

COERR NEWSLETTER

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²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind."
(Genesis 1:20)

Dear All Readers,

You might have already known that the World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5 June by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to raise global awareness of the need to take positive environmental action.

The theme for this year celebration is Think.Eat.Save. Think.Eat.Save is an anti-food waste and food loss campaign that encourages you to reduce your foodprint. It is because food waste means waste of natural resources in food production, such as water, land, labor and even money investment. We can help and reduce such waste by eating food that had less impact in its production process. For example, eating only organic food which does not use chemical substance, buying only products made and sold in local shops to reduce the transportation that requires the burning of fossil fuels that release carbon-dioxide, an important greenhouse gas and a cause of global warming.

We are currently much affected by global warming that includes more frequent extreme weather that cause cyclones and severe natural disasters, unexpected epidemics that once disappeared and then come back as well as increasing quantity of disease carriers.

We cannot ignore the disasters happening in all regions of the world. These natural phenomena are convincing us of our needs in mutual cooperation to Think.Eat.Save in the environmentally-friendly context".

See you in the next issue

Thanks to Hi-Q Canned Fish and Pun Dee Rice



During July 8-10, 2013, COERR distributed Pun Dee Rice in plastic bags and Hi-Q Canned Fish to the needy 120 elderly in Sakaew and Surin Province. These food supplies were donated by Boon Rawd Brewery Co. Ltd., and the Hi-Q Food Products Co. Ltd. On behalf of these poor elderly, we are thankful for the donors whose products have relieved their hunger for another month



Livelihood Activities for Sustainable Living Program in Refugee Camps

During April-June, COERR have organized several livelihood activities for sustainable living for youth and vulnerable groups in 9 refugee camps along the Thai-Myanmar border namely Ban Mai Nai Soi, Ban Mae Surin, Ban Mae La Oon and Ban Mae Lama Luang in Mae Hong Son Province; Ban Mae La, Ban Umpiem and Ban Nupo in Tak Province; Ban Don Yang in Kanchanaburi Province and Ban Tham Hin in Ratchaburi Province.

These self-help training program aim at supporting the refugees, based on their skills and interest in the following group activities: Agriculture such as mushroom growing in basket, vegetable growing; Animal raising i.e. pigs, chicken, fish, frogs, and crickets; Handcrafts such as weaving, soap making, candle making, liquid dish washer making, broom making and T-shirt screening, etc. COERR specialist and staff continuously provide the refugees with training, counseling and site visit to ensure that refugees get much benefit from this program by means of skills development and self-support.



Goodwill Visit to COERR's Church-based Volunteer Groups Continues



In May, COERR staff continued to visit the COERR's Church-based Volunteer Groups to express thankfulness for their dedication in working for the vulnerable people while following COERR's mission and vision, i.e. to "Love and Serve" the needy vulnerable beneficiaries. During the visits, Certificates of Appreciation from Bishop Joseph Pibul Visitnondachai together with Gifts have been offered to the Outstanding Personnel nominated by COERR Volunteer Groups in the 23 Church Communities, in recognition of their hard-working, honest and responsibilities toward their business and communities.

Landmine Risk Campaign

In March, COERR Surin Office has launched the landmine risk campaign and Drawing contest in Ban Khok Rahoey School and Ban Saito 1 School in Buriram Province.

The campaign also included march in which the school children carrying the Anti-Landmine banner marching along the village to remind the community villagers of landmine danger in their villages to ensure safety living in the mine-prone areas. There are 230 school children participating in these campaigns.



Good Kids, Good Deed, 3rd Year



In June, COERR, in cooperation with 15 schools in Bangkok Metropolitan, organized the program “Good Kids, Good Deed, 3rd Year” to promote moral and ethical awareness among the Primary Level 3 and 4’s students. This year, COERR also provided “Goodness Diary” for students to note their good and right activities. This program aims to motivate them to learn and absorb the quality of right intentions, decisions and actions which will enable them to grow up as good and useful members of the society they live in. The schools participating in this program include Phra Mae Maree Sathorn School, Phra Mae Maree Sathupradit School, Vasudevi School, Joseph Krungthep School, St. Francis Xavier School, *Phraharuthai nonthaburi school*, Saint Dominic School, Saint Gabriel’s College, Phatthanawet Sacred Heart School, Maepra Fatima School, Sacred Heart Convent School, Saint Louis Suksa School, [Kularbwittaya School](#), Phraharuthai Donmuang School and [Sarasas Witaed Minburi School](#).