



LEE AND LYN MORRIS

Serving in Thailand

Nuut, a Thai co-worker with Lyn and Lee, described Baan Handicrafts as a love story – God’s love, our love, their love – a love for work, a love to work and a love of life. This is despite the difficulties many participants have, living with AIDS. Through Baan Handicrafts, many people experience God’s love which was previously unknown to them.

The aim of Baan Handicrafts, which Lee and Lyn established, is to empower people through handicraft production, generating income for the marginalised who are living on the edge of society because of poverty and/or being affected by HIV/AIDS.

Lee and Lyn write, “In the business enterprise of Baan Handicrafts, we trust that this is a place through which kingdom values are being brought to our local communities. We want to be seen as a business with a difference, with the aim of being there primarily for the ones at the ground level, not merely a money-making venture. We want to be seen to have integrity and transparency in all our dealings. We want it to be a place where Jesus’ love is evident to all who come – producers, customers and visitors.”

For just over 20 years, Lee and Lyn have been living cross-culturally outside of Australia, working with Australian Baptists. Their children are Caleb, Joshua, Benjamin and Daniel, who are all settled in Australia, and Rebekah, who attends Hebron school in India.

They completed an assignment in Bangladesh (1989-1997). Then in 1999 they joined the Global Interaction team in northern Thailand. “We believe God is using our skills to present the claims of Jesus to those who may never have heard them. This is mission in a handicraft business environment, operating with community development principles.”

Lee and Lyn are seconded to Service Fellowship International for their handicrafts work.

Lee and Lyn write, “Please pray for:

- Baan Handicrafts: its influence in urban Chiang Mai; new phases in its growth and development as work expands into new communities in the city and as the project works toward self-sufficiency; and its staff and producers, that all will see Jesus as being relevant in a Thai context and will grow in faith.
- Lee and Lyn: relationships centred around the Baan Handicrafts program; enthusiasm and motivation in empowering staff, encouraging them in their skill development and in making the project sustainable; being at home without the children and parenting at a distance.
- Rebekah: schooling away from home in India – good health; safety as she travels; ongoing growth in faith.”