



Smiles on Wings Annual Report | 2016



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OUR STORY

Our Mission

Smiles on Wings strives to improve the health and well-being of underserved communities in Thailand by delivering dental care, humanitarian aid, education and training.



Mobile Dental Program

With the generous grant from the Australian-New Zealand Women's Group of Bangkok (ANZWG), Smiles was able to establish a fully operational mobile dental clinic to serve hundreds of children in schools located throughout Thailand.

In January 2016, the Smiles on Wings team provided dental treatment and dental health education to hundreds of students in Maesariang, Thailand. Throughout the year, the equipment is being utilized in providing outreach dental care by local Thai dental teams. Read more about the program on our website: <http://smilesonwings.org>



Rajaprachanukroh 35 Dental Clinic

From the original 2005 Tsunami Relief Effort to the 2009 Post-Tsunami Dental Reconstruction Project, came the Smiles on Wings' Rajaprachanukroh 35 (R35) School Dental Clinic completed in 2014. In January 2016, the Smiles on Wings team returned to the R35 School for the second time and fully furnished the permanent clinic. The Smiles on Wings team also conducted a successful mission in January. The clinic also allows the local dental team to continue to provide care for the students in our absence.

After the 2004 Southeast Asia Tsunami, His Majesty the



OUR STORY (Continued)

King of Thailand, gave funding to help rebuild the school, hence the name Rajaprachanukroh, meaning “under the auspices of the King.” Dr. Bunnag visited the school during her 2009 Post-Tsunami Dental Reconstruction and learned that the school is home to more than 800 orphans, many of whom lost their families in the disaster. She had envisioned bringing continuing dental care to the children. Through our fundraising effort, we received funding to continue the program and built the permanent clinic in 2014. We are grateful to our grantors: After the Wave Foundation, Ms. Suteera Graham (Board Member), and our generous donors from the 2013 Gala to help make this clinic possible.

Watch a summary of the January 2016 Southern mission here: <https://youtu.be/UxEG3zOhSDk>

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Since its founding in 2003, Dr. Bunnag has traveled extensively to remote villages in the Maesariang district of northern Thailand. She experienced the difficulties in traveling and in providing care for the villagers. Often times, teachers and health officers made difficult travels from the city and would not stay in the area long enough to make a difference. Young girls sometimes resort to marriage at the age of 14 or 15 and are expected to work on farms. Some end up leaving the village to work in the city as factory workers or as servants. Others fall victim to human-trafficking.

During Dr. Bunnag’s visits, many girls came to help with the mission and expressed their desire to attend college. From this interaction and firsthand witness of the area, Dr. Bunnag envisioned a scholarship program that would enable young Karen tribal girls to go to college and return to their villages as providers to make a difference in their communities. We are proud of our three scholarship programs.

Dream Scholarship Program

In 2012, our first Dream scholar, Renu, graduated college as a health officer and returned to her village, Sobmauy. The village is very remote and situated on the Salween River on the border of Thailand and Myanmar. Renu is the first person from her village to graduate college. With her education, she helped to improve health care in her community. She also took another young lady, Chalita, under her wings and showed her the path of education in health care.

Recently graduated scholar, Chalita, has been doing amazing work with Smiles on Wings. She continues to visit remote Thai villages and provide healthcare to the residents of these under-served communities. The Smiles on Wings team would like to thank Chalita for continuing to support and promote Smiles' mission through her work. We are also thankful to all of our donors and grantors for supporting Smiles on Wings' Dream Scholarship Programs and Dr. Usa Bunnag's vision.



Dream Scholarship Program

Smiles on Wings currently supports four young women as they work toward degrees in early childhood education and community health.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS (Continued)

New Beginning Scholarship Program [sponsored by Dining for Women]

The five New Beginning scholars continue to achieve great success as they navigate their university degree programs. The students were excited and honored to have the opportunity to attend university. Our New Beginning scholars are thriving in college and we expect greatness from all of them.

You can learn more about Dining for Women and their relationship with Smiles on Wings at:

www.diningforwomen.org/programs/smilesonwings

Helping Hands Scholarship Program

The Helping Hands program, created to support orphans in Huaysingh school, is also thriving. This scholarship targets helping Karen tribal children who lost either one or both parents. We will continue to support them through school.

Read more about our scholarship program at our website, <http://smilesonwings.org>, and share our stories with your friends.



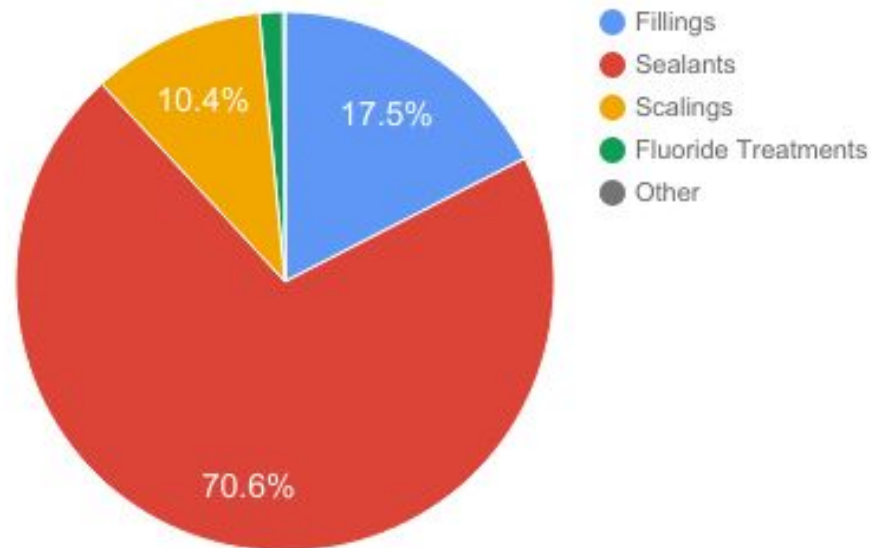
PROGRAM IMPACTS

Dental missions are central to our goal of promoting health and wellness in the underserved Thailand communities that we aim to serve. Since our founding in 2003, our team has conducted one to two week long dental missions at least once every year. Smiles on Wings coordinates volunteers, dental equipment, and dental supplies in order to successfully treat patients who would otherwise have little to no access to adequate dental care. Smiles on Wings maintains close partnerships with the communities of the Phang Nga Province in Southern Thailand and Maehongson Province in Northern Thailand. This longstanding rapport assists us in providing dental health education, treatment, and infrastructure encouraging long-term self-reliance.

2016 Mission

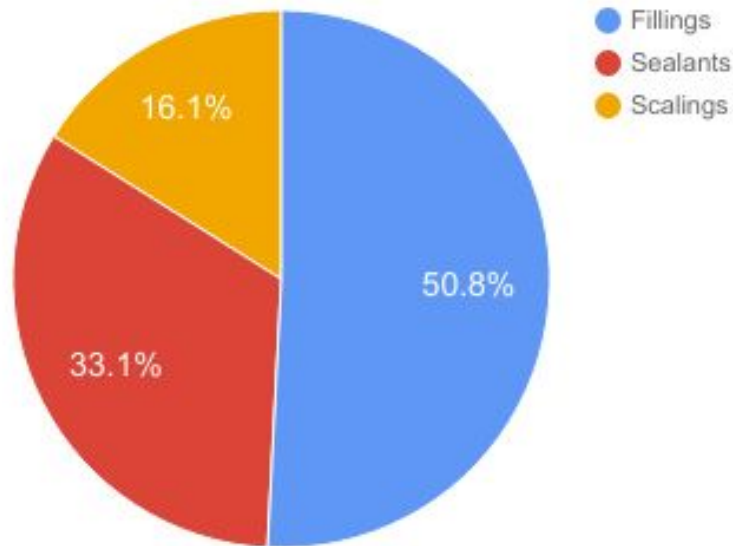
In 2016, our January mission provided dental health care to nearly 280 patients living in underserved Thailand communities. About 1,500 procedures were performed and countless oral health lessons that were offered. In total, the Smiles on Wings team completed over \$120,000 worth of dental work. The first two pie charts below display an analysis of the procedures that were performed during our January Northern and Southern missions.

Northern Mission



PROGRAM IMPACTS (Continued)

Southern Mission



Scholarship Programs

Our nonprofit believes in the empowerment of young women through college education and mentoring. Empowered with education and self-confidence, the young women in our scholarship programs return to their communities to carry out the work and vision of Smiles on Wings, improving the sustainability of the program. Through financial support and nurturing, these young ladies graduate university as health professionals and educators. Our scholarship programs are designed to help us reach this goal.

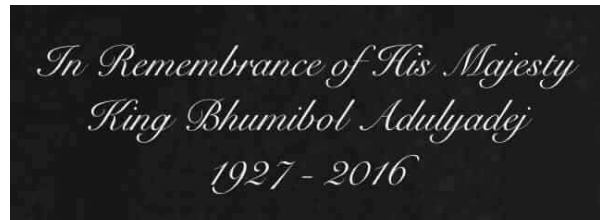
Our Scholarship Program creates sustainability for the future:



NEWS AND EVENTS

Remembering His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej

On October 13, 2016, Smiles on Wings was sad to learn that Thailand's highly revered and beloved King Bhumibol Adulyadej died at the age of 88. King Bhumibol Adulyadej ascended the throne in 1946 and was a unifying force in Thailand. King Bhumibol did so much to stabilize the country and uplift his citizens. He will be greatly missed and forever remembered.



Giving Tuesday Campaign

2016 marked Smiles on Wings' second annual Giving Tuesday campaign. Our campaign was very successful and we look forward to participating in next year's campaign as well!

Thai Embassy Partnership

This year, Smiles on Wings and the Thai Embassy have developed a relationship. Kuhn Wanchana Manawapat, wife to the Thai Ambassador, has shown great interest in and support of Smiles on Wings. We hope to continue to build this relationship in the years to come.

Internship Program Staff Updates

The Smiles on Wings Internship Program admits college students to assist with administrative tasks and provides interns with an opportunity to learn more about dentistry, mission-planning, grant writing, strategic planning, public relations, fundraising, and marketing.

Our 2016 Interns

Tara Pinto is a junior at the University of Maryland, College Park studying Physiology and Neurobiology. She plans to attend dental school after graduating college to pursue a career in pediatric dentistry. She has been interning with Smiles On Wings since April 2015 maintaining all social media platforms.

Sarah Maffei is a junior at The Catholic University of America studying Biology and Psychology and plans to attend dental school. Sarah is originally from Franklin Park, New Jersey. She joined Smiles on Wings as administrative intern on September 2015. Among other tasks, Sarah has assisted with grant-writing and strategic planning.

Desire Renggli is a senior at the University of Maryland, College Park studying Neurobiology and Physiology. She plans on attending dental school after graduating college to pursue a career in general dentistry. She has been interning with Smiles on Wings since February 2016 and assists with the fundraising campaigns.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we move forward to 2017 and beyond, we expect the following:

Finance:

- ❖ We plan to prepare to conduct an organizational audit and apply for a USAID grant

Programs:

LOOKING FORWARD (Continued)

- ❖ We are looking to build stronger Thai partnerships, especially between Smiles on Wings and the local Thai dental community
- ❖ Smiles on Wings is working toward establishing a Thai foundation

Notable Upcoming Events:

- ❖ January 2017 Mission in Takuapa, Phang Nga Province
- ❖ January 2017 Scholarship Retreat

THIS WORK NEEDS YOUR HELP

Your Donation is More Important than Ever Before

You can donate online at <https://www.gofundme.com/smilesonwings>

Donations by mail may be made to:

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Please Share Our Stories.

Please help us by spreading the word about Smiles on Wings to your friends. If you know anyone that we can partner with or who can donate their time to help us with our fundraising events, please ask them to contact us at: smilesonwings@gmail.com.

We will be happy to share our stories. They can also visit our website to learn more about us at:

<http://smilesonwings.org>.

Volunteer and Make a Difference.

If you are interested in volunteering with Smiles on Wings, please contact us at smilesonwings@gmail.com.

We welcome dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, dental students, and general volunteers. Volunteer remotely by assisting us with administrative tasks. You can find our volunteer manual for more information at <http://smilesonwings.org>.

OUR 2016 GRANTORS AND DONORS...

Thank you for your support!

