We hold merit-making rite on the 100th day after the death of Prof. em. Dr. Jürgen Zimmer

The 6th of December, 2019 was the 100th day after the death of Prof. em. Dr. Jürgen Zimmer. On that day, we held a ritual service starting from the early morning at 5 am by offering one boiled pig head to each of the ten spirit houses on School for Life campus for good fortune, good health and safe life for all of us including you.

At 10 am, twelve monks from the temples Wat Nam Cham, Wat Taa-Luk and Wat Don Chan (Chiang Rai) delivered a sermon and performed chanting in the Farm House of School for Life where Dr. Jürgen Zimmer lived and worked there.

At 11:30 am, School Director Khun Siriporn Hanfaifa made an opening speech. Next, Khun Thaneen Worrawittayakun ("Joy"), co-founder of School for Life, who arrived at the school early morning from Singapore to attend the ceremony, gave a speech. In her speech, she encouraged the children and teachers not to worry for the future, and asked them to work hard and strive for sustainability of School for Life. Then, *Ajan Yothin* and village head *Pho Kamnan* spoke at the ceremony. After that, seven alumni of School for Life spoke one by one how the education and experience learned from School for Life were valuable in their life, and they said thanks to School for Life community.

At 12:30 pm, we all had a buffet lunch, taking the various foods at the twelve food booths on the campus. The people from nearby villages cooked and brought the foods to the booths for all the attendants. A total of 300 people including 150 villagers attended the ceremony.

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School for Life is an internationally sponsored project in Northern Thailand that provides home and care for children who live in difficult situations. These include not only who lost their relatives, whose parents died of disease or are missing, but also children who escaped from situations of brutality and abuse. We give them a new home, provide for their basic needs as well as offer psychosocial and medical care. On top of that, we ensure the children to have proper basic education.

School for Life was founded by Prof. em. Dr. Jürgen Zimmer and Thaneen Worrawittayakun ("Joy") in 2003.