

VISIT REPORT BAAN BANG BOON HOSPICE 11 May 2016

(This Hospice focuses on AIDS patients (and others) that no one else will take care of)

ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH - BBB PROJECT (200? - 201?) Managed originally by the late PP Gary Worthington, handed over to current project manager Rotarian Chip Bowness in 2011.

THIS REPORT DEALS ONLY WITH RCBS - BBB RELOCATION SUB-PROJECT (2013-2016)

Project Manager Rtn Chip Bowness

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Project Description This Baan Bang Boon Relocation (Sub)Project, supported by three Rotary Clubs and the British Charity in Thailand, is a Sub-Project of the main RCBS Baan Bang Boon Project, that has provided an average of B19,000 per month for medicine, supplies and food for the past 14 or so years. Due to chronic flooding, unhygienic conditions and general deterioration of the facility at the Bangkok City rental site, the BBB Relocation Project aimed to provide a new facility for BBB and is now funded and nearly complete. On 19 May 2016 The Rotary Club of South Surrey BC Canada transferred B87,000 from Canada to RCBS to finish the BBB Relocation Project.

Future The future relationship possibilities for RCBS and Baan Bang Boon will be further addressed via the ongoing BBB Project during RCBS Service Projects Committee operations. The status of the much larger HIV prevention proposal, possibly related and beneficial to BBB, as informally proposed to some Service projects members in 2015, is unknown to me at this point.

Recognition Rotarian Prasert Mangkornkarn, deserves special thanks for managing, during my 10-month absence from Thailand, the now three-year-old BBB Project. Khun Prasert brought wisdom, ability and high understanding and effectiveness to the Project and the Club relationship with Khun Pairach, BBB General Manager and operator, by herself, for the past more than 20 years. The Project could not have been better managed and executed during this time. I also wish to acknowledge the help from Rotarians Adrian Topham and Michael Bain, and concerned members of the Service Projects Committee. Khun Khob provides ongoing indispensable assistance and advice and constant good humour. It is unlikely the Project could have achieved the results it did without her help. Early on, David Sutter of Bainbridge Island, Washington State, a sailing friend, designed, produced and donated a full set of engineering drawings worth probably B50,000 for the new BBB structure. Khun Tanarat, the building

contractor for the project, adapted those plans and did excellent high quality work on time and well in budget, and himself contributed approximately B120,000 of ideas, extra quality materials and labour.

The Rotary Club of Bangkok South and its partners can and should be proud of this contribution to the community, and to humanity.

Finally, the lady behind this project, the compassionate, cheerful, strong and indefatigable Khun Pairach, deserves the most recognition of all for her work during the past 20+ years. During a past visit to both the old and new BBB locations, and upon learning the history and work of Khun Pairach, who singlehandedly manages and operates Baan Bang Boon, Mr. Brian O’Riach, visiting Service Projects Director from the Rotary Club of South Surrey BC, Canada, summed up the contribution of Khun Pairach to her country and fellow humans.

He said to me simply “This woman is truly a saint!”.

Funding The RC of South Surrey has raised and contributed B437,000 to Baan Bang Boon, enabling RC Bangkok South to complete this project. RCBS (B300,000); RC Bangkokapi (B100,000) and British Charity in Thailand (B100,000) also contributed. While I have been asked not to cite this, Rotarians Dougie and Prasert have also quietly contributed thousands of Baht from their own resources to meet immediate needs. Other contributions are as listed above. RCBS has also contributed an average of about 19,000 per month to sustain BBB operations for the past 14 or so years.

The real Meaning of this Project It is unknown how many persons have passed through Baan Bang Boon in their final stages of life during the past 20+ years, it appears the number could exceed six thousand.

GENERAL SUMMARY

Khun Prasert and I visited Baan Bang Boon morning 11 May and found great progress by Khun Pairach in making the facility more functional and especially more comfortable for the patients and staff. With Rotary and other assistance, she has achieved something that is well beyond our greatest expectations for the project. She has also reached out to the local hospital resulting in almost daily visits to the facility by the resident doctors, this was unachievable in the BBB former location in the city.

The addition of rain deflectors, a second story storage area and an end of life room at the rear of the main structure have increased space available by about 15%. The entrance area is now fully hard surfaced and a traditional wood frame and rattan high roof erected over it. Colours, hanging decorations and decorative wood finishing add to the attractiveness and a

sense of calm. This combines to give an attractive and comforting feeling to the facility, which benefits from fresh country air. See attached photos. As of 11 May, there are 15 patients in house, the oldest is 91 and the youngest 18, both female. There have been many deaths already this year.

NEEDS SUMMARY TO COMPLETION MAY 2016

1. What remains is to tidy up the general area, organize and outfit the storage area. Khun Pairach is alone at this point and needs to hire workers and a truck to do the work. Some shelving is also required. Cost is THB40,000.
2. Thailand experiences an annual drought, more serious this year than in previous years. When the municipal water supply fails, water is delivered by tank truck. Khun Pairach asked if it is possible to have four water tanks installed to replace the ad hoc arrangement used now. Each tank including installation costs THB8000. Total: B32,000. (Not requested per se, but a water filtration system could be investigated, cost up to B30,000 additional).
3. A supply of adult diapers is needed, this is a serious recurring expense as these items cost about CAD18 (B500) for a box containing 28 pieces. For bedridden patients in an open ward, these items are a humanitarian necessity. Khun Prasert today provided B5,000 from his pocket to meet the immediate need. We will approach companies to see if a donation of supply is possible, and also how to sustain a supply.

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Photo 1: Main View of Street frontage. 11 May 2016 Khun Pairach



Photo 2 Oldest Patient 91 years



Photo 3: Central reception area showing attractive rattan roof over reception area.



Photo 4 General Ward (Laundry at right rear outside under storage area). End of life room at opposite



end of that space).

Photo 5: Youngest patient. 18 years She is comatose. The contrast of these conditions and the



former site could not be greater.

Fresh countryside air, care and tranquility enable human dignity to survive.

Photo 6 Main Entrance - Kitchen located behind lattice work, Admin/Reception area to right of kitchen. Note decorative woodwork. Staff quarters upstairs. Khun Pairach



Photo 7: Main Reception Area. Note centrifugal ventilators in new roof addition over storage area, at rear of as designed building, these also boost the designed natural air flow circulation.

Wind Chime upper centre of photo. K Prasert and K Pairach



Photo 8: Front View of former Baan Bang Boon site taken 4 Feb 2014. Original gate ↓ incorporated into new design.

