



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET FROM THAILAND

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Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck Foundation (Thailand), we are pleased to introduce you to Ratthagorn Chalitathanaporn, and his family. He was born on January 23, 2015. He is now 5 years old. He stands 3'6" and weighs 39.68 lbs. He is a Karen boy, his nickname is Pla-muek (means squid). He is a Christian boy who speaks Karen dialect.

Pla-muek and family lives in Ban Lapeymai village, a high land village located around 35 km from around Mae Ramard district, and around 160 km from Tak province. Most of community people are Karen hill tribes (Kapagayaw), consisting children, working age persons, and elderly persons. Main occupation of people are agriculturists who grow rice and corn, as well as collect wild things for selling with low and uncertain income. Health problems found in community are children's malnutrition, cold, pneumonia, and diarrhea. Villagers are Buddhists and Christians, while some of them still believe in spirits.

Pla-muek is in good health and has received vaccinations per schedules. In generally, he is healthy and strong. He got sick sometimes when weather changed, but got well in short time after taking enough resting and medicines received from healthcare center. Pla-muek and family are benefited from government healthcare insurance program.

Pla-muek is a cute, polite, and cheerful boy. He is attending in kindergarten level at Ban Saem Border Patrol Police School, a public school. It is around 1 km from his home to school. He goes to school and back home by walking with father or mother. He receives USD 0.17 (USD 1=Baht 30) as daily allowance for buying sweets at school. He is benefited from school free lunch program for students. He can study and learn things in the moderate level. He likes to learn new things and join activities with his teacher and friends. He wishes to be a soldier when he grows up because he would like to protect our country. Red and green are his favorite colors. He is still too young to help his parents to do house works. In free time he enjoys running for fun and playing fun games with his friends.

Your generous support is needed for Pla-muek as it will assist him to have more readiness in studying, and more willpower in paying good attention in studying continuously to graduate from high educational level for better future of himself and his family. His family is very poor, his parents earn very few and uncertain income per year that is not enough to cover family's living cost and his education expenses. Without your kind support Pla-muek may decide to drop schooling before he completes compulsory level in order to help his parents working in the field to earn income for supporting whole family.

We would like to introduce you to the other members of the family: They are

Given Name	Sex	Date/Year Of Birth	Relations to SC	Health Condition	Current Activity
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Narong	M	1988	Father	Good	Agriculturist
Somrue-dee	F	1993	Mother	Good	Agriculturist
Nee-mo	F	2019	Younger sister	Good	-

Pla-muek's father, Mr. Narong, is 32 years old. Her mother, Mrs. Somrue-dee, is 27 years old. His younger sister, Nee-mo, is 1 year old. The family grows rice for family consumption and grows corn for selling. They earn low and uncertain income around USD 666 per year from selling corn crops and working as workers. Everyone in family is in good health. They live simply and happily together.

The family lives in small one storey wooden house with tile roof built high above the ground on public land. The house belongs to Pla-muek's grandparents. It is one open room house, one corner of it was set as kitchen. They have hygienic toilet. Their house is surrounded by shady trees, and there is a large space for children to play. The house has no electricity. The family uses water from mountain water supply system for consumption and boiled water for drinking. They cook rice and foods by using firewood. Household garbage is disposed by burning several meters away from their house.

Like any other Thai family, Pla-muek's family wishes to improve their quality of life. They dream of having their school age family members complete their education, enjoy good health, have a clean and orderly house and most importantly increase their income.

Pla-muek and family need assistance and your sponsorship will make a difference in their lives. Your support will usher in new hope and confidence in the family as they work together for a brighter future. We commit to facilitate a family development process for this family so they achieve lasting improvement in their lives. Our foundation implements programs on **Health, Education, Livelihood and Psycho-social** development from which the family can benefit. We do this through the hand-up approach of partnership so families develop their self-help abilities to learn building up what they can do with a little assistance, motivation and inspiration from kind sponsors like you.

Pla-muek is still too young to write so his mother, Mrs. Somrue-dee, looks forward to writing to you in Thai language (original letters will be attached with English translation letters), and sharing important and interesting family events with you and your family in future.

We hope that you find this new partnership meaningful and rewarding.

Sincerely yours,



Suntaree Rangkusone
Executive Director





