

April Jotting –part 2

So a quick jotting with mostly pictures to attempt to describe the last 3 weeks of Easter, Birthday, Hope Home beach holiday, Bow leaving, Songkran and Thai New Year....and just life in general at Hope Home and CAM



Joy- through all the bad weather pollution and heat Joy has miraculously stayed healthy and happy – praise God for enough strength to stay out of hospital during this hectic season.



Bow – on Good Friday, 19th April Bow left Hope Home to join with her forever family and is now living in Bangkok with them. We all miss her terribly but are amazed and delighted that she has such a loving and caring family. As a 7 year old the transition time I really hard –keep praying for her and the rest of the family.



Satang- joined us on April 2nd from another emergency shelter foster home. She is 3 years old with CP and also blind, and she is settling in with us well after a period of 2 weeks of ill health. She is so like my first foster girl , Sasikan, and I am looking forward to getting to know her more. She is loved overly by all the children.



Hope Home craziness – little less crazy without Bow directing but still crazy. Pray for Natalie looking at moving school – to the one where Don, Choppy, Tada and Yim already attend. Praise God for times out together in the midst of busyness.



Beach holiday with CAM and families at the end of March. The children and staff joined in all activities with gusto – and we swam in the sea even when it was getting dark. We made the best we could of our 2 days by the sea.



Farewells at CAM – Kathryn Smith leaves us in May for her Home Assignment and sadly is not returning to Thailand. Also Ajan Sanan is genuinely retiring from CAM (not from everything else!) and he will be sorely missed by us all at CAM – as a friend, boss, father figure, counsellor – pray for him and Kathryn in the adjustment times.



CAM, local volunteers and the Thailand BMS Action team linked up over several weeks to help rebuild and repair this lady's shack in the middle of a forest where she and her son lived. No water, no electricity (though now one solar panel) and then no toilet.....this was our final project there – sadly the lady passed away the moment we left after setting her and her son up with a securer house and a toilet for privacy. We believe she died peacefully knowing her son had people to care for him.



So a busy month – but time to celebrate my birthday (new bicycle!) and Thai New Year (the board of Union Language School offered prayer and blessing for each student at the school) and Easter too (no pictures sorry) with a community Easter egg hunt. God is GOOD