

COERR NEWSLETTER

October – December 2012

Dear All Readers,

Even nowadays, it has still been raining in many places in Thailand. There are also floods in some provinces. For example, in September, there were flashfloods in the northeastern provinces, such as Sakaew and Prachinburi. Even while we are preparing this newsletter, Thailand has already been affected by the Tropical storm Gaemi. Although it had weakened to a tropical depression by the time it moved over Thailand, it still spread downpours across many northeastern provinces and Bangkok including suburb provinces, resulting in heavy traffic jam.



At the same time, many northern provinces have also been affected by the high pressure from China, which quickly lead to lower temperature. The Meteorological Department has forecasted that the rainy season will finish when the cold season starts in October. In order to cope with the changing season, we should be well prepared and remain healthy and strong, through having proper exercise; and always keeping our body warm by not getting wet in the rain, and wearing enough clothes in the air-conditioned room.

It is possible for us to provide ourselves with warm clothes, one of the four basic needs, in the cold season. But please bear in mind that the cold season that brings only cooling breeze to us here, has usually brought the terribly freezing cold spell to the poor and vulnerable people in the upcountry.

See you next issue.

Invitation to COERR's Annual Memorial Day

COERR would like to invite our readers to our Annual Day on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at Michael Hall, Baan Phu Wann Pastoral Center, Sampran District, Nakhon Pathom Province, from 08.00 onward. Mass celebrated by His Eminence Michael Cardinal Michai Kitbunchu would be the highlight of the ceremony which was hosted by Bishop Joseph Pibul Visitnondachai.

After the Mass, the buffet lunch with a variety of food stations would be offered by various COERR Volunteer/

Church groups. In addition, COERR T-shirts would be available on sale, of which proceeds will go for the activities towards the vulnerable people.



Please note that there is no entrance fee for this ceremony.

COERR Annual **Memorial** Day Ceremony Schedule

- 08.00 Register and breakfast snacks
- 08.45 Opening ceremony by Bishop Joseph Pibul Visitnondachai
- 09.00 Video presenting the Work of COERR, Song sung by COERR staff and volunteers
- 09.30 Experience Sharing by Representatives of COERR staff about their first days of working on the Thai- Cambodian and Thai-Burmese border
- 10.00 Having a break, and Confession Hearing
- 10.30 Mass Cerebration by H.E. Michael Cardinal Michai Kitbunchu
- 11.30 Reading Speech and forward gift for H.E. and listening to H.E.'s speech/preaching/ blessing
- 12.00 Lunch together

Elderly Caregiver Volunteer Training

During July 9-11, 2012, COERR in cooperation with the Red Cross Unit in Aranyaprathet District, Sakaew Province, organized a Training for 60 volunteers, selected from villages in Tapraya District, about elderly caregiving skills which they will acquire and transfer to their community members who are in charge of elderly care.



Landmine Awareness and Prevention Training

In July, several courses were organized to provide children and teachers in hazard prone schools and villages near the border areas of Surin and Burirum Provinces to be aware of danger and precaution about landmines and ammunitions remain in the Thai-Cambodian border areas. There were 204 schoolchildren and 9 teachers attending. Moreover, a handbook about landmine awareness was given in order to enable each trainee to provide the understanding to their family casualties caused by landmines.



relevant knowledge and members in a greater effort to avoid

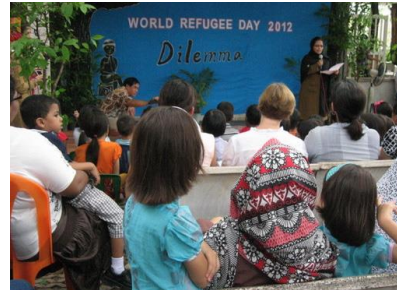
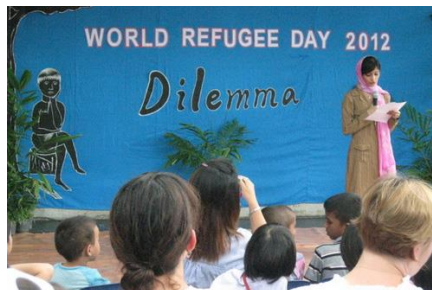
June 20th is the World Refugee Day

In December 2000, UNHCR has adopted the first World Refugee Day to fall on June 20, 2001, in their aim to raise awareness and draw attention to the refugees all over the world.

COERR also deem it significant to draw the refugees' presence to the world attention and therefore have our concern Field Offices, such as COERR Mae Hong Son, COERR Mae Sariang, COERR Mae Sod, COERR Kanchanaburi, COERR Bangkok Refugee Center and COERR Program for the Immigration Detention Center, to organize a ceremony in their respective area to open an opportunity for the refugees they work with to learn about social communication that reflect their values and prestige and how to live together in peace and harmony, through their participation in individual cultural, traditional and multi-ethnic performance they represent, and have Refugee Speech to commemorate the World Refugees Day.



Various Cultural and Traditional Performance on the World Refugee Day, June 20, 2012.



Thank You all Schools for Contributions

During the Buddhist's Lent every year, COERR has launched the Lent's Campaign in Catholic Schools for donations of rice , dried foodstuff and cash, in order to help the vulnerable elderly and handicapped in Sakaew and Surin Province, which are so far in COERR's Program, numbering 117. COERR wish to thank the following 40 schools with their executives, teachers, parents and students for the kind cooperation and contributions in this annual donation for the poor:

Acknowledgement with Heartfelt Thanks

During July-September 2012, the following groups and individuals have donated for COERR's programs for the poor and vulnerable people. May God bless them and their families all success and prosperity in life and work.

You are invited to render your love and support for the well-being of the poor and vulnerable by transferring your contribution to "COERR" Krung Thai Bank, Sathupradit Branch, account number: 083-1-16671-1, or by money order on behalf of "Bishop Pibul Visitnondachai". ... Your support will surely make the elderly, children, and handicapped's dreams come true".