

New Sky Home: An Introduction

新天之家简介

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New Sky Home in the evening sun 夕阳下的新天之家

New Sky Home (NSH) is one of the many outreach ministries established by China Evangelistic Mission (CEM). CEM is a mission organization, sending missionaries into many countries and areas to preach the Gospel and establish churches; NSH is at Fang, northern Thailand—a 3½ hours' drive from the city of Chiangmai. Children in NSH became orphan due to their parents' involvement in drugs or infection with AIDS. The Lord has given CEM the vision and burden to care for these children and hence, the setting up of NSH.

1. Admission

NSH receives children who are between 3 to 10 years of age, of Thai identity, and of whom both parents were passed away. Children must agree to take care of themselves while being taken care too. NSH does not charge any fee on the children.

2. Facilities

NSH occupies an area of 14,400 square meters. There are 9 residential buildings, an office building and a church sanctuary. One of the residential buildings is catered for AIDS children. NSH can accommodate 100 children and currently, there are 45. It is actively looking for more theological-trained graduates to serve as Residential Parent, so that it can take in the maximum possible number of children. The environment and facilities of NSH are considered one of the best in this region, providing safety, security and protection to their children.

3. Staff

Pastor Lisa Poon is an experienced social worker from Hong Kong who answered God's calling and became a full-time missionary to NSH. She graduated from China Evangelical seminary and had completed one year of full-time course on Thai language before taking over as the

head of NSH. Her role and responsibilities include the planning, efficient operating and administration of NSH, taking care of the spiritual, physical and mental growth of the children and liaising with local authorities as well as heads of villages and schools.

Miss Sylvia Poon, a missionary who completed her course in a theological seminary and subsequently one year Thai Language course, is newly-posted to NSH, assisting Pastor Lisa Poon. Sylvia is from Hong Kong and she will be at NSH for 1 year.

NSH is unique in that the children grow up as a family. For every 12 children, there will be a Residential Parent assigned to them, so that the children can grow up in a loving environment, similar to growing up in a home. Resident Parents are full-time staff and graduates from theological seminary. They live together with the children and assist Pastor Lisa in taking care of the children under their charge. The older children take care of the younger one. Boys and girls lived in separate buildings.

There are full-time cooks and helpers who are responsible for the maintenance of the home. Children are given 3 meals every day. They also assist in the preparation and cooking of dinner. Meals are simple, mainly vegetable, meat and rice.

4. Spiritual Life

Children are taught to read the Bible and pray. They are to attend morning devotion on Monday to Friday from 6 am to 630 am; and on Saturday and Sunday from 7 am to 730 am. Every night except Wednesdays, they attend prayer meeting from 7pm to 8pm. On Wednesday, they have Bible study in addition to prayer meeting. They also need to memorize a Bible verse each week. On the Lord's Day,

they attend Sunday worship at the church sanctuary. Residential Parents play an important part in leading and guiding the spiritual life of the children. You would enjoy the children's singing as they sing loudly and with joy.



One of the Resident Parents and the children under her care
其中一位监护家长和她照顾的孩子们

5. Education

NSH enrolls all their children to government schools and private schools. It pays for their school fees, books and uniforms. Children are given daily pocket money depending on their age. They go through full day schooling and children bring their lunch boxes to school. Study is always a challenge to them for they are late starters. Some of the children do not even know how to speak and write any language when they first came into NSH. However, they are conscientious in their study and usually excel in sport.

Resident Parents supervise children on their homework and provide tuition to them. Children do their revision and schoolwork after night-devotion and prayer meeting. Children of NSH have to stand up for their faith as 99% of Thai population is Buddhist. They are constantly reminded to be a good witness for Christ in their schools. During school holiday, children activities include drama, choir, Bible verses memory competitions, camping, outing, sport activities, language learning and many others.



Prayers before going to school 上学前的祷告

6. Career

NSH provides every child with a 2 years pre-discharge counseling course. Children, upon completion of their high school, will leave NSH, either to get a job or go for further study.

7. Gospel outreach

Children also go out regularly to various villages to share the gospel, conduct gospel rally and assist CEM in their

outreaches. Praise God they are not shy in sharing gospel with other children.

8. Cleaning and housekeeping

Children are responsible for washing of their own clothes and shoes. They have to clean and upkeep their own resident building and compounds daily. Saturday is always a house-cleaning day. Hair cut is done by older children or by the Residential Parents, and it is always a standard cut for boys.

9. Farming and harvesting

NSH rents a piece of farm land. Children are responsible for planting and harvesting rice. There are 2 harvests per year though a harvest is only sufficient for 1 month of rice supply. Children enjoy the work very much.



After a day of hard work 一天的辛勤工作之后

The ministry of NSH is a long term endeavour which requires dedication and commitment. One of the aims of NSH is that children who grow up from NSH will be strong in their faith in Jesus and their service to Lord, and that some may answer the call into full-time ministry.

10. How can I be involved in this ministry?

NSH relies totally on the Lord to provide for all their needs, including finance. You can

- Contribute/offer money through our church for their financial needs—our church encourage church-based mission work;
- Pray for the children at least once a week. Pray for their safety, health, protection from evil and temptations, as well as their zeal in reading the Bible, praying and standing up for their faith;
- Pray for Pastor Lisa Poon, Sylvia Poon, Residential Parents, cooks and care takers—for strength, joy and encouragement;
- Be involved in mission, starting with short-term mission trips. Dates of short-term mission trips to Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam are listed on the Mission Notice Board. Please talk to the Pastor Isaac or the person-in-charge of respective mission area—Eld. Foong for Sri Lanka, Eld. Mak for Thailand, Dn. Peter Goh for Vietnam and Pr. Wu for Malaysia.

Gospel doors are opening in Northern Thailand, if you can teach English to primary schools students for at least 1-2 weeks in November, we need you. Please contact Bro. Pauline O. with us at this point.

新天之家是中华福音使命团（中福团）的诸多事工工场之一。

中福团是个宣教组织，主要使命是派遣宣教士到不同国家与区去传福音并设立教会；新天之家位于泰北孟芳区，离清迈市区三个小时半车程。新天之家的孩子之所以成为孤儿，主要是因为他们的父母染上毒瘾或是感染爱滋病。神给予中福团照顾这群孤儿们的异象与负担，新天之家也就因此而设立了。

1. 收生条件

新天之家收养介于三至十岁并父母双亡的泰籍孤儿。这些孩子必须同意在被照顾的当儿，照顾自己。新天之家不向孩子收取任何费用。



2. 设施

新天之家占地14,400平方公尺。共有九所宿舍，一所办公楼以及一间教会大堂。其中一所宿舍是专给患有爱滋病的孩子居住的。新天之家可收容100个孩子而现有45。新天之家正在积极寻找更多的神学毕业生担任监护家长的责任，以收容更多孩子，充分利用院里的设施。新天之家无论是在环境或设施上都可是区域里最完善之一，它给予这群孩子们成长所需要的安全、保障与保护。

3. 职工人员

潘帼儀牧师，一位来自香港的富有经验的社工，回应神的呼召成为了全职的宣教士。毕业于中华福音神学院并完成了一年的泰语课程后，她担任了新天之家的院长。她的职责包括策划并管理新天之家的有效运作与行政；照顾孩子们在属灵、生理、智能、教育等方面的成长；处理与当地行政机关的事务以及与各村村长与各校校长的联系。潘詩穠宣教士于神学院与一年的泰语课程毕业后，被差遣到新天之家协助潘帼儀牧师。潘詩穠宣教士来自香港，并将于留驻新天之家一年后接受新的任务/差遣。

新天之家特别之处在于孩子们都在一个家庭式的环境成长。每12个孩子有一位监护家长，以确保他们在有爱的环境成长，如同拥有一个家庭一样。监护家长都是全职职工以及神学院毕业生。他们和孩子们住在一起并协助被差遣到新天之家协助潘帼儀牧师照顾在他们监护下的孩子。年纪较大的孩子也得照顾年纪较小的孩子。男生与女生分开住在不同宿舍。

院里也有全职的厨师以及负责维修工作的员工。孩子们每日有三餐供应。他们也协助晚餐的准备与烹煮。膳食是简单的，主要是菜、肉和白米饭。

4. 属灵生活

新天之家教导孩子们阅读圣经以及祈祷。每星期一至五，六点至六点半，以及每逢星期六和星期天七点至七点半，他们必须参与早上的灵修；每天晚上星期三除外，七点至八点，得参加祷告会。至于星期

诵一节经文。每逢主日，孩子们都得到教会大堂参加主日崇拜。

监护家长在带领并引导孩子的工作上扮演着重要的角色。听这群孩子的歌唱使人充满欢喜，因为他们的大声歌唱充满欢悦。

5. 教育

新天之家为所有收养的孩子报名就读各所公立与私立学校。新天之家支付所有学费、课本以及制服的费用。孩子们每日也有零用钱，依据他们的年龄的而定。学校是全日制的，孩子们都带饭盒到学校去。对他们来说，学业是一项挑战因为跟他们的同辈比起来，他们起步较慢。有些孩子初到新天之家时连一基本语言都不能掌握。尽管如此，他们在课业上非常用心，也通常在体育上有杰出的表现。

监护家长监督孩子们的功课并给予他们补习。孩子们于每晚灵修以及祷告会后复习一日在校所学。新天之家的孩子们需坚持及卫护自己的信仰立场因为99%的泰国人是佛教徒。他们也常常被提醒要在学校里做基督的好见证。学校假日期间，孩子们的活动包括了话剧、合唱团、圣经章节背诵比赛、露营、郊游、体育活动、语言学习等。

6. 就业

新天之家给每个离开孩子提供两年的辅导课程。孩子们在高校毕业后将离开新天之家，或投入职场；或继续深造。

7. 福音事工

孩子们也经常到各村庄去传福音，举行福音会以及协助中福团在各工场的事工。在分享福音的工作上，他们一点也不害羞。赞美主。

8. 院内的清理与维修管理

孩子们负责洗涤自己的衣服和鞋袜。他们每日都得清理各宿舍以及维持院里的整洁。星期六是例常清洗日。年龄较长的孩子或监护家长给孩子们理发；男生的发型是一致的。

9. 耕作与收成

新天之家租有一块田地。孩子们负责田地的耕作与收成。田地一年共有两次收成而一次收成只能供应两个月所需米粮。孩子们都非常喜欢这项工作。

新天之家的事工是长期的，需我们积极投入。新天之家希望孩子们都能在对主忠心，并忠心事奉神，祈愿其中一些能感受神的呼召，成为全职奉事献。

10. 我能如何参与这方面的事工？

新天之家全靠神供应其所需，这也包括经济上的供应。你可以

- 通过教会给予金钱上的资助—我们的教会鼓励以教会为基础与渠道的宣教活动；
- 每周至少一次为孩子们祷告。为他们的安全、健康、远离罪恶和诱惑、以及查阅圣经、祷告和对信仰的坚持祈祷；
- 为潘帼儀牧师、潘詩穠宣教士、各监护家长、厨师以及所有照顾这群孩子们的人祷告—祈祷神赐予他们力量、喜悦与勉励；或
- 参加宣教活动，从参加短宣开始。到斯里兰卡、泰国和越南的所有宣教活动细节已列于差传布告栏。请向王牧师或各工场的负责人查询。

福音之门以于泰北开启，若你能于今年十一月到泰北教授一至两个星期的小学英语，我们需要你。