

# ***MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP CENTER***

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**My wish for you and your loved ones is for a Merry Christmas with a very Happy and Blessed New Year**

Dear Friends,

This year once again Mother of Perpetual Help Center has much to be grateful for, thanks to you and so many others who have come to our help, not only with funding, but with thoughts and prayers.

Divine Word Missionaries in Thailand have recently celebrated it's 25 year presence in Thailand and at the same time the beginning of Divine Word Missionaries 150 years foundation by our St. Arnold Janssen. The Arnoldus family has grown as well with the founding of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters working side by side with SVD priests and brothers in 80 countries around the world, as well as the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration who pray for missionaries throughout the world.

Wishing you much happiness and good health during the coming years and looking forward to meeting so many of you again next summer.

Blessings in Abundance,

*D. Lunders*

Br. Damien Lunders, SVD  
Mother of Perpetual Help Ceneter

# MOTHER MARY HOUSE



Teenagers at Ban Mae Marie attend one of the local government schools, one or the other who are disabled physically or mentally and cannot study in a normal school are home schooled by care takers at Ban Mae Marie.

Less teenagers now are in need of such a home as Ban Mae Marie; thus, many of the residents are now adults and the over flow of patients needing care from Villa Marie hospice.



One of the girls being brought to Mother Mary House at the request of the Social Welfare department because of the extreme poverty of her living conditions. Here teenagers from from MMH visit her home. Her life has changed for the better as she now has a better opportunity to continue her studies at a school with the other teenagers. Some of the other teenagers said their living conditions were much the same before coming to live at Mother Mary House.





## Villa Marie Hospice

A few months ago Mother of Perpetual Help Center, St. Michael's church and Villa Marie hospice had a special visit from the new Nuncio, Archbishop Wells from Bangkok. It was a good opportunity for him to see first hand what outreach is being done by one of the many Catholic institutions in Thailand reaching out to the sick, the poor and the needy.

Villa Marie hospice with its 12 bed facility has given care to hundreds over the years since it first opened. For the first many years many had passed away until the anti-viral medications came into being—now maybe one or two each year will pass away and it depends upon what condition they had come for care. Our patients are being sent to Villa Marie by other church parishes, government hospitals from many of the Provinces in Thailand. With only 12 beds sometimes it is necessary to send the over flow of requests to our Mother Mary House where they are being cared for along with the remaining teenagers; here, they form a family spirit, live and work together in harmony. Villa Marie has been in operation for almost 20 years and Mother Mary House since 2008. Not all patients are HIV positive, some are in need of care as they are elderly with no one to care for them.



# Mother of Perpetual Help Center



**Please remember Mother of Perpetual Help Center in your last Will and Testament to ensure a long lasting care for the poor and needy.**

*Donations can be sent through our Mission Office at Techny, Illinois (Please specify for Thailand mission)*

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## ***Support Needy Children in the Province:***

Our program to help children of poor families with scholarships from families in France we have just over 40 participants who receive a monthly scholarship to help further their education. Every quarter the children gather at Mother of Perpetual Center to write their thank you letters to their sponsor, their letters are translated into French in Bangkok and sent to their sponsor.

As well help being received from the Holy Childhood in Rome over the past years has been helping about 300 children with school clothing, school supplies and transportation from their homes to the school.

Another program over the years has been helping poor families with a kick start for self support by raising cattle, fish or other help getting them started with good gardens as a source of food.

