

# Asia Care Foundation

Perhaps you remember. In February 2020 Bob went on a family visit to Australia and exactly then the covid pandemic started. Australia and Thailand closed their borders and the family visit that should last 4 weeks eventually turned into 14 months. Only since the end of April 2021, more than a year later, Bob could finally return to Thailand. Unfortunately his year-visa expired and he had to re-apply. A time consuming and expensive process.

Fortunately Bob was able to arrange that the support by Asia Care Foundation in Thailand continued, during his forced stay in Australia. Meanwhile, time moved on by a year and a half, and the pandemic seems news from the past. News nowadays (in the Western World) is ruled by increasing energy- and food prices, war in Ukraine and inflation. The IMF is expecting inflation of about 4% in Thailand. With the Dutch board we were worrying about the impact of increasing prices on the food care by Asia Care Foundation. However, from calls with Bob, it became clear that our worries regarding the inflation and food prices are barely a topic. Bob is still capable of realizing good prices, based on his trade spirit, high volumes as a buyer and of course his knowledge of the Thai language.



Coming home to Hua Hin, Bob was awaited a less present “surprise”. Earlier he bought a Toyota Hilux pick-up truck with four-wheel drive, specifically for the support-transport in difficult to reach areas. This car was no longer located on his fenced terrain. The same for his 150cc and 300cc scooters. Inside his house, a big part of the furniture seemed to have disappeared as well. The PC, laptop, TV, and all other electronic devices were gone. Could this get worse? Yes, since the house wasn’t occupied, rats took ownership, leaving holes in closets, clothing, books, and everything made of fabric and paper. Needless to say, a true disaster.

Now, a year and a half later, Bob unfortunately still doesn’t have a car. He does have a motorcycle though and they’re trying to make the house habitable again. Total renovation is required and it’s hard to find professional construction workers in Thailand.

Despite all these setbacks Bob continued with all running projects full of energy and enthusiasm. Close to home for example, in Hua Hin, with the financial support (home rental price) of a family in collaboration with the Thai foundation “Power of Love”.

### **Rescue Phetkasem Foundation**

For years already, Bob is collaborating with the Rescue Phetkasem Foundation. This organization offers first aid and (emergency) care and brings wounded or ill people to hospitals with an ambulance if needed. They also offer care to isolated Karen-villages which are only reachable during the dry season. In general, they travel there once or twice a year in a column of about 20 to 35 four-wheel driven pick-ups. They bring (dry) food, secondhand clothing and other care products. Unfortunately Bob can’t participate at the moment, since he doesn’t have a pick-up truck.

### **Asia Care Foundation food- and diaper project**

The food project delivers rice, shrimp pasta, oil, salt and, if needed, diapers and medicines to about 30 households on a monthly basis. Most families have fled from Burma and live in Pala U, Padeng and around. Targeting underprivileged, like disabled people, old sick people and widows with children. Pala U houses a bible school, fulfilling an important regional role in the social cohesion of the underprivileged and of course in education. The school also has a good view on the underprivileged and, amongst others, selects which families need food care.



In 2017, a new family got selected into the program. A medic from the local hospital from Hua Hin pointed out a tragic family situation to Bob; a young Thai mother from Padeng with a multiple disabled daughter (blind, deaf and unable to walk). The girl is five years old now and spent a large part of her young life in the hospital. This family is being supported by the food project with Nutricia milkpowder and diapers.

In 2020 Bob was approached indirectly in Australia, by the Hua Hin hospital, to support a boy in Pala U with diapers. After falling from a tree, this 11-year old boy broke his back, got paralyzed and not housetrained anymore. The hospital gave him a revised wheelchair and another foundation gifted a special mattress. He can't live at home anymore, since the house of his parents is too shabby. For now he can live with a teacher, and Bob promised to temporarily support this boy with diapers on a monthly basis. This support has recently been taken over by a bigger foundation.



## The children's home in Padeng

For eight years already Asia Care Foundation structurally delivers food support to a children's home in Padeng.



This children's home with 24 kids is being managed by a young couple of the Karen-tribe. Past years Bob has been able to offer important support. Asia Care Foundation still delivers rice, shrimp pasta, oil and salt on a monthly basis. Since Bob doesn't have his pick-up anymore, he takes his motorbike to about halfway, to the rice wholesaler and a local Thai market, where he himself buys the food for a good price. People from the bible school in Pala U and the children's home in Padeng take the goods to the right destination.



We want to thank you a lot for your support to our foundation. This enables many support programs which improve and enrich the lives of children, (young)adults and disabled people.

### **Support**

You can support Bob's work in different ways:

1. Send a postcard to Bob van Rijn, P.O. Box 144, Hua Hin Prachuap Kirikhan 77110, Thailand
2. E-mail [bob@asiacarefoundation.org](mailto:bob@asiacarefoundation.org)
3. Donate at IBAN: NL49INGB0005641822, owned by Asia Care Foundation. Money put in this bank account will be used, amongst other things, for the objectives mentioned in this letter.

Best regards,  
Bob, Gerard, Hans and Matthias

### **Spending of funds**

The members of the board do not earn reward for their work for this foundation.

### **Website Asia Care Foundation**

The website of Asia Care Foundation: [www.asiacarefoundation.org](http://www.asiacarefoundation.org). Here you can find more information about the work of Bob. Also his testimony is on the website. The texts have updated in 2021.