

Sharing for Life Foundation and Catholic community

Home Care Project in the city of Korat

Narrative report January – December 2022

(Reported by Ms. Ananya)



Korat is the biggest city of the Northeast of Thailand with a population of around 450,000 people. It is the location of the 'Home for the aged – Ratchasima' and of the 'Sharing for Life Foundation'. The urban area of the city has many poor, abandoned disable people and this project aims at helping such people that, every day, we see living difficult lives mostly due to living alone, very old age and several kinds of disabilities that hinders working and self-sufficiency.

Mainly people in our project suffer of physical or mental disabilities. We follow and visit 141 people regularly and just a few of them can do some work such as collecting recyclable plastic, tins, and bottles from garbage and selling them for two or three Euro per day.

The Thai government subsidy for old people is 19 Euro per month + 20 Euro if they are living with disabilities. The minimum required to live above the poverty line in Thailand is an income of 100 Euro per month.

Sharing for life initiative stared from the presence of Camillian in the city of Korat. The need of creating a sign of merciful love of Jesus among the most poor and sick. Religious Camillian in corporation with local catholic community and diocese bishop Joseph Chusak Sririsuk. Our aim is to involve the whole community in raising the problem of the poor and sharing the donation to them and monitoring their lifestyle number going out to visit once a week and organizing a special day once a year on 26th December.

Purpose

Have the aged, disabled, and poor

- 1. To improve their lives and to access treatment and welfare state subsidies.
- 2. To receive knowledge and advice in health care and hygiene and keep a healthy environment around their house.
- 3. To restore connections with the health system and religious institutions not to feel lonely or abandoned.



- 4. To live the mercy of the Lord through the Christian community presence, in particular.
- 5. Be understood and taken care by their communities through the implementation of a pilot project.
- 6. Supported by a strong group of volunteers caring for them.

Beneficiaries

- 1. The aged, disabled, and poor 141 cases in the area of 30 km. from the office
- 2. The poorest that are in difficult conditions in particular.
- 3. The disabled that live alone and without helpers or relatives.

Project Duration

Yearly base, according to financial support and foundation policy.

Activities

- 1. Prepare relevant forms, and documents
- 2. Prepare the bags with food and other items according to the beneficiaries' needs.
- 3. Visit and distribute the bags to the beneficiaries: about 12 people (families) in one day, once a week, four/five weeks a month.
- 4. Give advice, encouragement and compassion.
- 5. Keep records of special needs and bring the necessary items in the next visit.
- 6. Fundraising and monthly report writing to the foundation by full time staff.

Monitoring and evaluation

- Monitor and evaluate the achievements of the project's team in relation to the beneficiaries' health and mood and happiness.
- 2. Post the evaluation on the Foundation website for interested parties and sponsors.
- 3. Report budget use monthly.
- 4. Report overall result at year-end to Sharing for Life Foundation Central Office.

Team members

1. Father Giovanni Contarin or Father Sampan Wapiso



- 2. Permanent staff (Full time)
- 3. Retired nurse Mrs. Kanjana
- 4. Volunteers

The number volunteer in 2022

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1	5	4	2	2	4	3	4	1	2	2	4	34

Essential items in the bag

Rice, oil, fish sauce, canned fish, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washing powder, body powder dishwashing liquid, carton of milk, drinking water, instant noodles.

Necessary equipment

Net, blanket, towel, trousers, other clothes, adult diapers, mattress and pillows

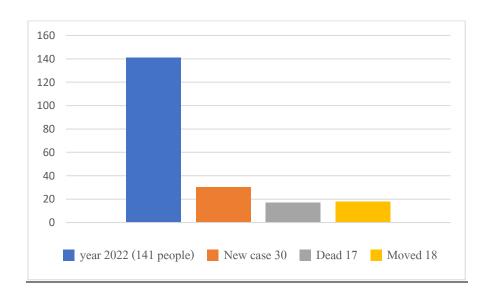
Disability equipment

Walker aid, wheelchair, Commode Chair

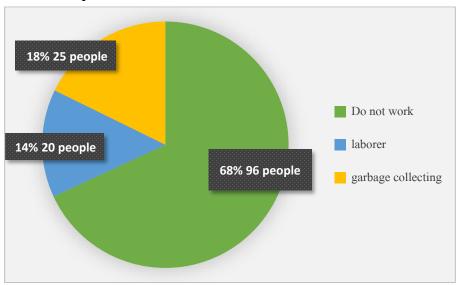
Beneficiaries 'characteristics (141 people)

Female	Male	25-60	61-104	Cerebral	Deaf-	Movement	Diabetes	Pressure	Other
		years old	years old	Palsy	Blind	impairment		disease	diseases
86	55	32	109	20	8	26	62	38	36

Graph of total, new, dead, moved away cases



Graph of benefactor's occupation





	Home Care Project Income							
No.	Income	Cost (THB)	Cost (EUR)					
1	The diocese of Nakhon Ratchasima	260,000	6,943.23					
2	PRO.SA ITALY	335,250	8,952.76					
3	Donation from PR, And social media	551,126.38	14,717.68					
4	Donate box	33,031	882.08					
5	From Sharing for life store	18,724	500.02					
Total	Thirty-one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five	1,198,131.38	31,995.77					

*Exchange Rate 1 Euro = 37.05 THB (27th February 2023) *

	Home Care Project Expenses							
No.	List of items and activities	Amount	Cost (THB)	Cost (EUR)				
1	Consumer goods: rice, dried food,	12 sets x 5 times/month x	388,983 THB	10,080 EUR				
	medicines	12 months at 14 EUR/set						
2	Financial support in cash	12 beneficiaries x 5 time/m x	83,353 THB	2,160 EUR				
		12 months at 3 EUR/case						
3	Team travel and transportation	5 visits x month x 12 months at 30	66,683 THB	1,800 EUR				
		EUR/visit						
4	Office Supplies	10 EUR/month x 12 months	4,446 THB	120 EUR				
5	Team members meals	5 members x 5 times/month x 12	33,341 THB	900 EUR				
		months at 3 EUR						
6	Other (Vehicle maintenance)	200 EUR x 3 times	22,228 THB	600 EUR				
7.	Staff's financial compensation	400 EUR x 13 months	192,639 THB	5.200 EUR				
8.	House repairing	4 beneficiaries' houses	196,344 THB	5.300 EUR				
Total	twenty-six thousand sixty hundred seven	988,017 THB	26.670 Euro					

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Day of the poor budget-December 26 Christmas following day (Boxing Day)

List of items and activities	Amount	Cost (THB)	Cost (EUR)	
Pickup car – van – motorbike	86 people	8,891 THB	240 Euro	
Gift set and necessary items for 90	24 Euro x 86 set	80,019 THB	2.160 Euro	
people				
Gift for kids 20 people	14 Euro x 21 set	10,373 THB	280 Euro	
Cash, just for daily expenses	Adult 90 x 13 Euro	45,567 THB	1.230 Euro	
	Children 21 x 3 Euro			
Bingo gift (only useful items)		18,523 THB	500 Euro	
Food and beverage		14,818 THB	400 Euro	
Basic medicine bag	6 Euro x 90	20,005 THB	540 Euro	
Total Five Thousand three hundred f	198,196 THB	5,350 Euro		

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Sharing for Life Store

It was built in November 2021 to keep all donated stuff and for selling secondhand clothes as income generation to buy necessary items, dry food, and cash donation to the beneficiaries. In 2022the income generation total was 515 Euro.

Public Relations

Update news and event on social media 3 times a week and use Facebook ads once a week.

- 1.Facebook Both Thai and English
 - -มูลนิธิแบ่งปันชีวิตนครราชสีมา
 - -Sharing for life-care for the poor Korat
- 2.Instagram -sharingforlife.korat
- 3.Line official -@811vizxl
- 4. Youtube -Sharing for life Korat
- 5. Website https://sharingforlifekorat.org



Expected results

The beneficiaries

- 1. have a happier physical and mental health.
- 2. are not alone and feel not lonely.
- 3. improve their quality of life.
- 4. are encouraged to continue to live.
- 5. are supported by volunteers from the community motivated by the project team.

Conclusion

Home care activities helped us to be close to the poor and share their feelings and know their basic needs. We try to do our best involving friends and benefactors, to prepare food bags and doing some repairing.

Sharing feelings, living empathy, and praying together is the best we can do to see their face smiling and happy. We replaced all the 18 beneficiaries who died and the 17 ones who moved to other provinces with 35 new cases of aged, disabled and real poor.

We are becoming a well-known foundation; our work is well accepted because everybody sees that we follow our beneficiaries closely and continuously. Our work is not only giving away and distributing goods, but also compassion, love and making the beneficiaries experiencing the presence of the people of God and the local church.







World day of the poor 2022

World day of the poor is set up in December every year, this year is on Monday 26th December on the Boxing Day. The aim of this event is to give the Project's beneficiaries the feeling that they are special and have something they really wish. It is a special day for the poor in the Vatican with Pope Francis. He established this event for the whole Catholic Church to be on 19th November, but we moved it after Christmas. Around 110 beneficiaries (90 adults, 20 kids) came to the 'Home for the Aged-Ratachasima' to have a meal of good food together, watching a performance and lottery draws in a happy environment.

We also gave them a set of necessary items, bag of medicine and new cloths. To the children we gave a set of stationary and some snacks and toys. At the end of that day, they felt happier than every other day. We organized free transports them to our place and back home in the evening.





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At "LAODATO SII" Garden (Home For the Aged Ratchasima)





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