JUANES



Alise & Mark Juanes

LANGUAGE

Thai

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Discipleship, Evangelism

CHILDREN

Sydney Gavin Kolin

BIRTHDAYS

Alise 9/16 Mark 1/5 Sydney 5/26 Gavin 8/3 Kolin 5/28







ABOUT

ALISE and MARK serve in Chiang Mai, Thailand with the Integrated Ministries for Ethnic Minorities Foundation (IMEMF) and its two primary programs: the House of Love and the House of Blessing. IMEMF serves hilltribe children and families in need through Christ-centered educational support, family strengthening and a

loving home for children in need of a safe environment. Alise works especially with older children and college students from the House of Love who are transitioning to independent living. Mark serves as co-director of IMEMF, supporting the local staff in leadership development, organizational strategy, administration and team goal setting.





A social worker from the House of Love teaches families about budgeting during a family strengthening workshop.



MINISTRY STORY

For 7 years, Riin has lived in the House of Love where he received an education and healing. This past year, his mother, Dao, came back into his life, and we could see her situation had changed. She could now provide Rinn with a safe place to live, so we took steps for them to be together.

Our goal for Riin is the same as it was while he was living with us: to have a quality education and do our part to assist him in being physically healthy, emotionally mature and spiritually aware of God's love. However, with a change in context, we recognize the need to change the approach. Now, we will be working with Dao so she can be the person in Riin's life taking on that role. Riin and Dao were the first participants of our "Family Strengthening Project," which coaches families on topics such as budgeting, starting a small business, positive parenting, family communications, and health and hygiene. The role that the House of Love plays in Riin's story

continues as we see him grow into a healthy member of his community.

God is using Riin and Dao to open doors for us to expand and help families become stronger. This is what we see in the future: children still living in the House of Love as before, but additionally, we can work alongside families to strengthen them and reduce the risk of future separations.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the families we work with to break free from the cycles holding them back.

Pray for the children who do not have safe families to go to.

Pray for the families who are struggling to keep their children in school.

SCRIPTURE

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

Isaiah 1:17 (NIV)

