



# Jesuit Foundation-Prison Ministry

## Annual Report

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# **Prison Ministry Annual Report 2013**

## **Brief History and Objectives**

**The Jesuit Foundation** is a local Thai registered foundation based in Thailand; it is run by the Society of Jesus in Thailand (Jesuits Thailand). The Jesuit Foundation Committee is comprised of Jesuit priests and Thai lay people. The foundation was registered in 1967 and given the register number # 510. The Foundation's objectives are to promote moral and religious activities for students, support for the poor and those at the margins, namely prisoners, detainees, refugees, etc. The "Prison Ministry" is one of the programs of the Jesuit Foundation.

**The Prison Ministry** is a project which assists/supports/serves criminals who are held in different prisons within Thailand. The project was initiated by Fr.Olivier Morin, S.J., and it was started in October 1991. On 1 August 2009, this ministry was handed over to Ms.Vilaiwan Phokthavi. At present we have about 1,557 prisoners in our care, plus about 150 patients in the prison hospital.

### **OBJECTIVE**

#### **Our target group is the prisoners who are poor and have no visitors.**

We visit about 10 prisons and 1 prison hospital. We aim to visit each prisoner at least once a month. We talk with them as we would do with our friends, brothers/sisters, family. We provide basic needed items such as toiletries, clothes, supplementary food, medicine, etc.

From our visits, we also receive several request for help : request to contact their family, help to follow up their case at court, transfer treaty, change of prison, change of building, music instruments, books, bible, etc. We also try to respond to their letters in order to keep them company.

### **Positive Points and Obstacles during 2013**

#### **Positive Points**

Firstly, in July this year, our ministry is once again able to visit Klong Pai Men's Prison, Nakornrachasima. For almost two years (2011-2012), we were not allowed to visit inside because of the policy of the prison. Therefore, the permission to re-visit this year was very good news because there are more than 200 prisoners there whom we are helping. We remember how happy the prisoners were when we visited them in July. Although we still cannot distribute necessary items during monthly visiting as we do at other prisons, still we bring joy and encouragement to them through games, singing, telling good stories, etc. Unexpectedly, this December we were given the permission to give some items as the Christmas gifts for the prisoners here.

Secondly, we are once again able to visit Bangkwang Prison and to see more prisoners each day. Since last year, in December 2012, the prison's authority limited each of our staff to visit only one prisoner a day. With about 341 prisoners whom we are helping, we could not meet all the prisoners every month. In October this year, we were successful in negotiating with the Bangkwang Prison director; he agreed and gave us the permission to visit 5-6 prisoners each day.

Thirdly, this year, we have a chance of visiting the prisoners' families in Suwannaket Laos. The purpose of this trip was to give encouragement and to create right understanding for the family. Many of the prisoners have been far from their family for quite long; thus they

are really concerned about their family and children at home. Our trip to Laos, March 14-23, 2013, was very significant. The feedback from the 40 families we met was very good. We had a time for sharing and talking with them, mainly to link with prisoners, perhaps even more important, we were able to talk to the villagers about the danger of drug trafficking and its negative consequences.

### **Obstacles**

Firstly, since December last year, we are not allowed to visit Bangkwang Prison hospital, because of its new policy and the new director of the prison. This was very sad because, since the time of Fr. Olivier as the first director, our ministry has been already visiting and distributing necessary items in this hospital. Besides, we realized that there was much value in encouraging the sick prisoners during their difficult moments. Thus, we feel this loss, and so we asked permission to re-visit. At the moment, the only thing that we can do is to contact some sick prisoners through letters. We still wish that someday we will be able to visit Bangkwang Prison hospital again.

Secondly, during Christmas season, we usually prepare the special gifts to all prisoners; but this year we are not able to give those items to the prisoners in Bangkwang Prison. It was the same reason that we mentioned above, about the change of prison policy. We are disappointed with this as well, because to give the Christmas gifts is an opportunity for the prisoner to receive some special items. However we deposit money for them instead.

### **Prison Ministry Team 2013**

Last year, from May, 2012, we had only 5 members in our team. During 2013 we have two new members: Mr. Thanandorn Saiprom and Bro. Nopparat Ruangoon, S.J. Our team becomes a team of seven once again.

<u>Staff Name</u>	<u>Language used to Communicate with Prisoners</u>
Ms. Vilaiwan Phokthavi	English, Thai
Ms. Saijit Kuladilok	English, Vietnamese, Thai
Mrs Saranya Kheowuom	Thai
Mr. Povanart Poteethum	Lao, Thai
Mr. Khuanchai Pimkhate	Lao, Thai
Mr. Thanandorn Saiprom from 1 April 2013	English, Thai
Bro. Nopparat Ruangoon, SJ from 12 July 2013	English, Indonesian, Burmese, Thai



*Our team from 12 July 2013 on...,  
Photo from Left to Right :*

*Stand : Mr. Khuanchai Pimkhate (Sam);  
Bro. Nopparat Ruangoon, SJ (Bee);  
Mr. Povanart Poteethum (Tohm);  
Mr. Thanandorn Saiprom (Kaew)*

*Sit : Ms. Saijit Kuladilok ;  
Ms. Vilaiwan Phokthavi (Kep);  
Mrs Saranya Kheowuom (Tai)*

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>					
<b>PRISON MINISTRY</b>					
<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>					
<b>PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2013 - 31 DECEMBER 2013</b>					
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>THB</b>	<b>EURO</b>		
<b>Foreign Donations</b>		<b>4,239,485</b>	<b>105,987</b>		
	<i>Jesuit Mission Australia</i>	<i>2,171,555</i>			
	<i>Missionsprokur (Germany) Eur 30,000</i>	<i>1,124,661</i>			
	<i>Jesuit Mission Switzerland</i>	<i>468,000</i>			
	<i>Jesuit Canada Prvince C\$4,065</i>	<i>119,310</i>			
	<i>St. Louis de Gonzague Franklin Eu 2,000</i>	<i>86,262</i>			
	<i>From Germany via Missionsprokur Eu 3,825</i>	<i>154,362</i>			
	<i>Fr. Jan Stuyt</i>	<i>59,380</i>			
	<i>Donors from Canada</i>	<i>53,222</i>			
	<i>Other donor</i>	<i>2,733</i>			
<b>Local - Donation</b>		<b>203,857</b>	<b>5,096</b>		
	<i>Mater Dei School</i>	<i>164,301</i>			
	<i>Other Local donations</i>	<i>33,556</i>			
	<i>Donation from Ex-prisoners</i>	<i>6,000</i>			
<b>Interest</b>		<b>24,110</b>	<b>603</b>		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS (A)</b>		<b>4,467,452</b>	<b>111,686</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Actual expenses</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>% used</b>
		<b>THB</b>	<b>Eur equiv.</b>	<b>THB</b>	
<b>Operation Expenses</b>		<b>2,090,941</b>	<b>52,274</b>	<b>2,110,000</b>	<b>99%</b>
	<i>Personnel expenses</i>	<i>1,752,191</i>	<i>43,805</i>	<i>1,670,000</i>	<i>105%</i>
	<i>Office Rent</i>	<i>261,000</i>	<i>6,525</i>	<i>342,000</i>	<i>76%</i>
	<i>Office Equipment &amp; Supplies</i>	<i>25,390</i>	<i>635</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>102%</i>
	<i>Communication-ph/fax/net/www</i>	<i>8,876</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>15,000</i>	<i>59%</i>
	<i>Vehicle exp &amp; maintenance</i>	<i>35,671</i>	<i>892</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>71%</i>
	<i>Other expenes</i>	<i>7,813</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>8,000</i>	<i>98%</i>
<b>Assistance to Prisoners</b>		<b>2,052,163</b>	<b>51,304</b>	<b>2,290,000</b>	<b>90%</b>
	<i>Women Prisons</i>	<i>131,200</i>	<i>3,280</i>	<i>220,000</i>	<i>60%</i>
	<i>Alms for Prisoners</i>	<i>52,172</i>	<i>1,304</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>35%</i>
	<i>Supplies for Prisoners</i>	<i>816,911</i>	<i>20,423</i>	<i>900,000</i>	<i>91%</i>
	<i>Transportation to Prisons</i>	<i>129,124</i>	<i>3,228</i>	<i>140,000</i>	<i>92%</i>
	<i>Medical Prescription</i>	<i>90,266</i>	<i>2,257</i>	<i>80,000</i>	<i>113%</i>
	<i>Christmas Gift</i>	<i>723,204</i>	<i>18,080</i>	<i>700,000</i>	<i>103%</i>
	<i>Special Program</i>	<i>109,286</i>	<i>2,732</i>	<i>100,000</i>	<i>109%</i>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (B)</b>		<b>4,143,104</b>	<b>103,578</b>	<b>4,400,000</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES (A-B)</b>		<b>324,348</b>	<b>8,108</b>		
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE FROM 2012</b>		<b>1,366,963</b>	<b>34,174</b>		
<b>BALANCE FORWARD TO 2014</b>		<b>1,691,311</b>	<b>42,283</b>		
<b>EXCHANGE RATE 1 EURO = 40 THB</b>					

## **Financial Analysis**

### **Operation Expenses :**

Personnel : cost over budget 5% because in the budget I forget to calculate the pension fund of the staff, and also a small stipend for one Jesuit (Bro. Nopparat Ruangoon, S.J.).

Office Rent : Xavier Hall considered to reduce the rent for our office and storage room down to 15,000 (from 28,000) from July 2013 on, the expenses are lower than the budget by 76%  
For the overall Operation Cost we spent close to our budget, 99%

### **Assistance to Prisoners :**

Women Prisons : help women at Central Women prison Klong Perm, spent 60% of the budget; this because some prisoners were released or moved to another prison or did not show up for our visits.

Alms for Prisoners : spent 35% many times we could not help them in time when they were released.

Supplies for prisoners and Transportation to Prison we kept the budget

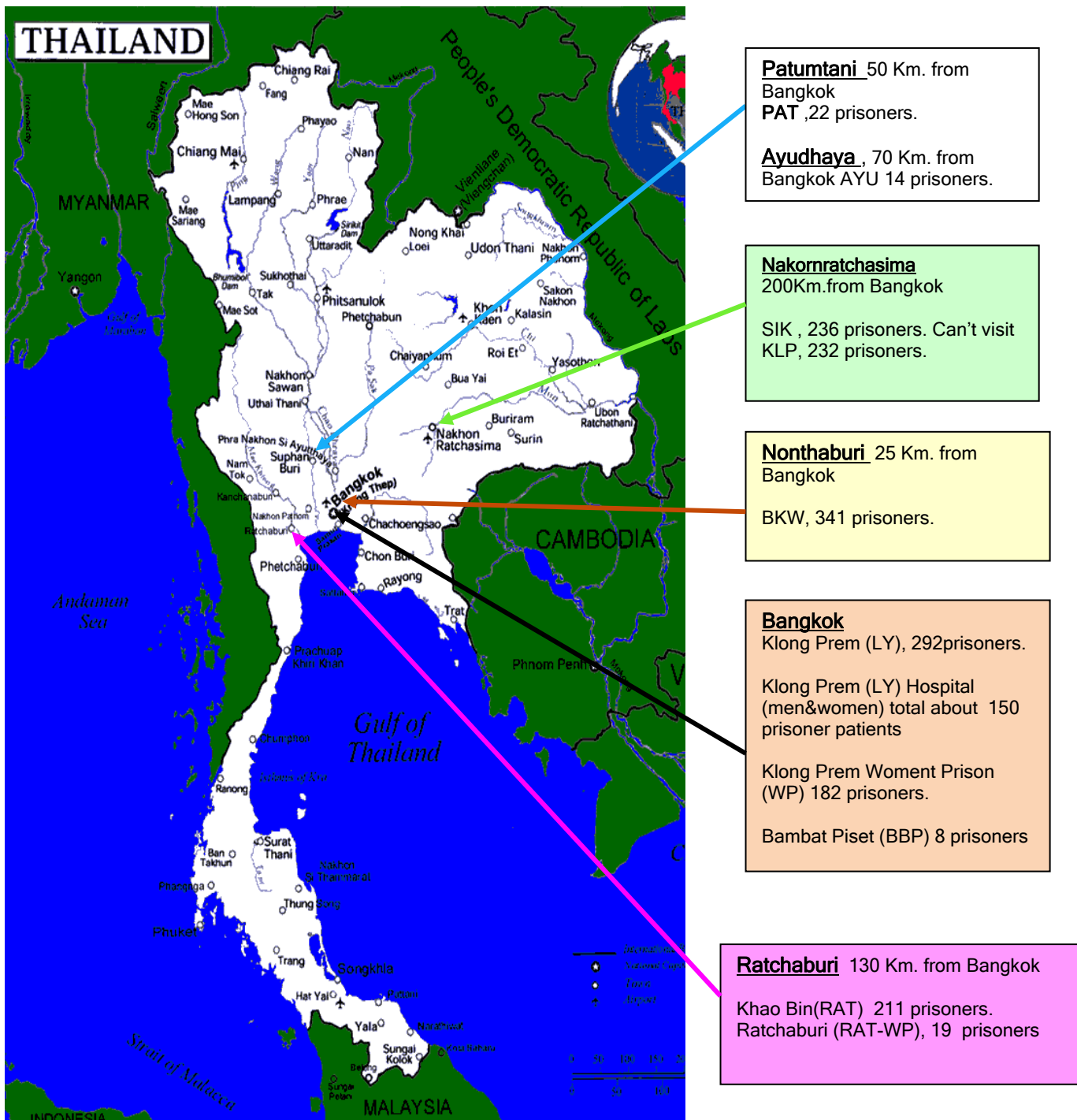
Medical prescription – over budget 13%, because this year we budgeted a bit low for medical ( based on previous year expenses), while this year we had to help 4 serious cases that needed surgical treatment, total of 47,000; and we gave 2 prosthesis @6,500= 13,000 and we took medical doctor with nurse and medicine to give treatment inside Rachaburi Women Prison one trip cost = 5,000; this made the total of 65,000 baht; the rest (25,266 baht) helped several other prisoners for medicine and small treatment.

Christmas Gift : over budget 3%; when we made budget, we thought that we could not give any Christmas gifts for Klong Pai Men prison (SIK) However we were allowed to give, so this was over the budget.

Special Program : Under the special program, we planned for any special work that we might possibly do during the year. In 2013 the total spent of 109,286 Bht consisted of :

- 43,812 Bht- spent on trip to Laos to visit about 40 families of Laotian prisoners. : total spent being expenses of the trip for 4 staff for 10 days; this included cost of meals, transportation, accommodation in Laos and at the Thai border, plus one computer note book for use during our trip (which will then be used in our office by our new staff, Mr.Kaew).
- 38,590 Bht- Presentation of Prison Ministry work at Seven Fountain Church, Chiangmai on Sun 16 June 2013. The cost comprised of the presentation panel (bht 19,380) and expenses of our whole team for travel (gas&food) for 4days (14-17 June) cost 19,210. It was our first time for public presentation; we tried to be professional, so we hired an expert to help with our panel; the cost was quite high, but we hope we can use this for the future.
- 26,884 Bht - Support families of Nepalese prisoners - Kep made contact, network with Nepal Jesuits and was able to visit some of the families of Nepalese prisoners in Kathmandu (during Kep's holiday in Dec 2012); since then we cooperate with the Nepal Jesuits to help the children for education. Through Fr.Arul S.J (Nepal Jesuit) we gave alms of 23,000 Bht for Nepalese prisoners' families in Katmandu; another 3,884 was the cost for the visit of Fr.Arul when he came to Bangkok in Nov. and we brought him to visit the Nepalese prisoners in three prisons (BKW, WP, LY); we gave special items for Nepalese under Fr.Arul's name as gift linking with their families. The network brought a lot of joy to our Nepalese prisoners. Kep and Fr.Arul also made a visit to Nepal Embassy in Bangkok and we had good meeting with Mr. Dornath Aryal, Charge'd Affaires a.i., who appreciated our concern to Nepal citizens who are detained in Thailand.

## Prisons visited by Prison Ministry 2013 Location, Distance from BKK, Number of Prisoners



Appendix 2 – Regular Monthly Visit 2013

Prison Ministry - Regular Monthly Visit 2013															
	name of prison	average prisoners visit/time	Average Time Visit per Month												Total visit time in 2013
			Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	
1	Bangkwan (BKW)	62	4	4	4	2	8	6	7	9	8	4	10	0	66
2	Bangkwan (BKW-hospital) **	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	KlongPrem (LY-Lard Yao)	56	6	7	8	4	6	6	6	3	6	4	3	4	63
4	KlongPrem (LY-Hospital) **	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	11
5	Women Prison (WP-Klong Perm)	23	10	10	12	7	6	8	6	10	9	6	6	5	95
6	NakornRatchasima W (KLP) **	232	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
7	Khao Bin (RAT) **	211	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
8	Rachaburi (RAT-Women) **	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
9	Patumtani (PAT)	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
10	Ayudhaya (AYU) **	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
11	Bambat Piset	8	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	4	2	2	2	22
12	Klong Pai (SIK) **	236	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Average Prisoners have been visited each month			27	28	31	21	28	28	27	29	33	23	29	17	
** prison that we can get inside visit, meet the whole group at one time, and can arrange some activities															
Other prison, visit at visit hall using telephone, talk one by one about 15 -20 minute each person															
In Dec our team prepare Christmas Gift therefore the visit at visit hall has be skip in order to prepare Christmas present															
Our team sometime go all together, sometime divide to different prison.															
<b>BKW</b> : almost the whole team go to visit several time a month. Each of us can call about 5 to 6 prisoners a day.															
<b>BKW-hospital</b> : Since Aug. 2012 we are not allow to go visit inside hospital															
<b>LY</b> : almost the whole team go to visit several time a month. Each of us can call about 13-20 prisoners a day.															
<b>LY- hospital</b> : two of our team visit once a month, we visit patients bed by bed,each month about 40 patients, we miss two month Sep & Dec															
<b>WP</b> : almost the whole team go to visit several time a month. Each of us can call about 5-7 prisoners a day.															
<b>KLP</b> : women prisoner at NakornRachasim, inside visit, we can organize some activities, song, games, sharing stories															
<b>Khao Bin</b> : we have inside visit, can organize some activities, prisoners here very active															
<b>RAT-Women</b> : we have inside visit, can organize some activities, prisoners here very active															
<b>PAT</b> : we have inside visit for Easter & Christmas; other month prisoners prefer at visit hall because each one can have individual conversation with us															
<b>AYU</b> : we have inside visit, can organize some activities, prisoners here very active															
<b>SIK</b> : Sikiew men we get back to have monthly inside visit again from Aug 2013															

Appendix 3.1 – statistic :by countries

Jesuit Foundation Prison Ministry											
Prisoner Statistics by Countries											
											20-Dec-13
Countries	BKW	LY	WP	BBP	PAT	AYU	KLP	SIK	K.Bin	RAT-WP	TOTAL
Bangladesh		3									3
Cambodia	10	27	14	1	1	5	30	14	11	2	115
China	27	24	6		2				2		61
Ethiopia									1		1
Gabon			1								1
Ghana	3		2								5
Guinea	1										1
Hongkong	5	1									6
India	1	4									5
Indonesia	2										2
Iran	4	10									14
Japan	1										1
Kenya			3								3
Laos	42	53	97		3		141	178	14	8	536
Malaysia	26	13	1						1		41
Mozambique		2	1								3
Myanmar	130	103	41	7	16	9	61	44	182	8	601
Nepal	19	3	1								23
Nigeria	8	9	2								19
Pakistan	20	3									23
Peru		2									2
Philippines	0	4	2								6
Portugal	1										1
Romania		1									1
Russia	1										1
Singapore	18	5	1								24
South Africa			3								3
South Korea	1	1									2
Sri Lanka	1										1
Taiwan	14	18	2								34
Tanzania	2										2
Thailand	3	2									5
TOGO			1								1
Turkey	1	2									3
Vietnam		2	4							1	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1557</b>
BKW	Bangkw ang				AYU	Ayutthaya					
LY	Klong Prem (Lard Yao)				KLP	Klong Pai Woman (Nakornrachasima)					
WP	Women Prison				SIK	Klong Pai men					
PAT	Pathumthani				RAT-WF	Rachaburi Women Prison					
BBP	Bambat Piset Bangkok				K.BIN	Khao Bin (Rachaburi)					



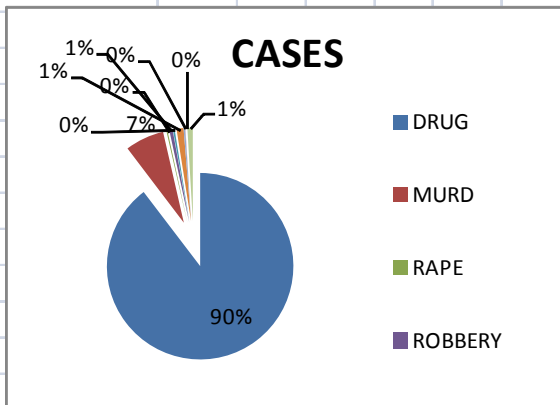
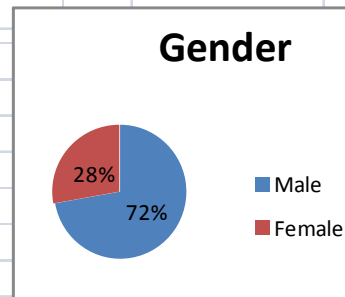
Appendix 3.2 – statistic :by gender, cases, ages, sentences

Prison Ministry - Prisoners Statistics													
												As of 20 December 2013	
<b>Gender</b>													
Sex/Prison	BKW	LY	WP	BBP	PAT	AYU	KLP	SIK	K.Bin	RAT-WP	Total	%	
Male	341	292	0	8	22	14	0	236	211	0	1124	72%	
Female	0	0	182	0	0	0	232	0	0	19	433	28%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Cases</b>													
Cases/Prison	BKW	LY	WP	BBP	PAT	AYU	KLP	SIK	RAT	RAT-WP	Total	%	
DRUG	329	228	175	8	19	12	228	220	160	17	1396	90%	
MURD	11	29	3	0	1	1	3	13	43	1	105	7%	
RAPE	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		3	0%	
ROBBERY	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	1%	
KIDNAPPED	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0%	
CREDIT CARD	0	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1%	
HUMAN TRAFFICK	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0%	
FIGHTING	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%	
not available	1	2	1	0	1		1	1	8		15	1%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>AGES</b>													
Ages/Prison	BKW	LY	WP	BBP	PAT	AYU	KLP	SIK	RAT	RAT-WP	Total	%	
under 20	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1%	born 1993 & after
21-30 years	27	50	27	2	3	2	32	17	22	0	182	12%	born 1992 - 1983
31-40 years	115	127	61	5	13	7	96	91	92	4	611	39%	born 1982 - 1973
41-50 years	111	70	58	0	3	5	65	85	59	13	469	30%	born 1972 - 1963
51-60 years	62	25	24	1	1	0	25	34	17	2	191	12%	born 1962 - 1953
61 years and up	17	4	1	0	0	0	3	7	5	0	37	2%	born 1952 & before
not available	9	10	8	0	2	0	11	2	16	0	58	4%	no information
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>SENTENCES</b>													
Years Sentences	BKW	LY	WP	BBP	PAT	AYU	KLP	SIK	RAT	RAT-WP	Total	%	
under 10 years	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	8	1%	
10 - 19 years	2	31	4	0	0	1	7	2	2	1	50	3%	
20 - 29 years	35	127	12	4	5	12	119	11	74	1	400	26%	
30 - 39 years	35	29	27	0	1	0	25	41	28	1	187	12%	
40 - 50 years	34	19	21	0	4	0	16	31	33	1	159	10%	
LIFE	165	68	86	4	10	0	25	138	47	14	557	36%	
DEATH	65	2	17	0	0	0	2	2	12	0	100	6%	
not Available	4	13	14	0	2	0	38	11	13	1	96	6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>	

# Prison Ministry - Prisoners Statistics - Graph

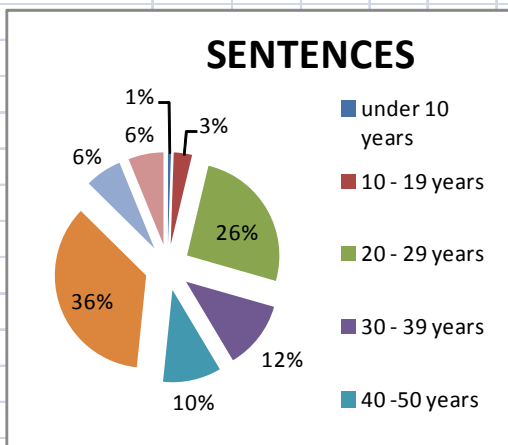
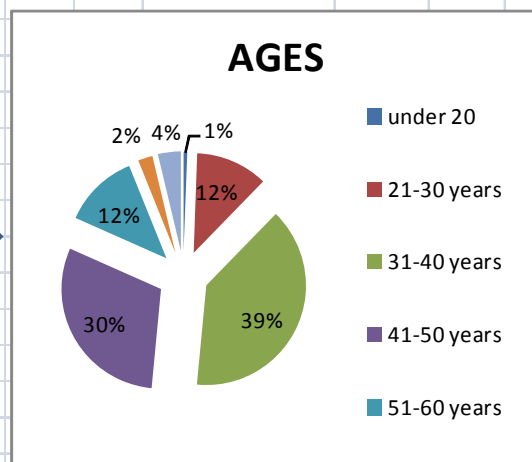
As of 20 December 2013

Gender	Total	%
Male	1124	72%
Female	433	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>



Cases	Total	%
DRUG	1396	90%
MURD	105	7%
RAPE	3	0%
ROBBERY	9	1%
KIDNAPPED	5	0%
CREDIT CARD	19	1%
HUMAN TRAFFICK	4	0%
FIGHTING	1	0%
not available	15	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>

Ages	Total	%	
under 20	9	1%	born 1993 & after
21-30 years	182	12%	born 1992 - 1983
31-40 years	611	39%	born 1982 - 1973
41-50 years	469	30%	born 1972 - 1963
51-60 years	191	12%	born 1962 - 1953
61 years and up	37	2%	born 1952 & before
not available	58	4%	no information
<b>Total</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>	



Years Sentences	Total	%
under 10 years	8	1%
10 - 19 years	50	3%
20 - 29 years	400	26%
30 - 39 years	187	12%
40 - 50 years	159	10%
LIFE	557	36%
DEATH	100	6%
not Available	96	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 1. New Life of Mrs. Pongjit

Mrs. Pongjit, a Laotian woman, was charged on trafficking 500 tablets of drugs to Thailand. Thai police caught her after crossing the border Laos-Thailand. The court then condemned her to death penalty though she insisted on her innocent. On June 2, 2009, Fr. Olivier, a former director of Jesuit Foundation, accepted her under the foundation care. We regularly visited and distributed necessary things to her every month for four years.



Pongjit's daughter who thought her mother was excuted, fill with tear when first met with us (before we told her about her mother).

On March 14-23, 2013, we took a trip visiting many Laotian families of our prisoners. Ms Vilaiwan, with other three staffs, went to one of Regions in Laos named Suwannaket. We also met with Pongjit's family which caused much tears of her daughter. Before this visit, her daughter thought that her mother was already dead according to the court sentence. This was a great consolation for all of us that made this visit.

Fortunately, on August 2, 2013, the court declared Pongjit's innocent after six years on trial. Pongjit eventually went back home in Laos and live with her family again.

With Pongjit case, we found two precious experiences. *Firstly*, we are glad seeing Pongjit's family, because our news that Pongjit is still alive brought them new hope. We can imagine how happy we are when we know that someone we love and we thought already passed away still alive. *Secondly*, we are definitely joyful knowing Pongjit being declared innocent after a long trial. Though, it does not often happen with other prisoners but at least we saw that its victory. Pongjit was a good example of person who never gives up for difficulties and always keep hope alive.

Little smile from this little girl after knew mother still alive. Beside her is her brother. Then write letter to mother, happily. We took photo to send to Pongjit with this letter, very happy !



## 2. Give a New Prosthesis to U Win

To be a prisoner is already difficult, but to be a sick/handicap prisoner is more difficult. This is what happening with one of our prisoners named U Win Mon, originally from Myanmar. At the present, he is in Khao-Bin Prison, Ratchaburi. He is a handicap after losing his left leg.

In July 27, 2009, he was given prosthesis (a fake leg) by our foundation; nonetheless it was already getting old which not convenient for U Win anymore. Therefore, we contacted Rachaburi hospital measuring and producing a new one for U Win. It eventually finished and we gave it to U Win on January 31, 2013.

It seems to be an ordinary event, but for us, as staffs of Prison Ministry, has much value. To give the prosthesis to U Win means he can help himself for daily activities. This is for us, of course, not just to help for his physical need but also encourage him with hope as well.



U Win, with Kaew (PM staff) and among other prisoners of KhaoBin, he expressed his happiness when he got new prosthesis.

## 3. A Sad Story of Henry

Henry was a prisoner from Hong Kong who was in prison in Bangkwang, Thailand, for many years. He got sick and the condition got worse. He eventually became paralyzed and could not speak normally, so he usually communicated by pointing to the alphabets. Every time when he knew there were staff from Jesuit Foundation coming for a visit, he did not hesitate to express his emotion of happiness and excitement. He often cried during the visit as well.

Our staff knew that Henry was a devoted Catholic. There was one time when a Catholic priest came to the prison for a prayer service. Henry was very happy and tried to convince one of his friends to attend the service. His attempt was successful! This seems to be a simple effort, but it definitely brought great joy to Henry.

For some years, Henry hoped that he could go back to his home town, at least, before his death, but his case was always postponed by the Hong Kong Government. His wish was not fulfilled; he passed away on 6 August 2013 in Prison hospital, Thailand without any chance to go back home again. But at least his son (from Hongkong) managed to come to visit him just two days before he die.

When we think of Henry's case, we feel so sorry for him that he could not step go back to his beloved hometown, but we are happy that we knew him. He was a good example of a man who appreciated whatever others were doing for him, despite his difficult situation. For sure his smile, tears, and excitement were always impressive and moved our hearts deeply. This is the reason why we are glad to have known a great man like him.

## Our regular monthly visit to various prisons



Visit at KLP women prison, once a month



Mr.Sam, our team, stayed in line to buy items for prisoners in BKW at prison shop each time after our visit.

## Our Ex-prisoners that we continue keep in touch



**Nurahat New**, one of our ex-prisoner from Khao Bin, released in 2010. Now he has a job, has his new life with lovely family, we still keep in touch and being their extended family.  
Photo : Nurahat with his wife and first child (girl) came visit us at Xavier Hall, Aug 2013



**Aye Lin** and **Chai Yo** both from Ayudhaya prison. Released more than 1 year now.  
**Aye Lin** (left) works with us for agriculture training program  
**ChaiYO** (right) in this photo, worked at " water melon shop". Later on he left for another construction job.



**Montri** (sit in the middle) - released prisoner from PATTUMTANI prison. The first day he was out of prison ,22 Aug 2013, he came first to meet us at Xavier Hall.  
We are the closest family to him. The only address that he has and keep is our address.  
Now he went back home to Myanmar, ordained as monk before he gets start new life again.

There are more ex-prisoners that still keep in touch with us since we are their extended family

## Extended Services : Special Programs

PM presentation at 7fountain Church, Chiangmai Sun16 June 2013



*Prepare our presentation in front of 7F church CM,*

*our team talked with people about our work*

visiting the families of prisoners

in Laos



*The joy of the families members to get news from us and know that we visit their love ones.*

In NEPAL connection with Nepal Jesuit to help the families of Nepalese prisoners



*Kej visited the families of Nepalese prisoners (in Thailand) in Katmandhu with the help of the Nepal Jesuits,*

*Right Photo: Fr.Arul,SJ (Soosai Jayaraj Arulanandam) sitting (far left) arranged our visit meeting at St.Xavier's College. Photos took on 9 December 2012*