

Fr. Ray Drop-In Center for Street Kids

Nickname: Tang

Sex: Male

Birth Date: 1994.07.06

Birth Place: Trat

Arrival Date: 2008.03.30



Family History and General Information

Tang came from a broken family. He was under the responsibility of his father after his parents were separated. His father remarried with a woman who already has a son and daughter. Tang's step-brother got involved in a petty theft but he blamed Tang. This made Tang feel unhappy and considered it unfair to him as other people said he was a thief. Our staff from the Drop-In Center found him in Soi Sunee, South Pattaya which is full of bars along both sides of the road. Tang accepted our help and was pleased to be under our care. He is now studying in his Year 5 in the primary level at the Chanthaburi Provincial Welfare School. Before he became our resident, he was at the Government's Correction and Protection Center in Rayong Province. It is noted that Tang is a very confident young teenager who obediently follows his teachers at the Drop-In Center. He has many friends, due no doubt to his reputation as he is really friendly and helpful to others. (WS)

February 2009

Tang continues his academic study at the Chanthaburi Provincial Welfare School. He will be transferred to the school in Pattaya when the new school year begins in May in order that our staff at the Center can help him with his academic side. Tang wants to take a vocational training course in the future. He is now interested in the Electricity Course. He dreams he will get a good job, return to his hometown, and look after his father. Personally, Tang is quiet, shy, and sensitive. He appears to be a real fighter who does not like to be annoyed. A stressed young teenager, Tang stays alone when he faces problems. He needs a lot of love and

attention. It seems at he has low confidence or low self esteem. This may make him feel it is impossible to be the person he can be and his happiness appears to be limited. His people are pushing him to build self-esteem, which is the first step towards happiness and a better life. At the Center, he is assigned to do household chores such as cooking. This increases his confidence and self-esteem. He looks proud of himself when everyone says his food is very delicious. He happily smiles when he realizes he is important to others. (WS)

May 2009

Tang generally is a cheerful and good tempered young teenager who cleverly solves his own problems and diligently helps other people at our Drop-In Center. He likes to volunteer and to be responsible in doing his assigned tasks. Like many teenagers at his age, he appears to be temperamental and aggressive from time to time. After he left the school in Chanthaburi Province, he received a basic education at our Drop-In Center and is now attending the government's non-formal educational program.

Last month, in April, Tang joined in a one-week work camp sponsored by the government's social welfare group where he spent time going through many useful schemes. One of the most important trainings was to learn how-to be able to live and to share with others. After the intensive training and care, and prior to being released and eventual departure, trainees were given a choice of where they wanted to go. Many went back to where they came from and others went into the government's non-formal education while the remaining went into vocational training of their choices. Tang chose to live at the Nongkhai Home for Boys where he can continue his primary school there. This Home supports their children to play sports which Tang is really interested in. He started his new life there on the 5th of May, 2009. Periodic visits and observation are being maintained to ensure his well being and continued progress in his education and well being. (WS)

November 2009

Tang is now studying in Year 6 in the primary level at the Nongkhai Home for Boys. He loves sports and is a good sportsman. He can play many kinds of sports such as football and Thai Rattan Ball (Trakraw). A happy, cheerful young teenager, he kindly helps his people and can work hard without complaining. Like most young man at his age, he does not like fussy people. Tang is like people in general; he needs love and acceptance. At this stage of his life, his emotions appear to be not to stable like the majority of teenagers. He sometimes needs guidance and advice. He hopes he will live with his family when he completes Year 9 or the 3rd year of the lower secondary level school. (WS)

April 2010

Tang successfully completed his primary level and will be in Year 7 or the 1st year under the lower secondary education level when the new school years will begin in May of this year. Like most young teenagers, he needs love and acceptance from other people. He enjoys learning by himself and he does not like to be annoyed. He continues to be a good sportsman of the school and he actively joins in the planned activities. Tang still needs some guidance how to control himself. (WS)

September 2010

Tang had some problems at school and he ran away to our Drop-In Center on the 6th of June, 2010. He is joyful but needs love and attention from people around him, like most young teenagers. His emotional condition appears unstable. His current ambition is to be an

electrician. Tang was sent to the Rebirth Center Foundation in Ratchaburi. He stopped his formal schooling and now attends the government's non-formal educational system. (WS)

February 2011

Tang enjoys his life at the Rebirth Center in Ratchaburi and he appears to mingle well with his friends. He attends the special" in-house tuition" at the Center and he has never been to school before. He continues to be a creative artist and a good football player. He is cheerful, diligent, and responsible. He can do a hard job but he does not love to be repeatedly told how to do something. His emotions appear unstable, however, he is generally healthy and joyful. Like most people, he needs acceptance from other people. He dreams about finishing his Year 9 and returning to his family. (WS)

September 2011

Tang continues to live at the Rebirth Center in Ratchaburi where he also enjoys his non-formal education. He has adjusted himself well and has now received acceptance from his friends. He is a good sportsman who often participates in many competitions. His emotions appear to be more stable and he is willing to take on more responsibility. He appears to be a self-disciplined leader. (WS)