

Introducing Ali Baba and Sutida

Care Park proudly sponsors two children at Baan Dada Children's Home in Thailand. Ali Baba and Sutida are brother and sister, and have been at the orphanage since April 2007. Their sister, Sutida, also lives at the orphanage.

Baan Dada Children's Home and community services began as a boys' home in Huay Ma Lai village, Sangklaburi, Kanchanaburi province in 1994, in an effort to protect the growing number of disadvantaged children in the area. Sangklaburi borders Burma (Myanmar) and is where many refugees and migrant families have moved to due to poverty, disease, and political repression by the Burmese military government.



Ali Baba

The orphanage's main objective is to empower the children through education, formal and non-formal. They are encouraged and taught many skills, from playing musical instruments, sewing, fixing motorbikes, art, languages and technical skills. The children are taught to respect all people, creatures, religion and to practice vegetarianism.

The sponsorship program at Baan Dada provides a very important contribution to the children's education and living necessities. Aside from a traditional education, the children at the home are taught to help themselves and be self-sufficient. By drawing and selling cards, bookmarks, and posters, they are able to help contribute money to their own educational fund. Care Park is currently sponsoring Ali Baba and Sutida for a 6 month period, which can hopefully be extended.

Ali Baba turned 4 in January, and apparently loves running around without his pants on and getting into mischief! Sutida turned 9 in February, she is sweet and affectionate and loves cuddles. Their mother lives nearby and visits the home often.

Many children at the home, are of Karen ethnicity. Karen people are persecuted by the Burmese military dictatorship and many have been driven from their homes to seek refuge in Thailand. Karen people are not fully recognised as Thai citizens and therefore don't have the same rights.



sutida

Please visit baandada.org to learn more about the orphanage and their programs, how to purchase the children's bookmarks and cards and to see a photo gallery of the children and their drawings.

