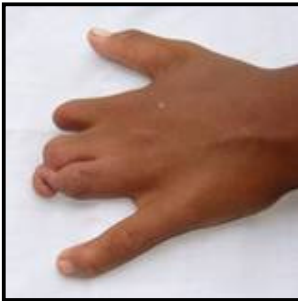




Self Help and Empowerment



Waiminsei,s story; We were approached by a local Burmese pastor, Zaw, who introduced us to Waiminsei age 12 and his family. They asked if SHE was able to help with a medical need.



As you can see from the picture his hands are malformed. The main problem with his day to day life is that he kept getting infections in the small gap between the two fingers that are joined at the top and wished to have them separated. The family lives in one of the local migrant workers camps. These camps are constructed with tin sheeting and whatever else is laying around. Camps such as these and have a very poor sanitary facility which is not the best environments to say the least. As Waiminsei is Burmese he is not entitled to the medical assistance that is available here so the whole procedure would have to be in the private sector.



We sought medical advice both locally and In the UK and with the help of kind donations we were able to progress further with x-rays which proved that the surgery would be quite straight forward. The hospital completed the procedure as an outpatient and it was all finished in a few hours.



Waiminsei is much happier now and is adjusting to having his fingers separated well and the best thing of all is that he can clean his hands properly so no more infections.

The community is to the west of Phuket on Siray Island. The surrounding area has many migrant Burmese workers camps and these camps contain hundreds of Burmese workers and their families. Most of the workers from this area of Phuket are employed both legally and illegally within the fishing industry. The family support them selves by drying small fish for which they earn 2000 Thai Baht per month (£30 or \$60).



A huge thanks to all involved.

Blessings from us all at SHE

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