

Improving Lives—Providing Joy



After her father abandoned the family, Jell's mother was the sole breadwinner and had to enter the labor force, leaving Jell in the care of her feeble great-grandmother. As a result, Jell was left to take care of herself and developed black nails, decayed teeth, and head lice. She had a hard time making friends because of her poor hygiene and kept to herself until the Pearl S. Buck Foundation Thailand stepped in to help.

The Pearl S. Buck Foundation Thailand took notice of the economic hardships Jell's family was facing and provided educational and nutritional assistance to Jell. They encouraged her to attend their activities and, soon enough, she became a sparkling, self-confident girl.

Jell attended the Children's Good Health Camp and learned how to properly take care of her teeth and personal hygiene while learning additional life skills along the way. She quickly made friends and began to blossom

at home. With the help of Pearl S. Buck Foundation Thailand, Jell has overcome various obstacles standing in her way of having a happy life. Thanks to support from her generous sponsor and the dedicated volunteers in Thailand, Jell always has a bright smile ready for everyone to see. 🌍

Thanchanok, also called Jell, wasn't like other girls. She had thick curly black hair and was teased continually for it. This has only been one of the many hardships young Jell has had to face in her eight years.

Jell grew up in a poor section of Thailand called Chonburi, a place where many people are affected by HIV/AIDS, including Jell and her family. Many of the people are construction workers or vendors, struggling to make ends meet with their meager wages.



See What's New

BRIDGING CULTURES  CHANGING LIVES


Pearl S. Buck International Launches New Tour Pearl S. Buck: Taking Action

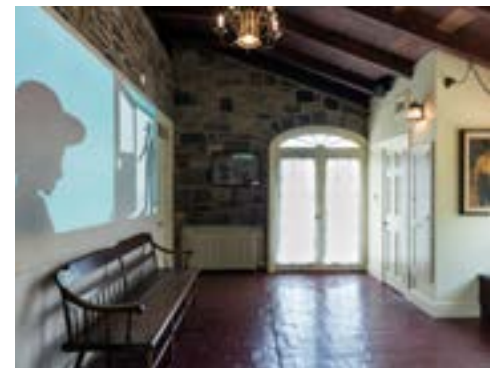
After several months of research and preparation, the new Pearl S. Buck: Taking Action Tour was launched on September 20TH. The new tour was made possible by The Barra Foundation who generously provided a grant for the initiative. The International Sites of Conscience, with their deep museum experience in more than 65 countries, guided a process to help preserve the past by relating it to the present. And, all was inspired by our founder, Pearl S. Buck's ground work decades ago and yet still relevant today (perhaps more so). The end result was a tour that engages visitors, challenges them to join the conversation, and inspires action as the next step.

Ms. Buck shed light on the rights of marginalized communities including people of color, people with disabilities, women's rights, biracial children, and immigrants. Beyond using her writing to bring attention to these social justice issues, she took action to help those affected and a sampling of her advocacy is featured in each stop of this special new tour experience.

This tour is designed to inspire visitors through Ms. Buck's experiences and actions. It invites visitors to reflect on their own values by joining in the conversation to make the world a "good and peaceful place," as Pearl S. Buck said and did.

We invite all of you (from near and far away) to experience this powerful new tour, join the conversation, and take action to help us continue Pearl Buck's work of building bridges and changing lives.

Hope to see you soon! 



The process included:

- Using focus group research to determine tour topics
- Creating interactive elements to engage visitors
- Using technology as a key element to enhance audience engagement
- Testing through prototyping with additional and diverse focus groups
- Developing an Action Center with suggested ways for visitors to make a difference



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