

Dear Sievert,

On behalf of the New Life Center Foundation's staff and scholarship recipients, I thank you for your generous support in 2009!

It was wonderful to see you in November. The staff and residents wish for me to tell you that you are always welcome! As a brief update, please allow me to share the following:

- The NLCF has continued to work with victims of human trafficking, all forms of labor exploitation, and sexual abuse (we received a total of 21 new referrals in the short period period from July-November, 2009). We've developed better art, dance, and music therapy modules since 2003, and these activities are bearing much fruit in terms of help for the girls. The laws in Thailand keep improving regarding repatriation and caring for victims of trafficking who are not Thai citizens, so this is also a great help.

- We have continued our partnership with the U.S. State Department's Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons ("G/TIP") to implement anti-trafficking and safe migration campaigns for ethnic minorities throughout northern Thailand, southwestern China and northwestern Laos.

- Because trafficking is directly related to labor migration and lack of economic empowerment, we are implementing a major micro-enterprise development project in 2010- 2012. Melanne Verveer, the U.S. State Department's current Ambassador for Global Women's Issues, visited this past December to talk more about these issues with the NLCF staff and me; we were quite honored by her visit!

Because of the generous support of the Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation, we have seen an enormous increase in applicants for educational scholarships. We have spent the past two months screening these applicants and the final lists of selected students are attached here.

For the upcoming educational year of May, 2010- April, 2011, the New Life Center Foundation submits this appeal to the Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation for a grant of THAI BAHT 1,555,000.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NLCF staff and me with any questions. On behalf of the ethnic minority girls and young women that we serve, I thank the Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation for your consideration of this appeal. **Truly, the staff and I simply cannot thank you enough.**

Sincerely Yours,

Karen Smith
Representative
New Life Center Foundation