fridays from 4pm-7:30pm; where they will get free English, Thai language and Math tuition, fun boardgames, meaningful movie screenings and exciting outings. On weekends, the church actively engages them in their youth fellowship, Sunday school and Sunday worship services where they can know more about God. The time they spent with us has given us the opportunity to teach and inculcate Christian values to help them grow to be young people who know how to value life and know what it is like to be loved, for many of them come from dysfunctional homes which lacked love and warmth.



Share my joy for we have a Primary 5 kid who expressed his interest to be baptized. His name is KHUN. He has been with us since primary 2. Back then he was a naughty, insecure and angsty boy who liked to go around making fun of other kids and fighting with them. But now, he is a sensible and helpful boy who wanted to do well in school. Kids in the slum are mostly like KHUN. Due to the lack of love and proper care from parents, they often seek love, acceptance and approval by trying to be stronger and tougher than other children so that they would be looked up to. Others would also want to play and be with them. When they grow up, they aspire to be the “ringleader” just to be popular and “well loved”. Thus, when KHUN came and found the love of God, the acceptance and approval the people of God (Church)

gave him, he began to change and understand that he does not need to act like he used to for him to be accepted and loved. Most of all, it caused him to want to be someone who can demonstrate the same kind of love he received to others. One can see evident differences in the mindset and behavior between slum kids that join us regularly and those that do not.



Last year, due to covid and the re-location of the center, the kids have not been coming to the Afternoon Activity program much. We only have a regular attendance of 4-6 children. After the lockdown, we reopened last July only to close again when faced with a second wave last December. Thankfully, this January, we were able to open our doors once again and somehow the Lord brought about a "Great Return". We now have around 10-15 kids! Praise the Lord! Sadly, the third wave came, and as of now, we have yet to receive permission from the government to resume our activities.

Therefore, I urge to pray alongside us that this ministry can be here for the kids for a long time; to see them grow up to be His powerful ministers and witnesses to the same group of

people where they came from and to build an alternative culture where children and youth can find the love of God. Pray also for God's gracious protection over the people in the slum. Khlong Toey slum has a few clusters. One of them is in the area that most of our kids reside. In fact, a youth who joined us regularly was infected last week and is now still recuperating in a hospital. Pray that families within the slum can be disciplined to comply with restrictions and take necessary precautions to stay safe. Thank you once again for praying for us. I will keep you posted when we are able to resume our Afternoon Activity program.

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