

# Saiyarak AIDS Group

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE



Saiyarak, which means stream of love and concern, is a group of 13 women and 21 children - all people living with HIV and AIDS helping and caring for themselves and those impacted by the disease in their communities.

Bua, in Nan Province, northern Thailand, has been significantly affected by AIDS over the last 21 years. Saiyarak is a local initiative that aims to support those living with HIV and AIDS through:

- income generation projects,
- support groups,
- helping children and orphans with food and educational costs,
- educating the next generation about sexuality and AIDS awareness.

The project is competently administered by the leaders of the group who are fully accountable to those who support them. Those who benefit from the income support projects return some funds to the group, but the bulk of the budget comes from international donors.

**Education Funds:** Young people aged from 10 to 21 are supported through primary, secondary and tertiary education. There are currently three young people in tertiary studies with two having qualified to work in nursing and teaching. Annual support costs are \$750 for tertiary students (study and living away from home costs), \$400 for secondary students and \$300 for primary age students.

If you would like to support the Saiyarak group then turn to the back of this form for details on how to become a **Friends of Saiyarak** supporter.

**100% OF SUPPORT GOES TO THE GROUP**

If you'd like any more details, call the church office (08 8270 1800) or email:

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