



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET FROM THAILAND

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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 Noppanat Opartamnuay, and his family. He was born on October 4, 2019. He is now 3 years old. He stands 3'1" and weighs 30.86 lbs. He is a Karen boy, his nickname is Gae-gae. He is a Buddhist boy who speaks Karen dialect.

Gae-gae and family live in a small village named Ban Nong Luang village, a high land village located away from Mae Ramard district. 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.

Gae-gae is in good health and has received receiving 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. Gae-gae and family are benefited from government healthcare insurance program.

Gae-gae is a cute, polite, cheerful boy. He is attending in pre-kindergarten level at a public child development center named Ban Nong Luang Child Development Center. It is around 800 m from his home to center. He goes to center and back home with his mother by walking. He is benefited from center free lunch program for children. He has good developments. He likes to learn new things and join activities with his teacher and friends. He loves friends and can get along well with them. He wishes to be a police when he grows up. Green is his favorite color. In free time he enjoys running for fun and playing games with his friends. He is still too young to help his family to do house work.

Your generous support is needed for Gae-gae 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 Gae-gae 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
Grittameth	M	1997	Father	Good	Agriculturist
Chawewan	F	1996	Mother	Good	Agriculturist

Nappapas F 2022 Younger sister Good -

Gae-gae's father, Mr. Grittameth, is 26 years old. His mother, Miss. Chaweewan, is 27 years old. The family grows rice for family consumption and grows corn for selling. They earn low and uncertain income around USD 666.66 per year from selling corn crops. Gae-gae's younger sister, Nappapas, is 1 year old and lovely. 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 Gae-gae'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 electricity and is furnished with some light tubes. 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, Gae-gae'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.

Gae-gae 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.

Gae-gae is still too young to write so his mother, Miss. Chaweewan, 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