

Opening of the "Independent Living Center" 7 AGOSTO 2006

CAMILLIAN SOCIAL CENTER RAYONG

Dear friends and supporters,

I am overjoyed to let you know that the Rayong community together with the civil and religious authorities to celebrate the opening and blessing of our latest project in support of the orphan children. Our adolescents, some of which have attained the AIDS stage and have been rehabilitated to HIV status are being given an opportunity to learn to live an independent life.

This is a pioneering type of project in Asia in the field of service to the orphans living with HIV and pioneers in the region of south-east Thailand in realizing integrated activities, outside of the medical field and with governmental help as an alternative response to the AIDS epidemic.

Fourteen adolescents from 12 to the 19 years live in the newly opened and blessed house. They will be followed in some months by another group of seven once they complete their scholastic year in March 2007.

The new house can accommodate approximately 30 adolescents subdivided in males and females.

Currently they are supervised by two educators, a lay teacher lay and a Camillian brother that has a degree in social sciences and forms part of the Camillian Center religious community.

All the adolescents attend schools in the local area and they live like one big family. They must prepare their own meals, clean up the house and wash their own clothes.

The two supervisors act as coordinators and act as foster parents.

The new house is equipped with one kitchen, a dining room, study rooms, and other rooms for different purposes. The building is built in three stores for a total of 1.200 square meters.

We were able to develop our plan thanks to the donation of approximately 4.736 square meters of land, donated to us from the diocese of Chantaburi thanks to the collaboration of Monsignor Bishop Laurence Thienchai. The lot is 5km from the Camillian Social Center Rayong and is convenient to the market, the public schools, and public transportation facilities. Thank You for sharing some of your assets to serve better the poors and needy.

We are grateful for the institutions and groups that believe in us enough to invest in charitable activities such as this one. In our case, we have had the privilege of having Mr. Silvano Pedrollo di S.Bonifacio-Verona contribute 70% of the cost of the project along with the "Pattaya Orphanage Trust" of London that contributed 20%, and a group from Correzzana-Milano called the "Gruppo Amici del Terzo Mondo" and other various contributors.

We also wish to mention the Parish of S.Desire of Correzzana -Mi, the Canadian Jackalope Open 2006, the Charity Club of Pattaya, the Pattaya Sports Club, the Community of Riese PioX TV,Scarboro Missions Canada, Sirinya Bishop and Friends, the Missionary group of St.Francisco Saverio, Romano of Lombardia BG.

With all this help we have covered the 13.836.109 baht equal to 282.369 Euro that was needed for the construction from the beginning to the full operation of this Center.

We have calculated that to maintain 20 young people living with HIV at their studies costs approximately 2.900 euro per month which does not include the cost of buying medicines. This is a beginning and also a new challenge for everyone.

The following were present at the opening and benediction of the new Center:

Mr. Suwaet Tantiwong Vice-Governor of Rayong Province
His Excellency Monsignor Salvatore Pennacchio Apostolic
Nunzio of Thailand

Monsignor Laurence Thiencaiai, Bishop of the diocese of
Chantaburi

Father Renato Attrezzi, representing Mr. Silvano Pedrollo
Mrs. Audree Williams representing the Pattaya Orphanage Trust
of London

Dr. Vivat Viriakitcha Director of the Rayong Department of Health
Dr. Narit Omphon Director of the Rayong Provincial Hospital
Dr. Daruni Thepchalerm Director of Social Services Rayong
Provincial Hospital

Dr. Kancit Kunawut Director of Region 3 ARV Programme
Dr. Wichai Sathimai Director of Region 3 Infectious Diseases of
Chonburi

Mr. Borippat Donmoon President of the Southeast HIV/AIDS
Network

Mr. Ciaanon Cionsaranon Sindaco of the Community of Map Ta
Phut

Mr. Peter Malhorta Director of the "Pattaya Mail" newspaper
Father Paolo Chordchai Lektichehaa President of the Camillian
Foundation and Provincial Superior of the Camillians in Thailand

Mrs. Cindy Bishop, TV personality and former Miss World Thailand

Father Siranon Sampetch Superior of the Camillian Social Center
Rayong

Father Giovanni Contarin Director of the Camillian Social Center
Rayong

Members of the Thailand Camillian Family

Religious men and women of the Diocese of Chantaburi

More than 600 friends, supporters, children and patients.