



## ***FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET FROM THAILAND***

**SCN # 16-06-7684**

Location: Mae Ramard, Tak  
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Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck Foundation (Thailand), we are pleased to introduce you to Panthira Kongyingpanagul and her family. She was born on September 8, 2016. She is now 5 years old. She stands 3'3" and weighs 26.46 lbs. She is a Karen girl. Her nickname is Guk-guk. She is a Christian girl who speaks Karen dialect.

Guk-guk and family lives in Ban Dejicaw village, a high land village located around 30 km from Mae Ramard district, and around 150 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.

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

Guk-guk is a lovely, polite, confident, and cheerful girl. She is attending in year 3 of kindergarten level at a public school named Ban Nong Luang School. It is around 7 km from her home to school. She goes to school and back home by a hired car with other students, it costs her around USD 15 (USD 1=Baht 30) per month for transportation fare. She is benefited from school free lunch program for students. She can study and learn new things in the good level. Art education is her favorite subject. She has good developments per her age. She likes to join activities with her teacher and friends. She can get along well with all friends. She wishes to be a doctor when she grows up. Running race is her favorite sport. Pink is her favorite color. In free time she enjoys running for fun, and playing games with her friends. She helps her mother to collect things neatly at home.

Your generous support is needed for Guk-guk as it will assist her 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 herself and her family. Her family is very poor, her parents earn very few and uncertain income per year that is not enough to cover family's living cost and her education expenses. Without your kind support Guk-guk may decide to drop schooling before she completes compulsory level in order to help her 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

<b>Given</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Date/Year</b>	<b>Relations to SC</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Current</b>
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Name		Of Birth		Condition	Activity
Songchai	M	1991	Father	Good	Agriculturist
Thida	F	1992	Mother	Good	Agriculturist
Pattaragorn	M	2014	Older brother	Good	Student

Guk-guk's father, Mr. Songchai, is 31 years old. Her mother, Mrs. Thida, is 30 years old. They are agriculturists who grow rice for family consumption. They earn around USD 1,000 per year from selling corn crops. Guk-guk's older brother, Pattaragorn, is 8 years old and studying in grade 3 at the same school as her. Everyone in family is in good health. They live simply and happily together.

The family lives in small one storey half wooden and half bamboo house with zinc roof built high above the ground on public land. The house belongs to Guk-guk'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, Guk-guk'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.

Guk-guk and her 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.

Guk-guk is still too young to write, so her mother, Mrs. Thida, 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,



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Executive Director









