

# FELIX FAMILY VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL

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## THAILAND

Dear Sponsors and Friends!

Time goes fast and it is time to write a greeting to you again, and we do so with great pleasure. First of all we would like to say thank you to you who have signed up to be a sponsor to a child in the Felix Village or to give support in another way. It makes a difference!

We do receive greetings all the time from our families in the village where they share the beauty of what is happening in the families. The children are growing up and many have become teenagers. One of our first children who moved into the village was Firm who came together with her brother Frank. They moved into family K, where they were given a loving home and where they felt security and could develop in a good environment. Today Firm is a young woman ready to take her next step into post-secondary education. Firm is very ambitious and her school teachers have many praises for her. This makes her parents proud. We also know that in the near future more of our young people will want to continue studying to obtain a good education which we know is important for their futures.



Continuing education brings with it extra expenses for Felix Village. Therefore, we, together with the parents and the leaders decided to open something that we call the "Study Fund". You can send an extra support to your child for study, or send an additional gift in general for our youth to continue their studies. We see this as very important. If you feel you want to be involved and give a gift we will be so grateful.

We believe and pray that our young people growing up in the Felix families should be involved in influencing Thailand in many different areas. They are the future and we can help them by providing support for their post-secondary education.

*Lisa Egerbo-Hornberg*

## ROMANIA

*We invite you to read some thoughts shared by Lavinia and Marius Pop, parents to the Oregon House family: We came to Caminul Felix at the beginning of 2014. We looked forward to getting to know the children. They were already in the Oregon House and were eagerly waiting to meet the new parents*

they were going to have. When we arrived and we got acquainted with each of them, one by one. They were all beautiful children and we were all excited. We started to know each of their stories, each more disturbing than the other. A year has passed since then, full of challenges and lots of work, but with many blessings and nice things as well.

Our objective was to get close to the children and earn their trust. This, braided with their education, which had many shortcomings, some of our goals were to improve their self-respect and respect for others, help them with making changes in their vocabulary, in their behaviour and in the attitudes they had towards everything around them. We had to face many medical problems and





get used to the responsibilities we had towards the ten children God entrusted us with for a while, so that we will form them and model them to follow His plan and His will.

After we got to know their stories and what these children and their families went through, we understood that God has a purpose and that He brought us together to be shaped according to His plan. We believe God wants us to fulfil His plan and we believe that He has something special for each of us.

We settled in very well and we are starting to get the shape of a close-knit family more and more.

One of the important things we learned as parents lately, is that if we look at something as a burden, it will eventually become a burden; but if we consider it a blessing, it will be a blessing. Our marriage, family, job, children, car, house... they are all gifts from God. If we look at them as blessings, they will be a blessing for us; if we consider them burdens, they will be burdening.

Each of these children came with a sad story, but they also have a beautiful one which is being written in these moments. Life didn't offer them many joys, but God decided to change their destiny. All of them come from disorganised families, with problems like alcohol, immorality, abandonment, murders or other crimes. These children

could have ended up in the claws of a merciless system and then in the middle of a merciless society, but, God had a different plan and we are honoured to be part of His plan and blessings.

We are grateful to God for blessing us with a beautiful family and we would love all our children to get to know God and serve Him all their lives.

*Marius & Lavinia Pop – parent in Oregon House, Caminul Felix 2*

## BANGLADESH

Bangladesh has many children.

In the beginning of the spring we left for Bangladesh, Mircea and Lars.

Our sole reason for going was an invitation to look at and hopefully develop a Felix Village in an area of dense numbers of abandoned children.

What a land Bangladesh presented itself to be. The president of the Felix Family Village Ministry of Sweden, Berndt and Elise Sanfridson have spent many years in the nation. How they love it.

They are still involved in drilling wells that are up to 900 feet deep -below the tables of arsenic, and building rest rooms for men and women at market places and schools. They are also running a Micro loan activity that helps many a family to build businesses and make it possible for their children

to go to school.

Mircea Toca and Lars came to Bangladesh and flew directly to one of the larger cities in the nation, Khulna. We were met by leaders of great standing, and spent 12 days in gatherings addressing the need of building families. Our word is not as the world says it, instead based on the the way God has called his people, we build real families. We believe we are aimed for loving and adopting the young ones to our are, as parents, and then let them have a full life, as our children. It is not an easy road, and sometimes it demands more than is comfortable, but that is our calling.

We had a tremendous time with many leaders, social workers and people of compassion and a desire to give the children what they have lost, new parents and a loving family.

Berndt and Martyn came after twelve days and we all got busy with talking about structure of a work that would lead the little ones to a better life.

Bangladesh is a quarter in size of Sweden, and it has 20 times more population, 160 million people. It is poor and the many beggars and disabled on the streets are a striking presence of national devastation.

*Lars Hornberg*

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