



### ADF's helping hands

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Small change donations by visiting ADF personnel over the past few years have made a big difference to the lives of underprivileged children in one of Bangkok's notorious slum areas.

**HELPFUL:** Sister Joan Evans is presented with a donation by Australian Ambassador to Thailand Bill Paterson (to her left) and Defence Attache-Bangkok GPCAPT Craig White (to her right), flanked by ADF personnel from the Australian Embassy in Bangkok.

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In a recent ceremony at the Australian Embassy in Bangkok, the Australian Defence Attache, GPCAPT Craig White, and the Australian Ambassador to Thailand, Bill Paterson, presented Sister Joan Evans – who runs a mission to assist the underprivileged children – with 30,000 Thai baht (about \$A1100). The money came from loose change donated by ADF members.

Sister Joan arrived in Thailand in February, 1991. She works in the slum area of Klong Toey, supporting many families in the area. Her projects include education, fares and food, milk run, health care needs, baby kits, elderly care and support, and family food projects.

Later, Sister Joan sent the following message to the Australian Embassy: "...many thanks for all you did. All those precious baht will be well distributed among the extremely poor, especially the children who often are in need of 20 or 30 baht to get to school or for a lunch and/or breakfast. Thank you one and all."

For more information on Sister Joan's work or to make a donation, visit [www.sisterjoan.info](http://www.sisterjoan.info) or contact the Australian Embassy at [ausdabkk@csloxinfo.com](mailto:ausdabkk@csloxinfo.com).