



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 Thanapakin Garunborirak and family. He was born on December 27, 2017. He is now 5 years old, stands 3'5" and weighs 37.48 lbs. Thanapakin, who is fondly called "Lee", is a Hmong hill tribe and Christian boy. He speaks both Thai language and Hmong dialect.

Lee and family live in Ban Mai Rong Kla village, a high land village located around 40 km from Nakhon Thai district, and around 150 km from Phitsanulok province. Weather in this village is cool and cold almost in whole year, temperature in winter is around 0-4 degree Celsius. It is nice and cool in summer, and it rains often in rainy season. The villagers are Hmong hill tribe people. There are around 1,000 population or 100 households in this village. It is inconvenient for people in traveling from community to other places. Most of people are children and working age persons. Main occupation of community people are agriculturists who grow winter vegetables and fruit trees such as persimmon, peach, macadamia, cabbage, carrot, broccoli, tomato, paper daisy, and strawberry. Average yearly income of people is around USD 666-833 (USD 1=30 Baht). There is a public school located in this village, and a public sub-district hospital located 16 km from this village. Health problems found in this community are respiratory illnesses, skin rash, drug addict problem, and hemorrhagic fever.

Lee and family are benefited from government health insurance program. He is healthy, strong, and has developments per standard of Thai children. He has received vaccines per scheduled. He eats 3 meals per day cooked by his mother. His favorite foods are fried egg, omelet, and fried chicken. Grape, banana, and pineapple are his favorite fruits.

Lee is a cute, cheerful, and active boy. He is attending in year 3 of kindergarten level at a public school named Ban Huay Namsrai (Rongkla Witaya Branch) School. It is located around 1 km from school to his home. He goes to school and back home by walking with friends. He is benefited from school free lunch program for students. He receives around USD 0.33-0.50 as daily allowance to school. He can study in the moderate level. He likes going to school and joining in school activities with friends. Art education is his favorite subject. He wishes to be a pilot when he grows up. He likes to run for fun and play with jigsaw. He helps his mother to take care of younger brother and to wash dishes.

Your generous support is needed for Lee 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 Lee may decide to drop schooling before he completes compulsory level in order to help his grandparents working in the field to earn income for supporting whole family.

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

Given Name	Sex	Date/Year Of Birth	Relations to SC	Health Condition	Current Activity
Praparn	M	1989	Father	Good	Agriculturist
Darunee	F	1995	Mother	Good	-
Thanyawat	M	2015	Older brother	Good	Student

Rachen M 2022 Younger brother Good -

Lee's father, Mr. Praparn, is 34 years old. He earns around USD 333.33 per month from selling vegetables. His mother, Miss. Darunee, is 28 years old. She does not work, she takes care of her youngest son at home. They have unpaid debt around USD 1,333.33 to the village fund, and have to pay back to the fund every year. Lee's older brother, Thanyawat, is 8 years old and studying in grade 2. His younger brother, Rachen, is 1 year old and very cute. Everyone in family is healthy and strong. They live simply and happily together.

Lee and family live in one storey bamboo house with zinc roof built high above the ground and on public land. It has 2 bedrooms, one opened room, one kitchen, and one bathroom. The house has electricity and is furnished with electric fan and rice cooker, and a few light tubes. The family uses water from mountain water supply system for family consumption, and rain water kept in jars for drinking. They cook foods by using charcoal, gas stove set and fire woods. Household garbage is disposed by burning several meters away from their house. They pay around USD 10 per year for water supply bill, and around USD 6.66 per month for electricity bill. They buy rice around USD 40 per month.

Like any other Thai family, Lee's family wishes to improve their quality of life. They dream of having their school age family member completeshis education, enjoys good health, have a clean and orderly house and most importantly increase their income.

Lee 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. Our foundation commits to facilitate a family development process for the family so they achieve lasting improvement in their lives. We implement programs on **H**Health, **E**ducation, **L**ivelihood and **P**sycho-social development from which this 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.

Lee is still too young to write so his mother, Miss. Darunee, looks forward to communicating with 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