

SPRING UPDATE

2017 got off to a tremendous start thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the parishioners in supporting the first project of the year: **PATTAYA, Thai Children's Trust**. This provides vocational training for vulnerable and exploited women in Pattaya, a notorious destination for sex tourism and human trafficking. The Good Shepherd Sisters run a day care centre for street children and give the women the chance to learn vocational skills to break free from the cycle of exploitation and abuse.

Thanks to the following fund raising efforts and two very generous donations the DWG were able to donate at the end of February **£6,600** to the Pattaya Project:

GREEN BOXES 2016-2017 was the first year for this initiative, a great source of non- event related income. The return and indeed uptake of new boxes in January was especially heartening. If you would like to have a box, please contact Julia Roche 01582 760295 or EmanuelCoy.emanuela.coy@outlook.com

A WINE TASTING and **BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER** (the latter organised by the Ladies Group, who kindly donated the proceeds to the DWG) proved to be great fun - filled occasions while supporting this very worthwhile venture.

LATEST PROJECT: *MOYO BABIES' HOME* (Stage 3)

The DWG want to raise approximately **£2741** for the refurbishment and redecoration of the flushing lavatory block at the Home. This block has been used consistently, for a long period, and has developed a number of cracks which are potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes, thereby exacerbating the threat of malaria. Once the work is complete, it will provide a much cleaner, healthier environment for orphaned or abandoned, vulnerable children under the age of five.

This would be the third stage in the 3 stage process of general refurbishment which commenced with the Stage 1 & 2 Block, both funded by the DWG.

(Re-homing children with families is the ideal. However, it has to be accepted that there is an irreducible minimum of children for whom this is not possible. Under such circumstances, the love and care of the Sisters is a welcome alternative.)

See below, letter of thanks and photos of the Home.



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**The in charge Harpenden
Developing World Group –DWG**

Thru:

International Refugees Trust –IRT.

Dear Brothers and sisters,

RE: APPRECIATION LETTER;

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This short letter serves to thank you for the heartfelt love, care and concern you are giving to Moyo Babies Home by renovating and repainting stage one and Two Houses. The work was successfully completed .

Babies, Children, staff and community around are very grateful seeing the Orphaned and abandoned children stay and sleep in more cleaner Environment which is effort from Harpenden Developing World Group through International Refugee Trust whom the home honour. Sincerely on behalf of Babies, children, Staff and community around; I would like to appreciate the effort of Harpenden Parishioners and IRT Trustees. We thank you so much, we

are offering you our daily prayer that the good Lord May reward you abundantly and grant you your heart's desire.

God bless us all

Sr. Kojoa Maureen.

'whoever, receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (mathew18:5)'

FURTHER EVENTS

Everyone is most welcome. Please save the dates!

- **OPEN GARDEN** **Saturday June 4th.**
- **ANNUAL GOLF DAY** **Friday July 21st.**
- **POP UP OPERA** **Saturday November 4th**