

ACTIVITY REPORT 2024

Dear friends,

This year 2024 has been marked by a succession of intense emotions! We commemorated the 20th anniversary of the tsunami that hit our family hard but which is also at the origin of the creation of the Foundation which bears the name of our two deceased darlings.

In this context of commemoration, Lennart Åstrand, my eldest son who miraculously survived, decided to embark on a motorcycle trip from Switzerland to Thailand where he arrived 3 and a half months later.

This human and spiritual adventure, which was rooted in immeasurable pain, has evolved into a journey in search of meaning. This journey is not limited to a succession of kilometers travelled, but is a vibrant tribute to one's departed brothers and a profound reconciliation with a place once marked by tragedy. Through this transformation, Lennart was able to transcend a personal trauma to find a new light, a serene and promising stage. Beyond his introspective approach, Lennart has chosen to inscribe his career in an ambitious and altruistic dimension by committing himself with the Jan & Oscar Foundation to finance the construction of a school in a region affected by the tsunami 20 years ago. I am proud to announce that Lennart has managed to raise the fabulous sum of CHF 206'000.-

We would like to thank you warmly for your support throughout the past year. Your encouragement and generosity have been precious and have allowed us to carry out this project that is particularly close to our hearts! Below you can see the first photos taken during our memorial visit to Thailand on December 26, 2024.

Laurence Pian Maillard

President & Founder



CURRENT PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION OF A SCHOOL AT KURABURI: CHF 68'500.-

Since 2007, the school has had a safe space for children from Myanmar. These children are at high risk of working in dangerous, dirty and degrading conditions, with no other educational opportunities. Due to the civil war in Myanmar, the number of students has increased from 80 to 149 children in the last 2 years. With only 5 classrooms, there is no longer enough space to teach all students.

The Jan & Oscar Foundation has therefore decided to support these students. In addition, Lennart has made it his goal to give more meaning to his journey.

The total cost of the construction is estimated at CHF 85'000. The remaining amount will be used for the development of a garden and a play area as well as school furniture. This will also help fund teachers' salaries.



SUPPORT TO THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

« RANONG RECYCLE SOCIALE ENTERPRISE »

(RRE) – EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

CHF 102'000.-

The social enterprise: **Ranong Recycle Social Enterprise (RRE)** created by the Jan & Oscar Foundation has been operating for 6 years and currently employs 16 people mainly from marginalized populations, including 6 Mokens and 6 Burmese. It collaborates with and supports hundreds of waste collectors who are paid a fair and ethical price. It has collected 700 tons of plastic since its creation in collaboration with the start-up Tide Ocean Material and the support of the company **Sukano** and the **Michelham Foundation**, which have contributed CHF 60'000, which has made it possible to buy a commercial vehicle and build several waste banks.

The RRE team is also responsible for delivering educational programs in schools to raise awareness about plastic pollution among students. To this end, waste banks have been built in schools in the country and on the islands. The RRE team is also composed of a co-leader of



the project, Capucine Paour, as well as a local director, Chay, her assistant, Rung, an accountant, Naa and a back-office assistant, Wut, a beneficiary of a scholarship from the Foundation.

The "Zero Waste" program has been implemented on several islands in the Ranong region. It has a significant impact on children who themselves become ambassadors to their families and communities.



These bottles are made from ocean plastic collected and sorted by the RRE

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS AND PROGRAMMES AT A SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN FROM BURMESE MIGRANT FAMILIES

CHF 9'600

For the third year running, our collaboration with the **Helfen ohne Grenzen Foundation** has enabled us to support an educational program for migrant children from Myanmar in the town of Mae Sot on the border with that country. More and more people are fleeing their country because of the civil war and settling in Thailand, where the government does not financially support these schools.

Around 65 such learning centers have sprung up in recent years. The children are taught in their mother tongue, Burmese, as well as in Thai as a foreign language.



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS FROM BURMESE MIGRANT FAMILIES:

CHF 13'400.-

The partnership established 3 years ago with the **Friendship Foundation**, whose aim is to give professional opportunities to young people from the Burmese migrant community in Mae Sot. These students, selected from among the best, are motivated to pass their exams in order to be admitted to university. The school prepares them with the help of a number of resources, including retired teachers who give up their time to teach various subjects, as well as other English-speaking volunteers from all over the world.

The program in place gives these young people the chance to learn so that they can get a job and in turn help their community.



The directors of Minmahaw school and on the right, Lennart Åstrand visiting the school during his motorbike journey in December.

THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

CHF 50'300.-

The sponsorship program enables young children or students to continue their education. In these non-tourist regions, **no scholarship means no school!**

We are always on the lookout for new sponsors who would like to support a student. Find out more here:

Sponsor A Child - Fondation Jan & Oscar

We need new sponsors for around 43 pupils!

Give a chance to a child

CHF 250.- / year (elementary)

CHF 400.- / year (college)

CHF 1'200 – 2'000 / year (university)



Commemorative ceremony in honor of Jan and Oscar and presentation of scholarships



HOSPITALITY TRAINING CENTER = 10 GRANTS:

CHF 23'220.-

For the 4th year running, the Jan & Oscar Foundation is supporting the HCTC - Hospitality Training Centre program in Mae Sot, run by Charlotte Mouginot.

This makes it possible to fund 10 apprenticeship grants for young people, mainly from Karen villages, who have no career prospects. Thanks to this training, they will be able to work in the country's major hotels.



Achieved projects



CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

CHF 26'600.-

Funding for the construction of a gravity-fed water supply system and 25 sanitation units to boost local capacity and hygiene education. The aim is to improve collective health and well-being by contributing to access to education and gender equality.

For several years, the Jan & Oscar Foundation has supported the work of the Karen Hilltribe Trust (KHT), which has had a significant impact on marginalized Karen communities with few resources.

This project in particular is improving the living conditions of 130 people in the village of Ban Mae Sameang Song, Mae Hong Son.

SUPPORT FOR PLASTIC WASTE COLLECTORS

CHF 2'500.-

The sustainable fashion company **Ecoalf** is contributing to the social well-being of plastic collectors in southern Thailand. This support makes it possible to pay for accident and loss of earnings insurance for workers in this informal sector, as well as the maintenance of their work tool, a kind of motorbike-tricycle.

It's a huge social advance for these workers on the margins of society!



ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AT KHO PHALUAI SCHOOL

CHF 9'000.-

This school has around 60 pupils and is working on a Zero Plastic program as part of a grant received jointly with the WWF.

To connect the school to the government's new solar network, the school's existing small solar panels have reached the end of their useful life. The supply of electricity to the school is currently at a minimal level from their damaged solar panels.

The aim of this new installation is to optimize the supply of electricity and, as a result, enable the school's plastic pollution awareness programs to develop, as well as allowing students to study in good conditions.



YOU AND US

A very warm and special thank you to all the generous donors and in particular to those who supported Lennart Åstrand's project throughout his journey. I am proud to announce that the total amount raised by my eldest son's initiative has reached the impressive sum of **CHF 206'000.**

Among the major donors, I would like to mention the **Arpille school** group in Valais, which raised CHF 46'000 by organizing solidarity races, the **Collège Champittet**, which dedicated its Christmas market and offered a cheque for CHF 26'000, and several anonymous donors who contributed CHF 35'000

The **Rotary Club Pully** and the Fondation du **Pied à l'Etrier** also contributed CHF 8'000.

The many friends of the family and the Foundation who have shown their support through their generosity throughout the year, particularly on 1 June, when a fundraising dinner was organized for over 200 people.



Fundraising event on June 1st in Aran



Solidarity run in Salvan /VS

A big thank you to our loyal partners **So Many Queens** and **PippaO** who support us through sales, part of the proceeds of which are donated to the Jan & Oscar Foundation.

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