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## We rejoice for another precious child that we have been able to rescue!

Ning and her brother were abandoned by their mom when she left them with their dad and grandmother and went to Bangkok to find work. She never looked back to see how the children were doing. Ning's father later died from liver failure due to alcoholism and her mother eventually contracted HIV and died. Ning and her brother, unaware of the fate of their mother, never missed her because they never knew her; she had left them at such a young age. Ning's grandmother was also an alcoholic who would get drunk daily. One day she fell down the stairs, broke her neck and died. Ning was placed in a local orphanage; she was 8 years old. Her brother went to live with an aunt. The aunt didn't want the responsibility for Ning. Ning's brother later had a motorcycle accident and now cannot walk.

Ning struggled in school, especially because of a speech impediment. She fell further and further behind; her teachers just didn't have time for a special needs child; they began to assume that she simply could not learn. **The school system gave up on her and never complained when the orphanage stopped sending her to school, they seemed happy to be rid of the responsibility.**



We met Ning when we first visited the orphanage a few months before it closed. The director found homes and boarding schools for all the children except Ning. It seems that no one wanted to take in a 12 year old, especially one that "could not learn". **Our hearts immediately went out to Ning and when they asked if we could take her, we were so happy.**

Although Ning's life has been full of drama and tragedy, she has settled in with us and seems secure that now she has a family and hope for the future. We have begun teaching her and helping her with speech therapy. She is making wonderful progress and we have found her to be very bright. She is so kind hearted and loves to help around the house.



Nadia, Mew, and Ann.

One evening, we were explaining to the kids how our 10 year old boy, David had chosen his name after hearing the story of King David, the man after God's heart. Ning was impressed and said that she too would like to change her name. **She said "I want to change my name to Nadia."** She didn't know where she had heard it, but that is the name she wanted. **After looking up the meaning, we felt it was from God; "Nadia" means "Hope."** Nadia now has hope, the love of a family, and is coming to know the Lord Jesus. She loves to praise and worship and is now so happy. **We are so thankful to all our partners who have helped us give Nadia the hope and future she deserves.**

## Grace CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

We attended an educators' convention in Bangkok with the School of Tomorrow organization this month and we now have only one more step to take to be able to officially open Grace Christian School. We will attend a week of final training next month in Bangkok. God provided the finances for the fees and travel expenses, and we are so excited to be moving forward. I will tell you more next month about how we are using this tremendous tool to lead people to Christ and to disciple them. **All this was made possible by our faithful partners; thank you so much! Together we are turning on the light of God here in Thailand.**



Educators convention training



Receiving our certificate

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