



Rain Tree Foundation

Annual
Report

2020

Helping people to help themselves

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From our President

2020 was a year with a lot of challenges, certainly because of the COVID-19 outbreak which brought fear into the world, internationally and locally. But we have confirmation and hope from our father in heaven and so many need help and assistance, guidance and a perspective for their lives, especially children. This keeps us going undeterred and “let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

Thank you all for your time reading this short intro, thank you for your help and support throughout 2020, we are looking forward to a new and challenging year.

Sincerely,



Wanida Oberg



Introduction

The Raintree Foundation is a grassroots social non-government organization registered under the Ministry of Interior in Thailand working among rural and underdeveloped communities.

Our aim is to help people and especially children through education, appropriate technology and self-help projects to improve their living standards. The organization was founded in 1992. It has grown over the years and now serves many communities in Thailand.

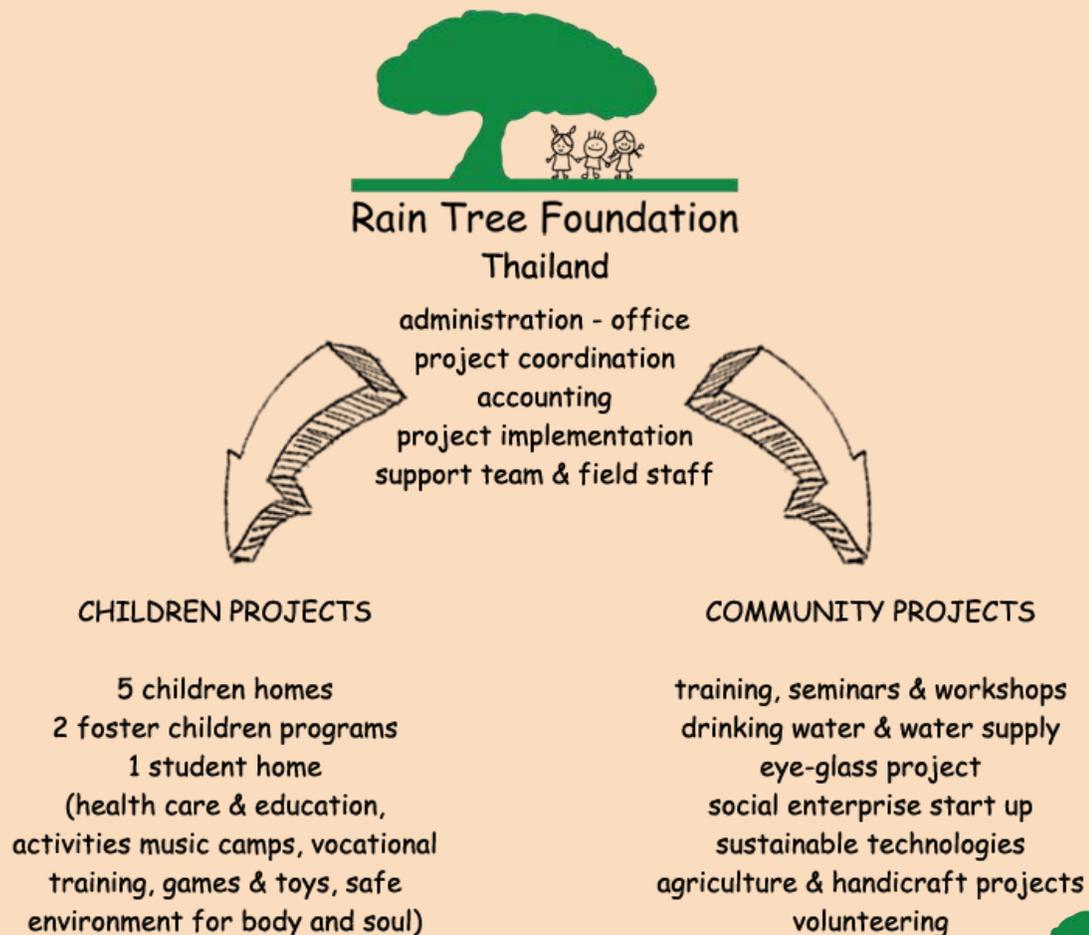
Present projects are children & student homes, day-care centers, agricultural & farming projects, informal vocational training, providing appropriate water filter systems, supplying water through pump systems, education at rural schools mostly through our volunteering program.



Children in the Mae Hae children's home having lunch

Organizational Overview

It all started in 1992 with the organization "Thai Care", which is committed to helping children in need in Thailand. Since 2009, the former Thai Care program became Raintree Foundation in Thailand and Thai Care e.V. in Germany. It has grown over the years and now we serve and support many communities within various different projects.



A woman with glasses and a purple shirt is smiling and leaning over two young boys. The boy on the left is wearing a white shirt, and the boy on the right is wearing a grey and white patterned shirt. They are outdoors with green foliage in the background.

2020 Highlights

It is said that, "the **poor** are shunned by all their relatives—how much more do their friends avoid them?"

We wish we could tell you everything we have learnt, done, experienced and accomplished. With your help we could make a positive impact on the lives of many children and communities.

Thank you for caring for the poor.

A summary of our children projects:

- Mae Na Chorn children's home - 40 children, 16 boys and 24 girls
- Mae Hae children's home - 33 children, 20 girls and 13 boys
- Mae La Noi children's home - 8 children, 3 boys and 5 girls
- Khun Yuam children's home - 20 children, 14 girls and 6 boys
- Ranong children's home - 26 children, 13 girls and 13 boys
- Garden Eden student home - 3 students, 3 boys
- Wat Chan foster children project - 79 children, 32 girls and 47 boys
- Mae La Noi foster children project - 79 children, 34 girls and 45 boys

142 girls and 146 boys, all together 288 children have been given the chance of education, healthy food, a safe and loving environment and exposure to the gospel.

In 2020 from all children in our care, 49 children graduated successfully while 1 boy got an award for "outstanding youth". 16 of them attending vocational schools and universities while 33 found a job or when back to their village and doing farm work.

2 urgent special cases were taken into our project due to heartbreaking situations without the possibility of local support, help and funds.



Our community projects:

- BioSand household drinking water filters – 121 filters installed
- Hydraulic ram pumps village water supply – a feasibility study for 8 remote villages done but progress can only be made after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted
- WASH trainings & basic medical care for over 200 children and adults
- Toothpowder and soap making project started for 50 children and students
- Eye glass project – 2.000 glasses given out
- English teaching & technical volunteer program
- Karen Coffee cooperative and social enterprise – 24.000 kilos of coffee cherries have been picked and processed into 4.000 kilos of dry green coffee beans
- Sustainable agro forestry and food supply – around 4.000 forest trees, fruit trees and herbal trees have been planted as well as uncountable amounts of vegetables
- 4.500 kilos of rice supplied to children, families and communities in need
- 1.500 kilos of blankets, pillows, towels, jackets, shirts, pants, socks, mosquito nets given out to children and families in need
- 2.500 washable face masks; hand made by Karen women and given to the children and communities in the remote villages to help to prevent COVID-19 infections



Mae Na Chorn – Children’s Home



New second hand school (bus) car for the Mae Na Chorn children’s home

In the Mae Na Chorn children’s home we took care of 40 children and teenagers. 23 of them graduated the secondary school and are attending vocational school and universities. 17 new children from remote villages had the need to stay with us for a safe environment, proper nutrition and further education. Due to school closures and restricted travels because of COVID-19 we did major renovations and improvements of the whole facilities.

The kids were of big help too and just to name a few points what have been done: renovation/extension of the boys shower and toilets, renovation/extension of the girls shower and toilets, extend the worship room and pour new floor for the dining area, relocate the kitchen and extension in size, new bunk beds and shelves for the children and more cosmetic work.



Children in the Mae Na Chorn children's home having dinner

We've been grateful to receive donations such as guitars, food supplies, clothes and much, much more. The best students have been honored for good grades, all relatives and parents joined biannual the worship and meeting for the new school term, WASH refresh training and dental hygiene training carried out, face masks given out to all children, their parents and relatives. Our latest highlight was a new second hand car to bring the children to school as well as buying food supplies and the old car was after 20 years not reliable any more.



The girls shower and toilets being renovated



Worship at the Mae Na Chorn children's home



New relocate kitchen ready to serve 40 children food every day



Prayer and blessings with the children's families and relatives for the new school term



Best student reward for 2 girls and 2 boys



Yummy sweet drinks for the kids from a donation

Mae Hae – Children’s Home

In the Mae children’s home we took care of 33 children and kids. 3 of them are still going to kindergarten. 9 of them graduated the primary school and 3 are attending now secondary school. Also 9 new children from remote villages have been accepted to access a safe environment, proper nutrition and further education. School in Mae Hae stayed open much longer since their remote location but still plenty of things happened there too.



What’s better for kids than getting some sweets and candy?



Evening worship with songs after dinner in the Mae Hae children's home



Last song before bedtime



Happy kids with new sports equipment



Pajamas and towels – what a smile ☺





New blankets and bedding for the children



And nothing more rewarding than happy children, playing and being allowed to “just being a child”

Mae La Noi – Children’s Home

At the Mae La Noi children’s home we took care of 8 children, or maybe better 8 young adults. All boys and girls are attending high school and are living together like a big family. 7 students graduated successfully while 2 will study further and 5 found work to help to support their families and relatives.

The Mae La Noi children’s home is also base for our Mae La Noi foster program and Suda and Kue are both, taking care at the home as well as visit regularly the foster children.



The kids from the Mae La Noi children’s home



In front of the village church



The kids at the children's home receiving basic health care supplies



Khun Yuam – Children’s Home

The Khun Yuam children’s home was started by the local community and church but supplies and funds were always not enough to support all children and young students in need. Since a few years we support the children’s home to cover their basic needs.

20 children and students are taken care of, with 5 graduated this year, 2 study further and 3 have a job now.



The kids in Khun Yuam in front of the house





Playing volleyball together



Evening worship and singing songs

Ranong– Children’s Home

The Ranong children’s home was established in 2004 together with the local church right after the Tsunami hit Asia. The kids and young adults are from the Mooken tribe or Sea gypsies and 13 girls and 13 boys stayed in 2020 with us. 1 student was honored with the “outstanding youth” award from his school.

The lifestyle next to the Andaman Sea is different than in the mountains of Northern Thailand. But still a small vegetable garden and some fruits trees help to have additional food. During the Covid-19 time here also have been some renovations taken place and the biggest impact made a solar system for the entire children’s home which saves around 70% of the monthly electricity costs.



Youth camp with the local church groups and fun activities – even during Covid



Renovation of the toilets, the kitchen and the boys dorm room. The kids are actively involved.



Last touch with a bit of color makes the home so much nicer



The kids helped a lot during all the renovation and surely got rewarded with special treats ☺



Being proud and invest in the future – plant a tree / Grateful for such a big solar system at the home

Garden Eden– Student Home

Garden Eden, as the name states, is aimed to be another safe and loving home for young adults and students. A lot of efforts have been made the past months and the existing facilities received major renovations and extensions. Now it has room for up to 20 students with an extensive area of fruit and forest trees, vegetable and herb garden, chicken and ducks and much more to come.

Unfortunately COVID-19 hit all of us hard and beside the temporary school closures, the students and their relatives were too scared to be near any town downhill. But even though 3 students are with us and 7 more have signed up for the new school term for further education and attending university.

Beside given the students a loving home and the possibility to study further plans are made to extend the farmland to sustainability and also to have on-site workshop for practical non-formal education.





Major renovation of the main building outside and inside, new fresh water pipelines and toilets



Outside dining area and the renovation of the kitchen.



Preparation for the tree planting and irrigation system for 2,000 fruit trees and forest trees



Planting the trees with help from the local church team and community



Vegetable terraces to put food on the table for all the students at the home



What a great view into the future when it will become a food forest and feed the hungry

Foster Children Program – Mae La Noi and Wat Chan Area

Our foster children program started a few years ago with the approach to help more children in need but without the need of facilities and a lot of staff. Fortunately we have 4 field staff which we know many years who are dedicated to help and oversee the foster children program directly. These children are still able to attend the local schools and have as safe home and loving families but lacking in basic needs like enough food, clothes and school support. Through many donors and foster parents we have been able to grow our foster children program to take care of over 150 children together in Mae La Noi area as well as in Wat Chan area. Some foster parents even came to visit their foster children together with our team and many have regular contact through letters and pictures and sending birthday gifts. It is amazing, especially during this hard time to see that more and more people are willing and able to help and care for others.



Our field staff updating the record of the family situation / Gifts from foster parents



More gifts from foster parents, school supplies but also shoes, blanket, milk and sweets and “Happy Smile ☺”



We care about any age, from the youngest to young adults; their smiles are making all the hard work worthwhile. And our staff is doing their best to take care of each individual child and their situation.

Our Community Projects

There is quite a lot what we do and our main focus is still on children care but we also do some community projects. We don't want to write a lot but show at least some pictures of what we've done the past year. Hope you enjoy 😊



BioSand Filter transport, training and installation for families in remote village for safe and clean drinking water.



Our staff is teaching the children about dental hygiene



WASH training in our children home



Ram pump and water supply workshop at village level



Installation of Ram Pumps



Covid-19 face masks to protect the children in our projects but also their families and the villagers





Karen Coffee project and village cooperative; to help 60 families having a regular and fair income. Every process is done by Karen families from picking ripe coffee cherries until the dried green coffee bean



Teach the kids on how to make soap



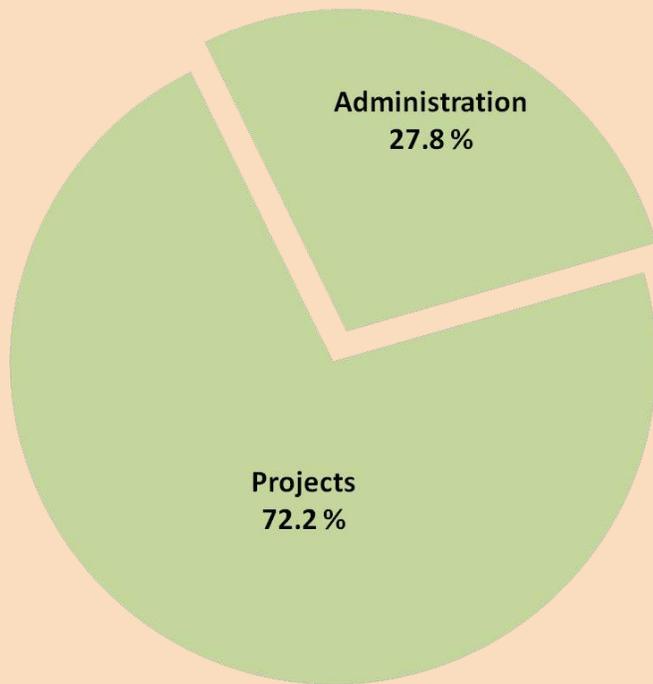
Prepare supplies for projects

Financial Statement of the Raintree Foundation 2020

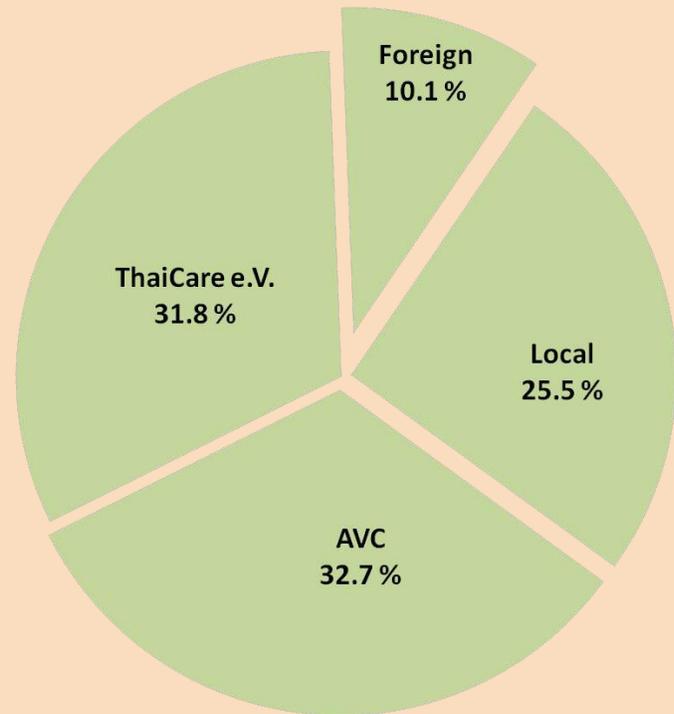
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 2020				
	2020		2019	
Income				
Donations	8,743,104.82	THB	10,376,531.70	THB
Bank Interest (Others)	3,148.29	THB	3,845.96	THB
Total Income	8,746,253.11	THB	10,380,377.66	THB
Expenditure				
Expenses for projects	6,372,440.00	THB	8,111,208.00	THB
Administrative expenses	2,454,794.22	THB	2,397,429.45	THB
Tax	530.91	THB	384.59	THB
Total Expenditure (ex. Tax)	8,827,234.22	THB	10,508,637.45	THB
Surplus/ (Deficit) (before Tax)	(80,981.11)	THB	(128,259.79)	THB
Balance sheet as at 31st December 2020				
	2020		2019	
Assets				
Non- Current Assets				
Plant and equipment	98,560.90	THB	176,516.51	THB
Other non-current assets	32,922.25	THB	33,902.25	THB
Total Non-Current Assets	131,483.15	THB	210,418.76	THB
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	238,098.15	THB	229,343.04	THB
Other current assets	-	THB	-	THB
Total Current Assets	238,098.15	THB	229,343.04	THB
Total Assets	369,581.30	THB	439,761.80	THB
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
	2020		2019	
Current Liabilities				
Account payable and Others	21,775.00	THB	29,788.00	THB
Accrued income tax	530.91	THB	384.59	THB
Total Current Liabilities	22,305.91	THB	30,172.59	THB
Total liabilities	22,305.91	THB	30,172.59	THB
Fund Balance				
Funds	200,000.00	THB	200,000.00	THB
Excess of Income over Expenditure	147,275.39	THB	209,589.21	THB
Reserves	347,275.39	THB	409,589.21	THB
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	369,581.30	THB	439,761.80	THB



2020 Project Expenditure



2020 Source of Donations





How you can help

Become a Foster Parent

With our foster children program the children are able to attend the government school instead of having to help their families to earn money. They can also have access to more varied and healthy food that otherwise they wouldn't be able to afford. Furthermore, we provide health care, clothes and a caring and loving environment for them.

You can become a foster parent and support a rural family in difficult situation, so that their children can become healthy and nourished individuals with 25€ (1.000THB) per month.

Donate a BioSand water filter

With the BioSand water filter a whole family can have clean water for decades, without the need of electricity or fuel, and with very low maintenance costs.

You can donate a water filter for a family in the mountains for only 70€ (2.800THB).

Become a volunteer

We need volunteer English teachers for rural schools all year round. With your help, these children can learn English language, and have better opportunities for their future.



Make a donation – Make a difference

Many of our projects need an ongoing support from a strong partner in order to be continued and developed. We are also pleased about donations in kind, like second hand toys, clothes, blankets, etc... We need many things, but unfortunately we cannot provide for all needs.

If you chose a onetime donation or monthly giving, you can be confident that 100% of every Baht, Euro or Dollar donated supports Raintree Foundation programs.

Our bank account details for transferring funds:

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Branch:	Big C Hangdong
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Thank You – for being part of – to change, to improve, to support those in need for a better future!

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