## SENDING HOPE INTERNATIONAL



## **Short Term Mission Trips 2021**

Because of the COVID pandemic, Sending Hope International did not sponsor any short term teams in 2020. However, we plan on having teams travel to Thailand & Cambodia in April, July and October of 2021. If you are interested in being a part of one of these teams, please contact our Executive Director, Dr. David Atkins at dcatkins@yahoo.com

## **Sponsorship Spotlight**



My name is Mariam, I will be turning 10 yrs old in November. My favorite color is blue and I would like to become a doctor when I grow up so I can help people.



My name is Sreyneth, I am 9 yrs old and I have 5 older siblings. I would like to be a teacher when I grow up and my favorite color is green. "Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us"

-EPHESIANS 3:20

These two beautiful girls could use a few new sponsors. Mariam lives at our Thailand campus and Sreyneth is new to our Cambodia campus. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these girls, please contact Tanya Woods at chooselife.woods@gmail.com

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## **Education Continues in Thailand & Cambodia**

Our Thailand director, Sunikan Boonthin (Peace) has been attending university classes in Chiang Mai each week to achieve her degree in social work, which is a new requirement for all Thai children's home directors. The subject matter is hard for her and she has to travel by taxi to Chiang Mai (almost 2 hours one way on bad roads) three days a week. This also puts more responsibility on the rest of our staff to care for the girls when she is away. She has about 3 more years of schooling left so your prayers for her are appreciated!





Tawan, our first high school graduate, is enrolled at Rajabhat University in Chiang Rai. She is majoring in education and desires to be a school teacher. She and Ponny, our new staff member, have rented a room near the university and are plugged into a local church with opportunities for ministry. They are also a part of a small Bible study group of young students so they can grow in the Lord. Occasionally, they are able to travel one hour south to join our other girls and staff on our campus in Wiang Pa Pao. Please continue to pray for Tawan and Ponny as they live in Chiang Rai.

Throughout the COVID pandemic, the Thai government had many strict restrictions on our staff and girls. All schools were closed for a long time and shopping was very limited. There were Thai police patrolling the streets and highways preventing people from traveling from town to town, city to city. Thankfully, these restrictions have been lifted significantly and now our girls have been able to go back to school. They must still wear masks at school at all times. Please continue to pray for our girls and staff as they adjust to these restrictions.





Our Cambodian girls are now back in school and things are getting back to normal in Cambodia after the COVID pandemic. Cambodia was not shut down or restricted nearly as much as Thailand was. Our two staff ladies, Thavy and Reaksmey, are doing a wonderful job caring for and teaching our girls! The older girls are learning to care for the younger ones and they are working very well together on tasks such as cooking, washing clothes, cleaning and gardening.