



1Step2Step News...



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WWW

We are pleased to announce that the 1Step2Step website is now up and running, please check it out at www.1step2step.org

Helping Individuals

An extra child (pictured) recently came to Nicola's attention and thanks to the financial help given by 1Step2Step we are now able to make his little life better. He has to wear colostomy bags, as he cannot pass waste. We have been able to organise the buying of the bags he needs so that he will not have to use out-of-date ones.

One of Nicola's children regularly goes home to be with her parents returned to the orphanage after her last visit and quickly deteriorated due to the contrast in circumstances. Nicola is seeking to find out if there is anyway 1Step2Step can support the family to enable her to stay home for longer periods or permanently.



Training

The orphanage has accepted the offer of 1Step2Step to send a trainer in baby massage from the UK to run sessions for staff, volunteers and parents. The details of this are yet to be arranged, however this will be a significant step in helping to stimulate the children and build relationships between them and those caring for them.

Nicola has developed a good relationship with a charity called The Promise that works in an orphanage in Russia. She hopes to visit them in October to learn how they apply the principles of Portage to more severely handicapped children in an institutionalised setting.

Nicola's Children



Nicola has been borrowing foam supports for working with her small group of children, and has now been able to buy some of these very useful aids for 1Step2Step.

One of her group has his father visit daily. He is a Taxi Driver, and Nicola hopes to have him drive them whenever taking the children on outings to support the family.

Having had trouble holding the children's concentration in the big room Nicola has been offered the use of a small room to use for portage sessions.

Visitors

Martin Bateman (a friend from Lancaster) went to see Nicola whilst in Bangkok for 3 days with his work with OM. He took some useful and luxury items to help and encourage her.

Nicola's friend Alistair visited in February on holiday and was able to help take the children on outings and take some photos, including this one of Nicola with Siwak and Wat.

Joan & Brian Robinson (friends from Lancaster currently based in the Philippines) are visiting at end of the month as in Bangkok on training course.

Nicola's mum, Sally, is going to visit in early April and hopes to use her skills as a behavioural education worker to help with some of the more able children in the orphanage and to support Nicola in other ways.

Julie Purvis, who works in a special school in the Lancaster, is visiting in the summer to help Nicola write Individual Education Plans for the children and to teach Nicola how to do this in the future.

There are also plans for a student physiotherapist to visit the project in mid-summer.

Sarah Pilling, 1Step2Step volunteers' co-ordinator, hopes to visit towards the end of the summer to enable her to better advise volunteers in the future and to support Nicola in her work.



Nicola

The Thai Church Nicola attends is looking to physically expand as it is regularly full. It is a lively place, which organises a full programme of events and charitable work. Hopefully the development will mean Nicola can take some of the children to services, as there will be room for wheelchairs.

Nicola has recently had some disturbance from her neighbours and would appreciate your prayers for her peace of mind, especially at night.

Prayer & Support

Please pray for the work of 1Step2Step detailed here and for Nicola and the committee as they seek to serve God in this work in Thailand.

Do you know of any organisation, school or church that would like to hear about our work? A member of the team would be happy to come and talk about 1Step2Step, so please contact us to make arrangements at info@1step2step.org.

If you are interested in supporting this work financially or would like to join the 1Step2Step prayer network do contact us at info@1step2step.org.

If you would like to contact Nicola directly please do so via info@1Step2Step.org.