



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

FROM

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Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck Foundation (Thailand), we are pleased to introduce you to Prae-wa Gerdrit and her family. Prae-wa was born on February 14, 2012. She is now turning to 12 years old. She stands 4'11" and weighs 99.21 lbs. Prae-wa who is fondly called "Fern", is a Thai and Buddhist girl. She can speak both Thai language and Northeastern dialect.

Fern and family live in Ban Gud-ra-ngum village, a small village located around 6 km from Warinchamrab district, and around 10 km from Ubon Ratchathani province. Some part of this village is slope area while some part is low land area situated around 2 km from Mool River, the main river of northeastern part of our country. There are 3 seasons, the temperature in summer is around 35-40 degree Celsius, it is around 10-15 degree Celsius in winter. There are flooding conditions occur around 20% of the village area in rainy season, especially in the low slope area near the river. There are around 893 populations or around 220 households in this village. It is convenient for people in traveling from the village to other places by motorcycles and buses. Most of villagers are children and working age persons. Since this village is in animal raising and military areas, the families cannot own the land, so they have no arable land and have only house building area. Main occupation of community members is general worker, average family annual income is around USD 2,500.- (USD 1=Baht 30). There is a public school and 1 Buddhist temple in this village. There is a public sub-district health promotion hospital located around 3 km from this village. Health problems found in this village are children's malnutrition caused of inappropriate physical developments per ages as well as physical and mental disabilities, seasonal diseases such as hemorrhagic fever, drug addiction problems, chronic diseases problems of the elderly persons i.e. high blood pressure and diabetes.

Fern is healthy, and has received vaccinations per schedules. She has good developments the same as other children. She eats 3 meals per day cooked by her step paternal grandmother. Fern and family are benefited from government health insurance program.

Fern is a lovely, polite, cheerful, talkative, diligent, confident, and responsible girl. She is studying in grade 6 at a public school named Ban Gud-ra-ngum School, located around 700 m. from her home. She goes to school and return home by walking on some days and by riding a bicycle on some days. She receives around USD 0.33-0.50 (USD 1=Baht 30) as daily allowance to school. She is benefited from school free lunch program for students. She can study in the good level. She got G.P.A. 3.85 from last semester exams. She likes to study and pays good attention in it. Mathematic is her favorite subject. She wishes to be a mathematics teacher when she grows up. She helps her family to do house works such as to wash dishes, wash clothes, clean house, and fill drinking water bottles. Black is her favorite color. Volleyball is her favorite sport. In free time she likes to play sports and games with her friends.

Your generous support is needed for Fern 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 stepfather and step grandfather 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 Fern may decide to drop schooling before she completes compulsory level in order to help her family working 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
Terd	M	1978	Grandfather	Good	Worker
Jantha	F	1974	Grandmother	Good	Farmer
Jesada	M	1999	Stepfather	Good	Worker
Jutharat	F	1988	Mother	Poor	-

Fern's parents separated since she was young. Her father has neither supported nor visited her. Her mother, Miss. Jutharat, is 35 years old. She remarried and moved to stay with her new husband who works in another province. She is unhealthy with kidney disease, has received medical treatments regularly, and cannot work. Her stepfather, Mr. Jesada, is 24 years old. He earns around USD 166.66 per month as a daily construction worker. He can send a few amount cash supports to grandparents because he has to pay for medical expenses of fern's mother and living costs of both of them. Fern's step grandfather, Mr. Terd, is 45 years old, he earns around USD 66.66 per month as a daily general worker in the village. Her step grandmother, Miss. Jantra, is 49 years old. She does not work, she grows rice in very small piece of land and raising some chicken for family consumption.

The family has lived in this community for many years. They stay in one storey concrete house with zinc roof built in the army area. Their house is in poor and unstable condition. Fern's step grandfather owns the house legally. It has 1 bedroom, one opened room, one kitchen, and one bathroom. The house has electricity and is furnished with an old television, 1 electric fan, and light bulbs. There is village water supply system for using, they buy filter water bottles for drinking around USD 2.33 per month. Household garbage is disposed by burning several meters away from their home.

Like any other Thai family, Fern'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.

Fern and her family need assistance, and your kind 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. Our foundation commits to facilitate a family development process for this family so they achieve lasting improvement in their lives. We implement programs on **Health, Education, Livelihood and Psycho-social** developments from which her family can benefit. We do this through the handed-up approach of partnership so families develop their self-help abilities to learn in building up what they can do with a little assistance, motivation and inspiration from generous sponsors like you.

Fern looks forward to communicating with you in Thai language (original letters will be attached with English translation letters), and sharing important family events with you and family in the future.

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

Sincerely yours,



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