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The Baptism in Hangdong

It was a special day in Hangdong in January 07! About thirty of us gathered at a water hole to witness the baptism of three new Hangdong believers! With joy and awe we sang about the power of the Blood of Jesus, about His victory on the Cross, and about His resurrection life in us, which enables us to shine for His glory! A teenager named **Jibjoy**, who lives with her Buddhist parents and her 3 year old brother, started attending the Kid's Club, then became one of helpers and soon after, gave her heart to the Lord.



On January 28, she made a public confession of her commitment to Jesus by being baptised in water.

A ten year old girl and her brother Jem one day after school led our team to meet **Grandma Peng** and **Uncle Boontham**. The children have lived with their paternal grandmother and uncle ever since the mum left them for another man. The children have never known their mum or their dad, who in prison for drug related charges. Our team discovered them living in a shed with no walls, and the uncle has also been battling with alcoholism most his life. The Hangdong team befriended the family and began helping them in practical ways and as a result, the shed now has walls around the sleeping area and also a kitchen. The team are also providing help for the children's schooling, and Uncle Peng has a desire to be free from the drink. Grandma Peng and Uncle Boontham have both accepted salvation in Jesus last year, and the team since had noticed a remarkable transformation in both their lives. Now been baptised in water they truly have confessed that



Jesus as their only source of hope.

KID'S DAY 2007 IN HANGDONG

January 13, was the National Children's Day or "Wan Dek" of Thailand. On this day, KIDS become the focus of goodwill and generosity! The bombings in Bangkok and in the south marred this year's event due to security procedures. Due to the Hangdong work been always closely linked up with the local education department and the municipal administration, the team was able to proceed as planned. The HD team for two days participated in the events organised by several local schools prior to the actual date assigned nationally. On the actual "Wan Dek" day, the HD team was allocated ample space at the local district office fair grounds to set



up all the team's fun and educational activities. In hind site of this special day for kids the Hangdong team had purchased new Jumping Castle, which was inaugurated at this year's events! This unconventional "ministry tool" proved to be an instant success! The ease of assembly, colourfulness, not to mention the fun factor, offered great possibilities also for future children's and family events!

A children's worker from Australia came and provided excellent hands-on training for the team in planning and constructing activity stations which had proven successful at other Kid's Games. Sheets of cardboard, PVC piping and many other readily available materials were transformed into "challenges" such as a mini-golf range, a mouse swatting contraption, various target throwing games, etc. All these activities were conducted for the first time, and became an instant hit, including face painting, popcorn making as well as real clowns! Most of the HD team members were transformed into funny characters, delighted the kids with their crazy outfits and funny faces. As the kids were mostly accompanied by adults, the team also had great opportunities to build relationships and answer questions. Many uniform-clad govt officials graced the grounds while observing the activities. Trust was built, and at the end of the day, several community leaders came to express their thanks for the Hangdong team's willingness to invest into the life of the next generation in city of Hangdong! We also take this opportunity on behalf of our leaders and the Hangdong team to thank you for your continued financial and prayer support towards this ministry, and pray that the Lord will richly reward you in your concerns for the poor & needy in Hangdong.



Please continue to pray for more children and families such as these will come to know Jesus as their only hope for their future.

RUDY & LARA RUDRESH on behalf of our leaders & the HANGDONG TEAM