

*The Ayui Foundation is a non-religious, non-government organisation that provides a home, educational opportunities and future pathways for disadvantaged Akha hilltribe teenagers.*

# **Ayui Foundation**

## **NEWSLETTER**



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### **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

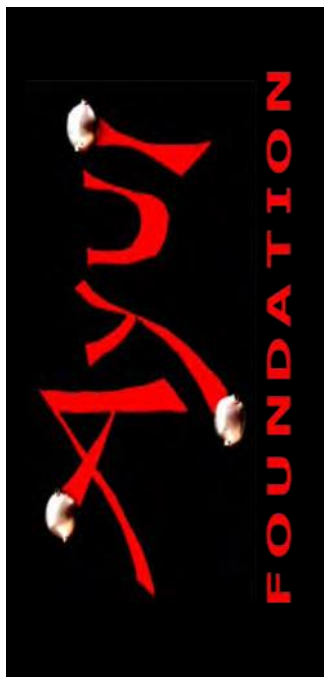
Greetings from Chiang Rai! After an extended summer break - thanks to Covid19 postponing the re-opening of school 3 times – the new term has finally started in the second week of July. Actually, when all the students had returned, their school suddenly announced they will close for two more weeks due to a local Covid case.



So, like everywhere else in the world right now, Covid19 has really made a difference to how we live, work and study. Luckily, our neighbour is the local health volunteer and she came in to remind the children and staff of the Covid regulations, and

recommended they quarantine in the house for a week, with only the staff going out for shopping and errands. She also said we should not gather altogether as a group of 30 just yet. So, unfortunately, I have not yet been able to meet with all of the Ayui students as a group. Their school and colleges are doing online and/or worksheet assignments for now, with 2 of our college girls starting their internships. As a 'Welcome Back' gift in the time of Covid, I bought adjustable masks for all the students and staff.

Ampai Kindergarten, where I teach, started term earlier and when the school Director, Khun Chamrieng Bunmanon, heard that the Ayui children had returned but had to study at home for 2 weeks, she kindly offered to provide lunch and snacks for them for the first week.



# OUR NEW STUDENTS



This year, we accepted 2 new students - 14 year-old Kittika, who already attends the same school, and knows some of the Ayui girls. Her father died years ago, so her mother has been supporting her and her sibling. The new boy is 9 year-old Somdet, from the village we went to donate clothes to in December 2020. His mother asked if he could apply because they are a large, very poor family. They are both sponsored by Dylan Hartman in Australia.



- *The Lutheran Church of Guam for their donation*
- *Jim & Esther Roland and the Duenas family, also in Guam, for their generous donations*
- *Nephyr Jacobsen of the Naga Center of Thai Medicine in Oregon, USA, the London Institute of Thai Yoga Massage in Brighton, UK, University student sponsor Amanda Hudson in Panama, and Yvonne Ziegler in Chiang Mai for their donations.*
- *Khun Karn and Khun Tai Suwasin in Bangkok for new reading books and organizing with friends to donate cloth bags, school bags, toys and school materials.*



- *We also thank Carol Davidson, in Canada, for her donation towards digging a new well at the Boys Home.*
- *Thank you to former volunteer and current child sponsor Sophie Tayton, who teaches at Northcote High School in Melbourne, for organizing her students to make jewelry and earrings to sell on Mother's Day, as a fundraiser for our Well Project.*



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