

Holy Night and Merry Christmas in School for Life

We celebrated Christmas this year starting from the holy night at 7 PM on December 24. Khun Thaneen Worrawittayakun ("Joy") presided over the holy Christmas celebration. She explained that the aim of today's celebration was to make our late founder of School for Life Prof. em. Dr. Jürgen Zimmer happy in the heaven by hearing our singing. She also told the children how she lived with the School for Life children at the time when she worked. Then, she taught the children the three songs, "I Will Follow Him", "Hallelujah", and "I Want To Know What Love Is" to enable them to sing with correct pronunciation. We all sang the songs together celebrating the Christmas sitting around the fire in front of the Farm House. After that, Khun Joy gave Christmas presents to the children. She met with all the teachers, staff and volunteers, and gave Christmas presents to every one of us. Then, we roasted the sticky rice in bamboo on the fire together with the children. Everybody got a bamboo stick of sticky rice. We enjoyed the holy night and went to bed at 9 PM.

On 25th December, we celebrated the Christmas in the School Assembly Hall starting from 9 AM. Groups of children from each Family sang and danced on stage. We have five Families on the campus. There are about 30 children in a Family, taken care of by a Family mentor. Volunteers as a group also sang songs. Then, Christmas presents were given to the children.

At noon, we all had a lunch together with the people from nearby villages of School for Life. There were various foods donated by villagers for the lunch. Volunteers also baked cookies with the children for the lunch.

In the evening around 4 PM, teachers, staff and volunteers had a farewell party because all volunteers will travel to visit some places in Thailand on the New Year Holiday, from 26th December to 5th January. The school will reopen on 6th January, 2020. We exchanged the gift each other by random draw. It was exciting for every one of us. Then, we had a dinner together, and sang songs.

Everybody had a great happiness on Merry Christmas.

Pictures on holy night



Pictures on Christmas in the morning in School Assembly Hall





Pictures on Christmas - at lunch





Pictures on Christmas - at farewell party and dinner



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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.