



During the last week of October, Mercy International / House of Mercy Foundation's HIV+ children and teenagers travelled by bus to Pattaya to have four fun filled days at the beach. The children entertained their Carers, staff and volunteers on the ten hour bus ride with Karaoke and loads of laughter.

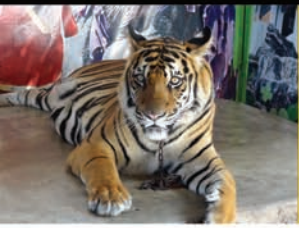
During the four days they visited a beautiful, well established zoo where they saw animals they have only ever seen in picture books. They also visited the exquisite Nonnoch Gardens where they watched in awe at Thailand's best elephant show, plus traditional Thai dancing, Thai boxing and other world class presentations. On their final day they were hosted at the Royal Varuna Yacht club. The host and staff plus friends of the yacht club put on an amazing day for our special HIV+ kids. They were provided with an "all you could eat" lunch plus sailing, swimming and an afternoon of games and craft.

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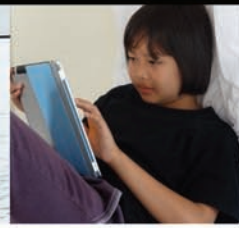




THE CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WRITE WHAT THEY LOVED THE MOST...



Enjoy Reading Their Comments



Zuu: "I found the zoo interesting, it touched my heart to find so many animals in beautiful surroundings and I had the privilege to see them. I also loved swimming each day at the beach"

On: "I loved seeing everything but best of all I loved the elephant show. The elephants were so clever especially when they played soccer and painted pictures of flowers. It was great fun feeding them bananas after the show"

Maht: "I loved being at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club – it was a lovely place by the beach and the people were so nice. The lunch was delicious and I also liked going sailing and swimming"

Oum: "I loved the beach and having fun with my friends in the water. I thought the elephants were so clever when they performed in the show"

Dtom: "I loved everything especially watching the monkeys at the zoo, they made me laugh"

Toto: "I enjoyed seeing the tiger, birds and the hippo at the zoo. I was amazed to see such beautiful gardens with some of the shrubs cut into the shape of animals"

Ing: "I loved walking along the beach collecting shells best of all and I also enjoy seeing all the animals at the zoo"

Pim: "I loved swimming and playing in the sand and being at the Yacht Club, especially in the afternoon when we decorated the biscuits"

Sai: "I loved everything! Especially the games and activities at the Yacht Club"

Wasan: "It was a great holiday and I loved everything – best of all was seeing the elephants play soccer, they were so good"

Bass: "Going sailing at the Yacht Club was such good fun! I also enjoyed sitting by the pool talking to my friends"

Nuiy: "I had lots of fun swimming and building sand castles with my friends"

Mac: "It was such a great holiday and I loved everything we saw and did; but best of all was being at the Yacht Club, the people were so kind and friendly"

Kaanit: "I loved the zoo, there were animals there I have only seen in pictures. The gardens were so beautiful, thank you God for your amazing creation"

Oy: "I loved the beach and playing with my friends in the water. We stayed at a lovely place and we only had to walk across the road to the beach"

Dtom-Tam: "We had great fun on the bus especially singing along with Karaoke, the trip to the beach seemed to go much quicker. I also loved the zoo, gardens and swimming"

Orm: "I loved feeding the monkeys and seeing the snake named Rabbit"

Captain: "Best of all I enjoyed being at the Yacht Club, everyone was so nice to us. I also loved the zoo, seeing so many animals in real life was amazing"

Nok: "I had lots of fun taking photos of everything I saw at the zoo, the gardens and the beach. One of the volunteers was so kind and allowed me to use her big expensive camera"

Moo: "I loved everything! It was a wonderful holiday. Sailing at the Yacht Club was an exciting time – I loved it"

Cat: "We stayed at a lovely place, across the road from the beach. I had lots of fun with my friends sitting near the beach eating snacks and talking with my friends"

May: "I had lots of fun seeing everything but I enjoyed being at the yacht Club - being involved with the organised games our Yacht Club friends put on especially for us"

Mooham: "It was the best holiday! I was so happy and excited to see the animals, the gardens and all the beautiful shows"

Nueng-Pueng: "I loved the elephant show and the beautiful Thai dancing performance. The Thai girls were so beautiful and graceful in their dancing"

Boeing: "I loved walking around the gardens seeing all the beautiful flowers, trees and shrubs. It was amazing to see real tigers and lions at the zoo"

Somo: "The people at the Yacht Club were so kind and generous towards us in allowing us to have a very special day – Thank you!"

Sanya: "I loved the special Thai cultural shows. The Thai boxing was fun to watch, the men were so quick on their feet. The elephants were very clever and it was fun feeding them bananas, they can eat a lot!"

Art: "Seeing the animals in real life at the zoo was very special to me"

Sai-Jai: "I'll never forget how wonderful it was to be at the beach, to see the animals at the zoo and to spend time at the Yacht Club"

Ahung: "I loved spending time at the Yacht Club with my friends and all the special volunteers who came to help and be with us – it was a great holiday"

Sutida: "The beach holiday was the best! We had lots of fun on the bus travelling down to Pattaya. The Karaoke was lots of fun"

At: "The place where we stayed was very nice and the people were friendly and kind. I loved the food and snacks"

Pam: "I loved all the animals at the zoo especially the baby pigs! Swimming and playing with my friends at the beach was loads of fun"

Aer: "I was overwhelmed to see so many animals in real life. The monkeys were funny and I loved giving bananas to the elephants – They eat a lot!"

Sujaree: "I'm so thankful I was able to go on the beach holiday. We had lots of fun at the zoo, the gardens and the Yacht Club was a special place to visit"



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE ROYAL VARUNA YACHT CLUB



Rob and I had the privilege of being with the children and teenagers on their amazing beach holiday. It was special to see these children who came to Mercy international / House of Mercy Foundation very sick and some at death's door, now so healthy, full of life and having loads of fun at the beach. Thank you to everyone, especially those who gave the finances, and those who came as volunteers to make this holiday possible.

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On Behalf of Mercy International / House of Mercy Foundation

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