

Ruth Center



RUTH CENTER ASSISTED LIVING PROJECT

Isaiah 43:19

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Vision : Improves the quality of life for the elderly

In Today's Society

Thailand is facing a change in the demographic structure. It is growing to be an aging society. The numbers of the working age population and childhood has decreased, as well as the birth and mortality rates.

In 2014, Thailand had an aging population of 10.1 million people, 14.95% of the total population. For the next 5 years, Thailand will become a 'completely aged society where a high percentage of the population is aged 20 and higher.' By the year 2035, up to 30% of the estimated total population will be elderly (Board of Grievances. 2014:28). It can be said that in less than 20 years ahead, Thailand will become "the ultimate super aged society." The involvement of everybody is crucial to the improvement of the quality of life of the elderly.

There are 21 current assisted living homes in Thailand, all of which are run by the government. Together, they can service 3,000 people (Technical Promotion and Support Office 2, 2015). If we compare this number to the total amount of elderly people in Thailand (10.1 million, 38% of which are widowed and single, 87% have only primary education or lower [Office of Strategic Assessment, 2014,]) it reflects how the number of homes are insufficient to support the growing elderly numbers in need of help.

How We Currently Help

Ruth Center mission dedicated to "improve the quality of life for the elderly in physical, psychological, and spiritual ways with determination." Under the vision of Project L.I.F.E. Foundation is the idea of "loving in a family environment."

The problems that the elderly face are many problematic health issues, housing issues, lack of finances, and locations of communities in invasive areas that result in eviction. At the heart of the operations of the Ruth Center is the idea of strengthening family; a strengthened family helps face the problems of life. Although this is a good vision, we must admit that the problem at this time is too difficult for us to find a solution. We are still seeing elderly in the communities faced with eviction, children and grandchildren leaving, being widowed, and having no relatives to take care of them. They also often find themselves without ID, and they are usually left with the responsibility of taking care of their grandchildren. Looking at these issues, the need for an assisted living home is serious.



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Therefore, the Ruth Center sees that building a home for the elderly will be an answer to all the problems above that they face. We want our community to grow and transform the surrounding community. To accomplish this, we want to plant a church that has outreach programs, through which the elderly are involved and can minister to the locals. We hope that this home will be self-sustainable through solar power and farming. This project will not



deter us from the ministry we do in Bangkok. Everything will remain the same - we are only expanding our ministry by creating opportunity to provide further care for those who are unable to get help through social services or other means. The homes will provide a new family and a new community, because every life has value in God's sight.

God's Affirmation For This Project

God has affirmed this project to us in various ways: through scripture, dreams, and many divine appointments. Here are a few of the confirmations we received that continue to encourage us.

• Isaiah 54:2-3 "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left..."

• Isaiah 43:19 "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?"

• The vision of a large hammer. The walls are covered from view. We want many people to help each other to break the walls; the Ruth Center can't do this by themselves. We need support from all people.

• The vision of the one lost sheep. Jesus came for sinners - even one.

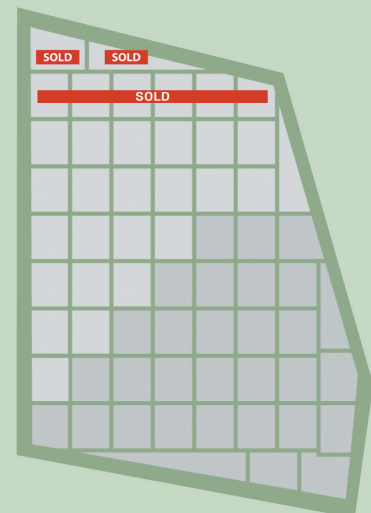
Objectives

- 1.To provide shelter for the homeless elderly, who have no one caring for them.
- 2.To be a new family and a new community for the elderly.
- 3.To create a sense of caring for the family of the elderly.

Sponsor 1 Rai

Partner with us to help purchase the land for the Ruth Center Assisted Living Community. With 62 rai (25 acres) of land, we are looking for 62 sponsors to each donate \$2,500 to purchase 1 of the 62 rai. Our goal is for 31 rai to be purchased by donations from Thai nationals, and 31 to come from foreign donors. Join with your friends, workplace or church and sponsor 1 rai, and help make this assisted living a reality.

Phase 1 Progress



Project Accountability

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Online Giving

<https://www.ywamthai.org/ruthcenter/assistedliving>

Another Way To Give

Wire Transfer Donations

Funds can be transferred directly to the RUTH CENTER bank account in Bangkok as follows:

Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited

Bank Branch: Bang Na

Swift Code: BKKBTHBK

Account Name: Project L.I.F.E. Foundation (Ruth Center)

Savings Account Number: 130-7-183259

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