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# THE NEW LIFE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

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### HEALING of the "Heart Break Hotel"



In April we took a BIG STEP OF FAITH! The locally well-known Heart Break Hotel, called Sainammin, became our new base! This Hangdong landmark is located on the main road, close to the Northern University and the city centre. Being already a venue for some of our training workshops and Saturday Kid's Clubs, we saw close hand the rapid physical and moral decline of the resort complex. The restaurant and hotel served an increasingly dubious clientele and the swimming pool went out of operation due to lack of maintenance. A seemingly "impossible" DREAM was birthed in our hearts! **Sainammin as a place of healing and restoration for individuals and entire families! A place of empowerment to carry the glory of God into the communities!**



too big for us, God performed an incredible miracle! An agreement was secured to give us FULL USE of

the entire property of 13 acres! The day the contract was signed, our whole team, including some youth from the community, started the clean up and repair operation! This included the 30-room hotel, the conference room building, the restaurant building, the office building, the health club building, the outdoor pool, as well as the three individual houses with space to fit most of our team! We are glad to report that the hotel, the meeting halls and the pool are already generating revenue! The local officials, hospital staff and other organizations are already hiring hire our meeting and hotel rooms for their training seminars! Apart from the business side, Sainammin is also our base for community related age and gender specific programs, as well as a place for us to run our growing Hangdong church services and other activities. We also use Sainammin as a place to train and empower labourers for the Harvest!!



In prayer, we became increasingly confident that this was a God dream! Although the proposal was

These latest developments are yet another step in carrying His glory into Thai communities! It is indeed becoming increasingly clear to us why God led us to Hangdong! Not only are the 70 000 people of Hangdong to be reached, but God is also opening a door for us to increase our efforts in training workers for the Harvest! Our city is the gateway from the mountains, where the fire of God is burning, where the water miracle took place and from where the young people come for training to be empowered in reaching the Thai communities.



## Mother's Day in Hangdong:

Thailand celebrated mother's day on Queen Sirikit's birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. About 200 mothers and their kids crammed into our meeting room at Sainammin Hotel to celebrate. The night was a huge success with an interactive fun and tender-hearted program.

### Testimony of a housekeeper! (Big smile!)

*"My name is Khun Tyyn. I was so "lucky" to stay on at Sainammin, when the new management came! As a lowly housekeeper, I was used to harsh treatment, but needed the money to support my family. I soon*



*discovered that these new people were totally different from anyone I had ever met before! The kindness and love was just overwhelming! I began to ask them why this was so and they told me about Jesus Christ, who had paid the price for their sins and now lived in their hearts. I had never heard anything like that before! Within a week, I made a decision that changed my life! I also have become a*

*follower of Jesus Christ! Now, even though my husband cheats on me and at times treats me badly, I have such incredible peace and joy within me! I now love working at the hotel and my teenage son comes on week nights to the band practice. One day not long ago, I gave my testimony to a group of government official visiting the hotel from a neighboring country!"*

### Testimony of Mother and Daughter



*"My name is Tai. Many of you have prayed for me. THANK YOU! I got AIDS from my husband, who left me destitute, a widow, with a 3 yr old daughter, Jen. My family rejected us and my health declined to the point that I was eventually rushed in to*

*hospital, not expected to live. An unknown man came to pray for me during the night and I began to recover.*

*Within a week I was discharged from the hospital and I was able to get a job as a bricklayer's labourer. Sadly, during my illness, Jen had been*



*sent off to an orphanage and now barely knew me. Then came the day, when I joined the New Life Development Team in Hangdong and I was able to get my daughter back! God began to heal our hearts and the rift that had developed between Jen and me. I am learning to love and nurture my own child and I can already see how happy Jen has become! She is now 12 yrs old and excelling in her school work! I am so grateful to God that He is using me to reach the large community of AIDS impacted people of Hangdong."*

### THE MEN ARE RISING UP!

The men of our team have been getting up to pray at 5 am each morning. It is time for the men in this country rise up to the position of Godly leadership. The men are now also meeting on a wider scale on monthly basis and we are beginning to see the beginnings of transformation taking place in their respective communities. In a recent meeting at one community (Baan Den), an ex-witchdoctor

asked for forgiveness from his wife and from the community for leading them into darkness. Today, this man walks in the LIGHT of Jesus Christ!



A Christian father and his son in Hangdong

### DAENG & ROB and the new Addition!

On August the 19<sup>th</sup>, Daeng, our faithful long-term team member, gave birth to a beautiful, healthy, 2.8 kg baby girl, Natalie Kristiina! Both Rob and Daeng, are so proud of their little bundle and we all are “tickled pink” with the newest addition to the New Life Development Team!



### A HUGE THANK YOU

... To ALL the volunteers and visitors for your unique input into the expansion of HIS KINGDOM in this region! Thanks to all our faithful supporters and intercessors! Your partnership is strengthens us to breakthrough and claim this land for HIS inheritance! Your sacrifice may go unnoticed by man, but not by GOD! Be blessed in HIM!



Our first day at Sainammin Hotel - April 2008

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**UNITY** in the Team

**PROTECTION** physical and spiritual

**WISDOM** especially for the leadership

**TRAINING** of effective soul winners and shepherds into the Harvest

**GOD'S LEADING** and **PROVISION** in securing the property for long term

**SALVATION** of community leaders

**Healing of Thailand!**

Thank you for YOUR partnership in the Harvest,

***The New Life Development Team***

*Erik and Mariaana Klar (Team Leaders)*

*Yua Bunrunghere (Thai leader),*

*Rudy and Lara Rudresh, Tim and Bronwyn Perry*

*Rob and Daeng Garnsey*

**& ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS** working in the many communities across the nation of Thailand!