



On the Path to Success Thanks to Child Sponsorship

Before enrolling in PSBFT's child sponsorship program, Ganokwan and her family faced a challenging life. They lived in a small hut with a leaf roof because they earned little income. Her parents were able to grow and sell corn to help them buy necessities and send Ganokwan and her brother to school, but even though her parents worked hard, they still struggled to cover all their expenses, including having enough food for their family.



Once Ganokwan enrolled in the child sponsorship program, her family felt a sense of relief, and finally had hope that they could make ends meet. PSBFT staff provided counseling through home visits, healthcare and education advice, and clothing and supplies for school. The educational support provided by Ganokwan's kind sponsor helped ease her family's financial burden, allowing them to use their meager income on other necessities, such as medical expenses, living expenses, and being able to buy enough corn and rice to feed their family and supplement their income.

Through PSBFT trainings, Ganokwan learned about good nutrition and how to grow vegetables, which benefited her family immensely. They started growing organic vegetables such as pumpkins, peas, Chinese cabbage, and tomatoes. They also raised animals such as pigs and chickens.

Thanks to the support of her sponsor, Ganokwan no longer had to worry about where her next meal would come from, what she would have to do if she or a family member got sick, or that she would have to drop out of school to help support her family. She was able to focus on her studies and engage in school activities. After she completed secondary school in her village, she continued her studies at a public high school located in the district. Her hard work and diligence paid off, and she passed her entrance exam to study nursing at Siam University. She is currently in her second year there. This past year, Covid-19 has made learning more difficult due to remote education, but she still studies hard and does the best she can. Her parents continue to work hard because they are determined to support her education, which they know will give her a leg up to building a better life for herself. In two years, she will graduate with her Bachelor's in Nursing Science, which will help her secure a stable and financially secure job.

Ganokwan hopes that it will not be long before this will enable her to help her family, after all the years of



help and support her parents have given her, and that her whole family will be able to live a better life.

Ganokwan will continue to study the best she can although she is currently far from home. She says she has to be patient in missing her family and wanting to return home. She accepts that it is hard work, but she knows, thanks to the support of her parents and the generosity of her child sponsor over the years, that she will be able to do it and make her dreams come true.

Ganokwan and her family are so thankful, from the bottom of their hearts, to her child sponsor for all the support she received over the years. She wishes her sponsor and their family a lifetime of happiness, health, and success.



Partnering to Help Vulnerable Women and Children Close to Home

For almost 60 years, Pearl S. Buck International has provided psycho-social, nutritional, educational, and health support to children, families, and communities in need around the globe, thanks to the generosity and kindness of child sponsors and donors. Our supporters have helped vulnerable populations through child sponsorship, funding projects, and purchasing gifts from our gift catalog. While PSBI has also long provided intercultural and educational opportunities closer to home through tours of the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark, semi-permanent exhibits such as our Pearl S. Buck awards room, our high school Global Leadership Program, and Welcome Workplace, our diversity and inclusion training program, we are now happy to announce the extension of our

humanitarian work to assist local families in need, in partnership with Soroptomist International of Indian Rock. Soroptomist International is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. As part of that mission, they provide at-risk women and children a “Share the Dream” basket to help them get a fresh start in a safe home. When at-risk families start over in a safe home, they often have very little to bring with them. The Share a Dream basket contains basic household necessities, gift cards, and cooking and dining items, since the kitchen is often the heart of the home, that can ease the burden and anxiety that comes with starting over from scratch. There are levels of need

and vulnerability all over the world, and Pearl S. Buck International hopes that by sharing this opportunity, Pearl S. Buck’s legacy of bridging cultures, changing lives, and bringing hope will have a positive impact on even more vulnerable children and families, and allow us to give back to, engage in, and make positive change in our local community. We are so grateful for everything our child sponsors and donors do to bring help and hope to those in need—you truly make a difference every day. Donations can be made to partially or fully fund a basket for these at-risk families. Find out more about this gift catalog item at <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/help-at-risk-families-get-a-fresh-start-in-a-safe-home/>.

