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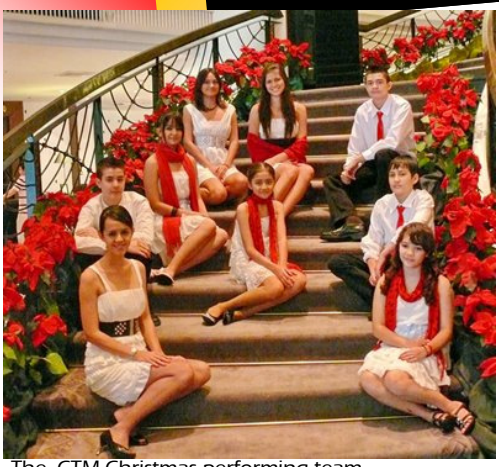

The CTM Christmas performing team

Our best wishes to you for a fulfilling future in 2011!

The past year has gone by and left us with memories of precious new friends & a greater appreciation of the growing network of people & communities whom we work with. When you care enough, you can find ways to connect the needs to the resources — to people, to services, to supplies — and with that, help to improve or change the lives of those in need. There's never enough space to list the many individuals as well as the corporate partners who have come in with their hearts to lend a hand in the different projects that we have organized. International University students & professionals who volunteered to work on the frontlines, living amongst those they serve, were a great sample of caring voluntourism. We thank every one of you for being a part of CTM's efforts to help improve lives by connecting those with the needs to those with the resources. We're only the facilitators — the bridge between. We can't do it without YOU! THANK YOU!

Bringing Christmas cheer & love!

A few days before Christmas, we had an opportunity to carol at the Chest & Heart Institute/hospital in Nonthaburi. Our team of nine teenagers and three adults surprised the crowded outpatients' clinic that morning when we burst into song, with the ever popular Jingle Bells and a couple of songs before going into a fun Laughing Therapy exercise. The teens then went around giving out a gift of an inspirational magazine to all patients. Then we went floor to floor, visiting each ward teens and adults singing, then going bed to bed to hand out inspirational Christmas magazines, giving hugs or loving touches as well as offering to pray for each one. You could tell how lonely some of these people were, as some had tears welling up in their eyes just from the attention we showed them. On every floor, at every ward, we not only got the patients clapping along and sometimes even coming up to join the team but we also encouraged & got the nurses (see pic on right) to get into the act. It was possibly therapeutic to have everyone smiling, laughing and just having a good time!

Memories are made of.....

An evening excursion to the Centara Grand Hotel. A big team of children, teens & caregivers from the Emergency Home (a shelter for abuse victims) were treated to a buffet spread on the 24th floor of the hotel's premier restaurant. Afterwhich, 'ambassadors' from the adjoining Central World department store guided the team to the spectacular Christmas displays in & outside the store. If that wasn't enough, everyone was given a gift of fancy stationery which they will surely treasure rather than use!

Central Thailand Mission is a non-profit volunteer organization. ALL projects & activities are possible through contributions from corporate partners as well as caring individuals. Please contact us if you want to participate or sponsor the work we do.

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Splash n' Splurge

One of Bangkok's premier hotels, Plaza Athenee, opened their doors & hearts to the orphans of the Rangsit Babies' Home for a special treat on Boxing day. The kids splashed and played in the beautiful landscaped rooftop pools in the late afternoon before adjourning to the hotel's lobby restaurant where they enjoyed a feast of food and attention from waitresses who went out of their way to help attend to every possible desire and needs the kids had.. It was truly a memory the kids will cherish.

Corporate partnership in action

Toshiba Storage Device (Thailand) generously donated 20 desktop computers recently to CTM. These complete sets of monitors & CPUs were distributed to the Christian Care for the Disabled, the Emergency Home & the Leadership Training center of the Mae La Camp in Mae Sot.

Picture above: some of the disabled & autistic children from the Christian Care for the Disabled in Pakkred, Nonthaburi

Picture above: Residents of the Emergency Home in Don Muang. The computers will be abailable for the HIV residents and teen girls in the shelter.

Left: Toshiba staff with the donated computers.

CTM's Christmas Concert 2010 collage

On Dec. 18, we hosted our biggest-ever concert party on the grounds of our Bangkok center for almost 100 people including 65 children from the Rangsit Babies' Home, the Christian Care for the Disabled (CCD) & the Emergency Shelter. The concert showcased the wonderful talents of these Homes –with an impressive magic show from the CCD, dances from the orphanage and a dance & skit by the kids and teens from the abused women's shelter. Guests also had some wonderful bonding moments as they were each partnered with a child from the Homes to play a simple game. The eagerly-anticipated moment soon came when Santa came on stage to hand out gifts to every child present .Then everyone was treated to a spread of quality food & drinks from our generous sponsors (see below);

Pictures (clockwise): CCD's magic show, Korean dance from Babies' Home, our CTM dance team, Up close & personal — orphans with guests, enjoying a good chicken leg, sharing a yummy bite of cake, a band of friends from Krabi, a skit by the Shelter's teens, the Jumping Castle, Santa with a happy child from the CCD.

We couldn't have done this without you!

Bouygues-Thai for the lights & workers to help with the general setup!
Modish for the professional stage & backdrop!
Leader Group for gifts, tables, chairs, sound system & stage equipment!
Janewalee Tanhaworarat & friends for the funtastic Jumping Castle!
Masterkool for the outdoor fans that kept us all cool!
Plaza Athenee for all the food warmers and drink dispensers
Oishi Group for the Japanese o-bentos , pastries & green tea!
McDonalds for the popular burgers!
Secret Recipe for the delicious cakes!
Malee Co. for the healthy fruit drinks!
Kh Tossapol & friends for all the chairs!
Gelato Thai for ice-cream!
KPN Music Academy for classes
International Cuisine for Indian food delights
Tong Garden for assorted peanut snacks
Glico for popular Pocky chocolate sticks!
Kerry Flour Mills for cookie bags!
Miracle Grand Hotel for boxes of pastries!
Chomthana for Cremo lollies & salapao
Khun Patcharee for the tasty roast chicken

So many with so little.....

On a recent visit to the Mae La camp in Mae Sot, we were appalled to see the conditions of the camp's community school we visited. There was a reported 200 children in this school which was nothing more than a simple wooden-zinc structure . There was one blackboard and students either had the floor or wooden raised planks to sit on. Thankfully, it was dry season, otherwise, students school with mud under their feet all day.

We felt so disappointed that we didn't bring more than we had in the clothes, food supplies and toys that we brought, seeing the great need here. The needs were similar in the orphanage that we visited which was 60 km away. We hosted a simple interactive activity for the kids, after which we made a big train-set display for both the school and the orphanage . The train sets were donated by TOMY Thailand. We promised that we will return to really help improve the conditions, & bring in more needed supplies.

School kids with toys & the train display set. We also presented a set of educational books & CDs sponsored by Seiko Precision

At the Mae La Orphanage for more than 120 children & youth

Not forgotten.....

Besides all that, the kids were also awed by the large train display of Thomas the tank engine whizzing around the tracks and making pickups along the way. Thank You TOMY Thailand!)

We also handed out snacks (thank you Glico Thai & Tong Garden) a choice of balloony flowers, animals & swords! A short time of love & attention but for these kids, it will remain long in their hearts! They weren't forgotten on this, their special day — when we celebrate the joy of children!

One day before Children's Day, we found out that there wasn't anything planned or special happening for the kids at the Emergency (abuse victims) Shelter . Very quickly our team put together a plan & by the next morning, we were there at the Shelter, hosting a fun Children's Day activity of action songs & games.

Caring, Connecting, Changing!

Central Thailand Mission is one of the selected humanitarian aid projects working in partnership with the American human service agency – *Family Care Foundation* – which is an American , tax-exempt, non-profit, IRS-approved 501 (c)(3) public charity.

Based in Bangkok for the last 20 years, CTM works to help the disadvantaged in many ways.

♥Being the bridge between people with the needs & those with the resources

♥Supply of basic essentials of food, water, clothes as well for destitute communities

♥Initiating the sponsorship of major needs & projects eg. Building a water supply for a school, education seminars & AV materials for schools

♥Counseling & Encouragement for the handicapped, the terminally-ill (death coaching/grief counseling), AIDs patients, abused women & children

♥Services include: preparing orphans for adoption, laughing yoga at hospitals, therapy for abused women & teens

♥Providing assistance to international volunteers who want to give of their time, talents or resources to help others.

♥ Giving God's love, spiritual strength & comfort to those who need & seek a purpose & direction for a meaningful life.

In Appreciation

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