

COERR NEWSLETTER

October – December 2012

Dear Readers,

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have passed all the joyful festivals. So we would like to say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year". May God bless you, your families and business with all success and prosperity forever.

On November 17, 2012, the annual COERR's "Grateful Day" was organized at the Michael Hall, in Baan Phu Wann Pastoral Training Center, Nakhon Pathom Province. His Eminence Michael Cardinal Michai Kitbunchu, the first President of COERR, Bishop Joseph Pibul Visitnondachai, President of COERR and Bishop Joseph Sangval Surasarang, Emeritus Bishop of Chiang Mai Diocese, celebrated the Mass on this occasion. We are thankful to many volunteers of COERR from various churches together with donors and supporters who spent their precious time to join our ceremony.



Many incidents have occurred in the passing year 2012. Some are above human control such as natural disasters which are unpredictable. While those happened by human, local and abroad, such as riots, epidemics, civil wars, political competition and even the economic recession in many countries are relating to human behavior. If we hold on and follow God's teaching "Love one another", and others also follow their faith, then conflicts should not have occurred because in every faith there is a teaching of love and being good to one another.

In this 2013, may we unite in Christ and share "true love" to our brothers and sisters....till we meet again in the next issue. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew5:3)

Bishop Joseph Pibul Received Donation from St. Gabriel's College



On December 24, 2012, Bishop Joseph Pibul Visitnondachai presided over the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Gabriel School attended by Christian community around the school, together with the students and parents. After the Holy Mass, Brother Dr. Anusak Nidhibhadrabhorn, Director of St. Gabriel's College handed over the contribution of Baht100,000 together with Baht 88,880 collected during Mass to Bishop Pibul towards the Program for the elderly and Handicapped in Sakaew and Surin provinces.

Krung Thai Card Donation for the Elderly and Handicapped



Bishop Joseph Pibul received the money from the donation box placed in the "KTC Touch" customer service centers during 2008-2012 on December 21, 2012, presented by Mr. Dusit Ratchasettan, Executive Vice President – Resources Management, KTC or Krungthai Card Public Company Limited. This amount, donated by the generous customers of KTC Touch, will be used to buy food and necessary supplies for the vulnerable elderly and handicapped and to support the livelihood program for the landmine handicapped, in Sakaew and Surin province.

Basic Supplies for the Needy in Surin Province



During October 17-18, 2012, COERR staff and volunteers delivered basic supplies purchased by the money donated by generous donors through COERR's donation boxes, and rice donated by Catholic Schools' students as a result of the Buddhist's

Lent campaign. These supplies have been delivered to the elderly and handicapped in Phanom Dongrak, Kab Cherg, Sangkha and Buached district of Surin province.

Thanks for UNESCAP's "Lost and Found" Donation



Lots of thanks have been forwarded to United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)'s UN Security Advisor for Thailand Chief of Security and Safety Section, Bangkok, Mr. Christopher Ankersen, for the donation of the "Lost and Found" leftover stuff, totalling 137 items, of which no one claiming possession for a period of time, such as mobile phones, digital cameras, banknotes, clothes, and other valued properties. All the donated stuff will be used for the benefit of the "Love and Serve" mission.

COERR Mae Sariang's Training for Refugee Youth



In October 2012, COERR Mae Sariang Staff organized capacity building training to refugee youth in Ban Mae La Oon and Ban Mae Lama Luang Camps in Mae Sariang and Sob Moei districts of Mae Hong Son province. These youth were trained how to work as a team in project writing through thinking and researching process together with leadership and creativity skills. The activity provided not only knowledge but also opportunity to share and cooperate in solving problems in the joyful presentation atmosphere. In addition, a German

volunteer working for COERR organized a Do It Yourself Clock class for refugee children to learn to make their own wall clock decorated in their own creative style which they can bring home for real use.

Both activities have enhanced refugee children's capacity to realize their own value as well as to learn how to live and work together with others in harmony.



Second-hand Dolls for Border Children



Twenty-nine Catholic schools have launched their school campaign for donation of secondhand dolls for COERR to distribute to poor children in the remote border schools. While each of the young beneficiaries was receiving a doll as a Christmas gift, each donor student has learned how good it feels to give and share a surplus gift to others.

An Invitation to "Spare some Rice, Share a Smile!" Activity

Weakened by old age and limited by disability led to the obstruction in making a living for many elderly and handicapped villagers along the border communities.

COERR has realized these phenomena and, thus, initiated a program to relieve the suffering of the poor and handicapped villagers in border provinces such as Surin, Sakaew, etc. for over 16 years. There are currently 117 elderly and handicapped who receive rice and needy foodstuff from COERR on the monthly basis.

In an interview with Mr. Somsong Wongkimhua, 78 years old, one of our beneficiaries in Tapraya District, Sakaew Province: "What we need most is rice. This is because we can get vegetables that are growing along fences, but we are too weak to grow rice."

Our readers are invited to contribute to this "Spare some rice, share a smile!" Activity through money order or COERR's bank account below.



You are invited to render your love and support for the poor and vulnerable by contributing 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".