

# Keeping children safe from Abuse



Providing material and psychological assistance, shelter, medical care and legal aid to child victims of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect and exploitation is vital work.

This year your support has allowed our partners to assist child victims of abuse and build social workers’ skills on case assistance and management.

And for vulnerable and displaced children in rural refugee and migrant communities along the Thailand-Burma border we are making people aware of their children’s rights and how to protect them.

We run regular awareness campaigns for parents and children, birth registration days and child trafficking workshops and offer legal assistance to unaccompanied stateless children living in shelters and safe houses.

In 2022, training will aim to ensure people from Myanmar in Thailand have access to protection in respect of all human rights.

Your support will allow a group of small, committed organisations to work together to strengthen the capacity and skills of child protection staff, teachers and boarding house workers.

To Increase the awareness and understanding of child protection issues we will support a full-time Child Protection professional trainer to train over 500 teachers on child protection principles and 9000 students will receive awareness raising training to keep them safe.

# Every child safe in a loving family

## A message from our patron

Jesus was born into a world full of dangers; into poverty, with no home, a tyrannical ruler seeking his life, and spending his first years as an exile in Egypt.

It was Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family, who kept him safe. We see the same Jesus in the lives of all the children we try to keep safe.

This Christmas, I wish to thank all supporters of Safe Child Thailand and to wish you and your families every blessing and a very happy Christmas.

Rt Rev Marcus Stock  
Bishop of Leeds



In 2022 with your support we will strive to keep even more children in Thailand safe in a loving family

## How you can help

On average it cost less than £40 to help each of the 15,434 children you helped last year

£40 can help protect a child from neglect, abuse or exploitation

£17 a month can keep a family together through income support

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## Thank you for your continued support.

Peter Bradley, CEO, would be delighted to discuss any aspect of our work with you. Please call the office, email us or send a letter.

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# Keeping each and every child safe

## Thank You!

2021 has been a tough year for many people around the world.

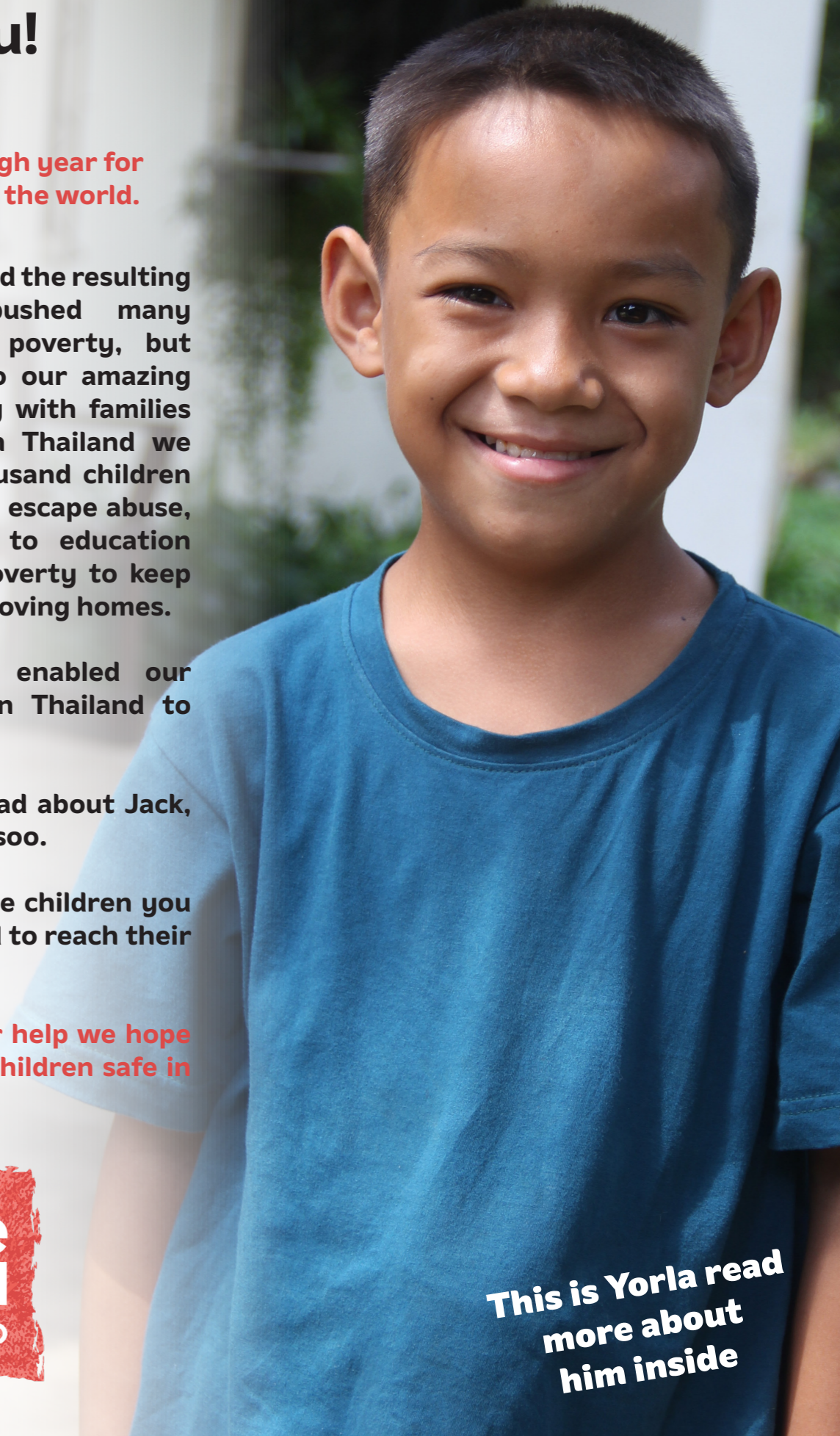
In Thailand COVID and the resulting lockdown have pushed many more people into poverty, but last year, thanks to our amazing supporters, working with families and communities in Thailand we helped over 15 thousand children and family members escape abuse, enjoy their rights to education and to overcome poverty to keep children safe and in loving homes.

Your support has enabled our amazing partners in Thailand to change lives.

Turn the page to read about Jack, Poom, Yorla and Yorsoo.

- just a few of the children you helped keep safe and to reach their potential.

Next year with your help we hope to keep even more children safe in a loving family



This is Yorla read more about him inside

# Keeping Poom in a loving family

**With your support, our partners are working hard to reach some of the poorest of families in Thailand, to strengthen their communities and keep families together.**

Poom's father died of heart failure when she was only two years old; unfortunately, he was the family's sole provider. Poom and her mother were both left with no means to earn any money.

Poom was born with a long-standing medical condition that, if not treated, can cause her to deteriorate extremely quickly. With no job and little money, Poom's mother felt unable to care for her.

As a result, her mother contacted a centre you support in Rayong province, and both Poom and her mother came to stay at the centre. They settled in well and were provided with the necessary welfare services.

Once settled, Poom started her first year of kindergarten at the centre and her mother was able to look for a job. She found a job within the local fishing community and today, Poom has graduated from kindergarten and her mother has an occupation that means she can start caring for Poom again.

The best environment for a child is with their family, so Poom returned home to live with her mother in April, and they both became part of our partners' Home Care Project. The Home Care Project is provided to strengthen families and keep them together.

The Home Care Project helps provide everyday supplies and cover educational costs to families, as well as training programmes to give the tools and skills to overcome poverty. They visit families regularly to make sure that their living conditions are stable.

**Thanks to your support, Poom can now grow in a safe loving family and her mother can make sure she has the medical care she needs.**



*Poom's graduation*

# Meet Yorla and Yorsoo

Every child has a right to an identity and access to healthcare and an education

Yorsoo and Yorla are brothers who joined our Child Sponsorship Programme when they were just 5 and 7 years old. Their mother had never reported their birth to the government which meant they had no form of identification.

Because they were never registered, they were never enrolled in the formal education system due to a lack of official documents. With no proof of their right to an education, they could not attend school or receive any health care services.

As part of our Birth Registration Programme, our partner arranged for Yorsoo and Yorla to receive their official documents, allowing them to begin formal education.

Thanks to your support, today, Yorsoo and Yorla are both in Grade 2 at school and are excelling in all of their subjects.



*Yorsoo in grade 2*

# The Happy Garden



# Helping Jack reach his potential

**Jack has faced a lot of challenges in his life.**

When Jack was just one years old, he became very ill and was taken to hospital by his parents. He was severely malnourished and had a fever, it was there that he was diagnosed as being HIV positive and was very likely to face disabilities due to an impairment on the left side of his body. After his diagnosis, his parents, already struggling with poverty and overwhelmed by the challenges he faced, abandoned him.

Jack lived in the hospital for six years and was loved by all the nurses and doctors.

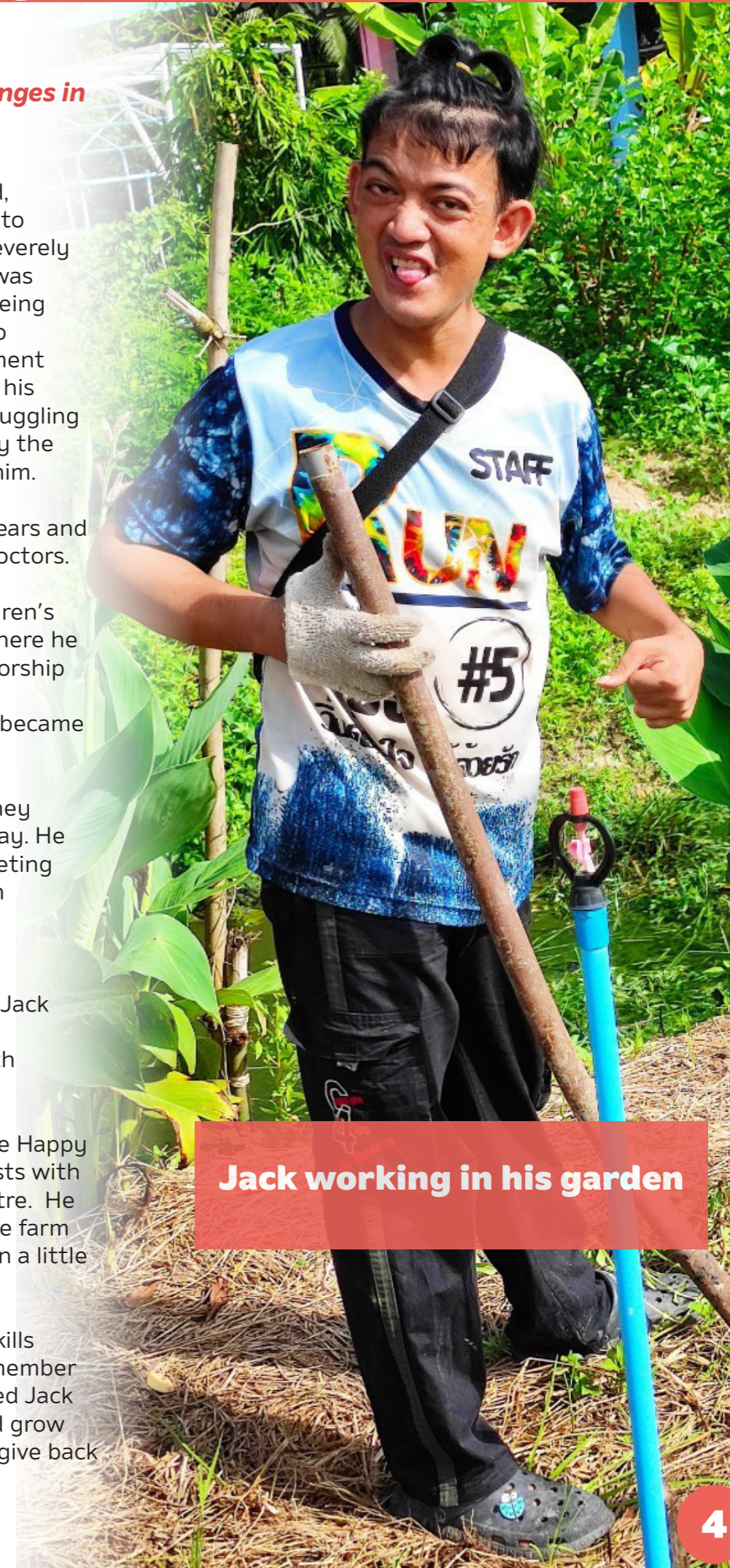
Then he was referred to the Children's Home you support in Bangkok, where he became a part of our Child Sponsorship Programme. He was given the medication he required and soon became strong and healthy!

Jack started his educational journey and grew more confident every day. He received a certificate after completing secondary school and soon began working at the child care centre, caring for vulnerable children.

Our partner provided training for Jack so he could continue to learn and coordinated his hospital visits with health officials.

Today, Jack lives by himself at The Happy Garden, where he works. He assists with the general farm work at the centre. He also has a small plot of land on the farm where he grows food and can earn a little extra money.

Jack is constantly learning new skills allowing him to live as an active member in society. Your support has helped Jack weather the storms of his life and grow into a young adult who wants to give back to the community.



**Jack working in his garden**