



from Holland descended on Don Wai for a wedding. If all works out well, the boys will move there in late March. The building has a kitchen, recreation room with TV, and a laundry machine for them. We still have not addressed the problem of girls who have mental development problems, but hope for co-operation from the Good Shepherd sisters who live less than 30 kilometers from Sarnelli. We had enough money from Gary Smith to replace the roof on Sarnelli House, plus the ceiling. We re-wired all houses with suspect wiring. This time the electrical work was done by a licensed electrician. Father Ole came in contact with a group in Bangkok called the "Spoofers". This group donated 100 desks for the children, so they do not have to do their homework on the floor. Each house now has "study halls", using these sturdy desks.

Our college graduates are all doing very well. They have jobs and are happy and focused, and seem very mature and responsible. Like every other place, college expenses and food and board expenses are rising rapidly. We have 14 students in college right now. Eleven are from Sarnelli House, and three are from our Outreach Program. We started the year with more college kids than this, but the last year kids are out practice-working in their last semester, and will have jobs with whomever they are training. This year, Sarnelli House has 10 kids about to graduate to the college level, plus four from our Outreach program. I am not sure as to how many will actually enter college, but it will be a substantial number!

Early in the summer, Ms. Gung, who is head honcho at Sarnelli House, and her husband and young son lived in a house I had built on the grounds of Nazareth House. In the meantime, they were developing a piece of land they owned in Pai Si Tong into a small resort. They moved there, so before heading home in July, I had a crew in to build bathrooms and showers, and also tear down an old garage attached to the house. We built a nice new bakery in its place. We have modern machinery to mix dough and a big oven, etc. Two of our girls Cebo and Wanphen, went to the baking school of the Holy Infant Jesus nuns in Khonkaen. Now, Sister Dominic comes every couple months and stays with the children, teaching them more and more baking lessons. Other girls have joined in, and they bake cakes, cookies, brownies, breads and other stuff for our six houses. The houses have to pay for their orders, and the girls can buy more flour and ingredients, and have some money for themselves as well. These girls have AIDS, so we have not ventured out to sell the produce (no one would catch AIDS eating our bakery goods, but some people are still quite ignorant about the disease). We have not named this house, but it also has the computers lodged there. The study hall and dining hall are at Nazareth House, for both groups of girls, who number 23 kids.

Our two blind children, Mr. Bank and Miss Nut, are now able to attend the Wiengkham public high school, which is only 4 kilometers from Sarnelli House. Both are amazing with their ability to study and use computers and have learned Braille. Both kids learned to play ukulele. In the fall, Dr. Praphan Phanupak, a physician to the Princess Soamsawali Foundation visited our children. Dr. Praphan is an expert in the treatment of AIDS and AIDS-related issues. Fr. Joe Ole requested that Miss Nut be chosen by him to be put under the patronage of Princess Soamsawali. This request was granted.