

Fr. Ray Children's Home

Nickname: **Boong**

Sex: **Female**

Birth Date: **1994.08.26**

Birth Place: **Nakhon
Ratchasima**

Arrival Date: **2005.05.14**

Family History and General Information

Boong was in the care of her aunt (on her mother's side). Her aunt had a chance for employment in Bangkok and was unable to take Boong with her. Her attempt to contact Boong's mother, her younger sister, was unsuccessful. Her present whereabouts are still unknown as she once again split up with Boong's step-father. Boong's aunt had no other alternative but to bring Boong to our Home with the request that she be accepted into our Home. Here she was guaranteed a safe and caring atmosphere and where she would be able to continue with her education.



Boong was accepted into our Home on the 14th of May of this year. Boong is now attending one of the schools close to our Home. She is in the 5th year in primary level. Boong appears to be adapting herself well to her new environment and new friends. (NS)

January 2006

Boong continues on with her education. Evidently, it appears that she is still in the adjusting and adapting stages. In the outcome of her examination, which was taken at the close of the first school term in October 2005, she took 13th place in a class of 20 students. Boong uses volleyball as the means to physically exercise herself and to keep her strong and healthy. In her free time, she also likes to listen to music and also singing along with the songs that she is familiar with. She expresses her desire to be a good teacher in the future, as she wants to impart her knowledge to younger children, a noble thought for a young little girl.

All our children had a great time at one of the well known and large entertaining and recreational centres in the outskirts of the Bangkok Metropolitan area known as "Suan Siam" (literally meaning – the Garden of Siam) where they had a fun-filled day.

To encourage boys and girls in our Home to become more exposed to their Buddhism with the

hope that it may help them with a general improvement of their morale and conduct, the majority of the boy residents, joined in to become young novices for a period of 2 weeks while the girl residents, Boong included, became Brahman nuns for about a week. They were all under the close supervision of priests in Jittabawan College, an educational institute for Buddhist priests which is located close to our Home in Pattaya.

In October of last year (2005), the circus came to this country. The show was in Bangkok. Many of our boys and girls from our Home went to see the circus, some for the first time in their lives and Boong was no exception, and had a great time.

On the National Children's Day, the second Saturday of each New Year, all children in the country are entertained with all kinds of fun and games. Some spent their whole day visiting government offices and National Historical places. Our boys and girls enjoyed swimming in the sea. There were games arranged in accordance to their age ranges, and a big feast by the sea was prepared for them. They all returned to our Home after the fun-filled day at the beach for even more celebrations. (NS)

July 2006

Boong is now in Year six in the Primary level (last year) and has shown fairly good passing grades. There will be no problem next year with Boong starting her lower secondary education (Year Seven through Nine). She did well in Mathematics, which is her favourite subject. At Home, she performs her duties very well and assists in looking after the younger children. She enjoys the company of her peers both at the school and at Home. She is seen as one of the more mature students and is often asked to look after the younger children when the teacher is absent. With the other boys and girls at her home, she has been able to take advantage of extra in-house tuition in English, Maths and Computer and was commended at having done well in all.

Boong displays herself as a happy and cheerful girl who loves to help other people. She sometimes seems hot-tempered. She joins in Thai Traditional Dancing and sports in her spare time. On the 18th June 2006, Boong and her comrade-in-arms went to Pattaya Park. Situated just off just the Jomtien Beach Road, Pattaya Park is a fabulous fun-filled resort. Despite there being heavy rain, the kids enjoyed the water slides, the swimming pools and passed the Sunday afternoon all too quickly but with a lot of happiness and glee. The entire Street Kids population was in attendance and with several teachers and volunteers it certainly was a group to be noticed. Laughter and cheers rang out around the park with children running up to the top of the slope to challenge the water tubes and steep slides. It was a water-filled day both from the pools and the skies but the children thoroughly enjoyed it. And with a visit to Carrefour's shopping mall food court to finish off the day, the Street Kids had another memorable day in their vacation.

All our kids went on an outing to Bangsaen Institute of Marine Science, at Burapha University in Bangsaen on the 1st July, 2006. After the tour every one went for great afternoon of swimming at Bangsaen beach. All the kids from our home went to see the movie called "Noo Hin the Movie" at Central Festival on the 8th and again to see "Superman Returns" also at Central Festival on the 15th of July. (WS)

January 2007

Boong is in good health and continues to show very good progress in her education. She completed her first semester of her Year 6 with a magical 78.85% average! At Home, her teachers comment favourably on her deportment and intelligence. Generosity and good temper are a basic makeup of Boong. In her spare time she participates in sports, especially chair ball, and still has time to relax and play with her friends. A friendly and kind girl, Boong continues to love helping and volunteering. There is no doubt that she is like by her friends and her teachers. She is a trustful girl and she is assigned to do many important tasks. Boong is often seen on the stage, showing her dancing performance to the visitors of her Home. A charming cheerful girl, Boong always greets me with her shy bright smiles when I visit her Home. On Children's Day, celebrated on the second Saturday of January, Boong travelled with a large group of her peers from the Redemptorist Home to Larn Island, which is a very famous island in Pattaya. Here she was able to swim in the sea with her friends, and a great amount of fun was had by all. (WS)

August 2007

Boong continues to shine and is being considered by her supervising teachers at our Home as being one of the top residents. She is always happy and joyful, being friendly to all her friends, spending their free time in the afternoon with her friends after having returned from school, playing together in various kinds of sports, keeping themselves strong and healthy. Boong takes good care of herself and is responsible in doing her assigned house chores without having to be urged or reminded by her supervising teacher. In March of this year, she took the year-end final examination and was able to obtain a remarkable overall average passing grade of 3.32 out of a possible 4.00 or 77.94%. She was awarded the 8th place in her class! Boong did well in Vocational Training, Art, Health Education, Social Study, and Thai Language. She advanced to her 1st year in the lower secondary educational level, which equates to Year 7. Although she is being regularly visited, Boong remains at our Home during the School's year-end long holiday. She participates actively in our Home's activities. (NS)

February 2008

Boong is in good health and continues to show remarkable progress in her education. Not only is her academic ability outstanding, but also her sport skills are excellent. She runs very fast and is one of the athletes on her school team. There are many sport competitions among the schools in Pattaya and surrounding area, and Boong has been chosen to participate in them! Most of the results of the tournaments are very pleasing to her coaches. Her current ambition is to be one of the Thai national athletic team and she hopes to continue her education and obtain a bachelor degree. Being a sportswoman, it is noted that she sometimes appears to be a bit of a Tomboy. At Home, her teachers comment favourably on her deportment and intelligence. Confidence and responsibility are a basic makeup of Boong. In her spare time she participates in playing petanque and volleyball, and yet still has time to relax and play with her friends. Boong needs love and attention from her teachers. She clearly shows she needs their hugs and kisses, unlike most Thai people. Generally, Thai people do not show their love by kissing and hugging. (WS)

August 2008

At 14 years of age, Boong has become very self-confident and responsible. She does her school assignments and her home chores without being told. She completed Grade 7 in March with a fairly good passing grade of 2.91 out of a possible 4. Her best subject was Physical Education, which includes sport class, her favorite class. Her weakness lies in Sciences and Mathematics. She has started Grade 8 this May and continues to do well both

academically and athletically. Boong can read and write well. She appears to be good at story writing. Her hand-writing is readable and precise. Like most young teenagers, friends are very important for her. Boong has many friends at Home and at school. She actively plays with her friends on the various sport teams and joyfully talks about their sports games after the competition. Her current ambition is to be a national sport player in the future. She expects to study at sport school in the higher level. There were 26 girls from our Home selected to attend a Taekwando course. She was one of the potential girls who happily joined in the course on the weekends. Recently, there was a test for them and the test passed only 10 girls on the course. Unfortunately, she did not pass the test but she said she had already learned some basic Taekwando and she can learn more from her friends who passed the test. (WS)

January 2009

Now in Year 8, Boong continues to be a happy, diligent student and a good sportswoman. Like many high school students, she plays sports and goes to school at the same time. This is fun but it is found that the balance scale is tipped towards sports instead of school. Boong knows well academics should always be first in life, no matter what the circumstances. She is now one of the athletes of Pattaya City. She sometimes goes to the rehearsal camp and never skips the class. She never spends too much time in sports and always pays attention in class. As she knows she may even have to give up a sport to regain what is lost in the learning process when assignments don't get done or lessons aren't remembered. The New Year, 2009, was one of the best we ever had. Gifts for the residents, who performed well in the last year, were being given out throughout the day. Boong received 5 gifts from racing competitions in many levels. Good Job Boong!! (WS)

June 2009

Boong advanced to Year 9 when this school year started in May. In the school's year-end final examination which was taken in the early part of March, Boong was able to pass all her subjects with fairly good averages in spite of being very involved in athletics at the City level. Boong misses her school bus quite regularly in the afternoon since she participates in many City athletics events. Nevertheless, her conduct and behavior continue to be good. In her free time, which is not much, she helps her supervising teacher care for smaller children living in our Home. Being an athlete, she is enjoying good health. (NS)

December 2009

Her supervising teacher at our Home expresses confidence over Boong's academic capability. Although Boong is now in her 9th year (lower secondary education) she is also at the same time taking an examination to qualify for 10th year (upper secondary education). Boong is quite active in sports. She is being hand-picked to become a school's athlete to represent her school in dashing under the track and field category. Boong is being complimented to be in good behavior and conduct. To further help her in her academic study, she is also taking special tuition in the evening class. Additionally, Boong also represents our Home in guest entertaining as she can perform well the Thai classical dances. (NS)

February 2010

In the attempt to help Boong to continue on with her education, the supervising teacher at our Home has also encouraged Boong to take an entrance examination at Banglamung vocational school. In this way, Boong is free to take her choice whether to continue on with her academic study in Year 10 should she be able to pass the examination or to shift her aim to vocational training in a very good vocational training institute in Banglamung District which location is not

too far away from our Home. In the meantime Boong is now all set for the school's year-end final examination which should take place at the end of this month or towards the beginning of March. (NS)

May 2010

In the school's year-end final examination which took place towards the end of February or the early part of March of this year, Boong was able to pass all subjects successfully with an overall average grade at 2.74 out of the possible 4.00. Boong is shifting from continuing on in academic study to vocational training in tourism in a government's vocational training institute nearby. The vocational training institute (Banglamung Industrial & Community Education College) shall start its training term around the middle part of this month (May 2010). (NS)

November 2010

Boong continues to do well in her 1st year in her vocational training at Banglamung Industrial & Community Education College. She was able to pass the mid-year examination at the end of the first school term in September, with an overall average of 2.83 out of a possible 4.00. She is enjoying life and is happy most of the time. She is also quite keen in sports and continues to be a "runner" under the track and field sports in her school. She is strong and healthy as evident by her regular physical examination. As an active athlete, she is always in good health. Her supervising teacher at our Home commended Boong for being attentive to her daily assigned house chores. During the long school holiday in October marking the split of the 1st and the 2nd school term, Boong and many of her friends and teachers attended the seminar work-shop entitled "Improving Children's Skills" held at Nongnooch Tropical Botanical Garden and Resort. (NS)

May 2011

Boong is now on her way to the 2nd year in her vocational training. She was able to pass the school's year-end final examination with an overall grade of 2.8 out of a possible 4.00. She was also elected as the head of the class as well as being asked to represent the school in the formal performance of Thai classical dancing in the District's grand social function and festivity. This is indeed an honor for her to be recognized and praised by her classmates, her teachers, and the school's administrative personnel. Boong in the meantime is enjoying her good health. (NS)

June 2011

In commemorative festivity for the 84th birthday celebration of HM the King Rama IV, a number of young boys and girls were invited to attend Samui Art Camp 2011. The whole event had been sponsored by Thai Airways International starting from the afternoon of Friday, the 24th of June and lasting until the afternoon of Sunday, the 26th of June. The kids had the opportunity to fly in a commercial air-liner for the first time in their lives, to the renowned sea resort on Samui Island in the Southern part of the country and spent practically 3 days and 2 nights there. These 4 kids from our Home are: Tone-Kla (1010 4718), Boong (1010 6848), Toey (1010 8201), and Sai (1010 8697). Other than these 4 kids, another 4 were also hand-picked to join the festivity from our Fr. Ray Children's Village.

Attendance at this event should be considered as a bonus for all the attending kids. They travelled to Samui by a commercial airline. They had a great opportunity to participate in the art of coloring and painting along with other kids in the same age range under the leadership and guidance of artistic teachers at the international level. They had the chance to draw a picture of

HM the King Bhumibhol engaged in His Majesty's affairs and after being selected the children themselves brought in their art by themselves. All children attending the festivity were assigned to stay at the Amari Palm Reef, one of the nicest resorts on Samui.

After the presentation of their work at the end of Art Camp, all four were chosen to participate and to present their work at the Bangkok Exhibition Show. They also had many good chances to meet many new friends and had a rare opportunity to stay in such a beautiful lodge such as the Amari Palm Reef. They were also able to have the chance to learn and to absorb the wonderful art technique displayed during their stay. Upon having returned to Pattaya City, each and every kid expressed his or her feelings in having had the opportunity to attend this great event. They found the reception to be far beyond their expectation. It was such a wonderful opportunity, a once in a life-time pleasant experience for the kids. (NS)

November 2011

Boong enjoys her Tourism training course at Banglamung Industrial & Community Education College. She is liked by her teachers and her classmates as she is a responsible and friendly person. She is interested in Chinese and she is working hard on it. On Saturday, she takes advantage of an English course that is taught at the Home and she is often applauded by the teacher. After school, Boong loves playing volleyball and badminton at the Home. Each day, she has plenty to do; starting with homework. She is responsible for cleaning the bathroom each night in the girls' dormitory where she lives. Like all the other older children, she is responsible for the care of her own clothes (all washing is done by hand). Being a young teenager, she loves to dress herself cleanly and fashionably. Boong displays herself as a helpful leader of our residents and she actively joins in our planned activities. (WS)

April 2012

Boong continues to do her best in her study as reflected by her outstanding achievement in the results of her first term in her second year in her vocational training. Her overall average grade was 3.44 out of a possible 4.00. She ranked top in her class and is also highly complimented as being a very responsible student. Boong displays charm and beauty in her appearance and always looks neat and clean in her daily choice of attire. It is very gratifying to see the results of her effort in her school's report card. We are now looking forward to hearing the result of her second term which has just ended at the end of March. During the long school holiday, Boong displays herself as a good leader of the younger residents and she sometimes joins in the dance group here at the Home, performing for our many visitors and guests.

Along with the other children under our Care, Boong had a lot of fun during Christmastime. She and all the children, students, guests and staff under the Fr. Ray Foundation, had "a Big Family Day Party" at which she had all kinds of delicious food. She also received a box of assorted gifts in a wonderful atmosphere with screams of happiness and huge smiles. Our Children are grateful to their benefactors from all over the world for making this time so special. With thanks from all of us at the Fr. Ray Foundation, we ask for God to bless all concerned for making it a real Season of Joy for all of them. Boong was selected to be "Student of the Year" at our Home. She proudly walked up to the stage to pick up her reward with a big smile of pride.

The luxury cruise liner Queen Elizabeth recently stopped off in Thailand as part of its round the world journey. While many guests left the ship to visit nearby Bangkok, others remained on

board and welcomed the children and students from the Father Ray Foundation. The children were very excited to be boarding such a huge ship, and were even more excited when they were taken direct to the restaurant where afternoon tea was served. A variety of traditional songs and dances were performed by the children, who gave the round the world travellers a taste of the culture of Thailand. (WS)

September 2012

Boong enjoys her vocational training in Hotel and Tourism. At present she is enjoying her vocational training and on the job training at a hotel in Pattaya. She does her school assignments and the assigned tasks at the hotel that make up part of her on the job training with professionalism. She is liked by everyone, her friends, her teachers, and her colleagues. Honesty, punctuality, responsibility, and politeness are parts of the definition of Boong provided by her chief at the hotel. Boong does her routine duties well, has good will toward all she meets and gives cooperation to her supervising teacher. She knows how to make fruitful use of her leisure time; and conducts herself as a good example of what a student in training should be like. Boong is a respectful and grateful child who knows how to express herself politely, while being, cheerful and optimistic.

August is a special month for all of us because it is Father Ray's Month. This year, we hold "August" Remembering Father Ray from the 27th of July 2012 to the 1st of September 2012. Our Father Ray Children's Home held Memorial Day to Father Ray on the 2nd of August 2012. Our Children laid flowers on the statue of Father Ray. They then assembled in the main dining room where a team of opticians, dentists, doctors and nurses were waiting for them. While the children were excited about having their eyes tested, being weighed and having their skin checked for infections, they were not so eager to visit the dental team. But everyone must visit them and the wonderful dentists soon calmed the most frightened children. While the children were having their health checked, the cooks were preparing the latest batch of mushrooms which had been harvested that morning direct from the mushroom houses of our Father Ray Children's Home. Dipped in creamy batter, deep fried and drizzled with a sweet, but hot chilli sauce, they disappeared as quickly as the cooks could cook them. The event was completed with a soccer competition. The first game was a repeat of a recent competition and saw the teams from the Children's Home and Children's Village play each other. Once again the team from the Children's Home defeated the Village team. (WS)

February 2013

Boong enjoys her vocational training. She is a responsible and diligent student who carefully does her school assignments. She likes being a leader in learning and taking part in the school's activities. She is fully responsible for her routine duties; has good will towards all and cooperates with the Home's superiors and supervising teacher. She knows how to make fruitful use of her leisure time and conducts herself as a good example in the matter of learning. Boong is loved by her teachers and friends. A joyful and friendly person, she is diligent and is laying good plans for her own future. Boong can help to look after the younger residents at the Home. During the Christmas /New Year break, Boong was pleased to celebrate the party with everyone under the Fr. Ray Foundation umbrella. She received a large gift-bag filled with new clothes, stationery, and some pocket money.

Boong and six other girls in the Home joined in a new project at the Children's Home which is taking care of a variety of orchids. She is assigned to water them every Saturday. From the early stage of growth, the girls will nurture the flowers until they are ready to be sold at market.

Orchids come in thousands of different varieties, and being native to Thailand, they are relatively inexpensive compared to the cost of purchasing these beautiful flowers in Europe or North America. Once the flowers at the Home have matured they will be sold at market and the profits will go to purchase more small flowers which will in turn be grown for sale. The aim of the project is to provide the children with new skills in farming, for the Children's Home to become more self sufficient and to teach the children business skills. (WS)

August 2013

Boong is named "Patchanee Thuengnok" on her ID card. Congratulations to Boong! She received a Lower Diploma in Hotel and Tourism in March. She has started her first year of the bachelor degree at Rajanagarindra Rajabhat University in Chachoengsao, and she is majoring in Hotel and Tourism through the Faculty of Management Science. Boong lives in a hotel with an old friend from Pattaya. She is very happy with her studying and has adjusted herself to the new environment and new people. She actively participates in the planned activities of the University. She is a cheer lead for the red team in the annual sport competitions of the faculty. She is generally a self-confident and independent person who takes good care of herself. Boong returns to our Home on the long weekends. (WS)

February 2014

Boong is now studying in the second term of her university study. She completed her first term with moderate results. She enjoys participating in the planned activities with her friends in the same major. She was able to readily adapt herself to her new life and surrounding environment including new friends without too much difficulty and adjustment. She gets along well with everyone because she is polite and talkative. She displays her leadership and is an active student who pays attention to her studies. Every one who knows Boong well, all agree that she will succeed in her endeavours. Boong is now living in a hostel where it is convenient for her to attend classes daily in this university. She is enjoying good health and continues to show her full responsibility to her academic study while looking forward to having good employment in the future. Boong returns to the Home during the long weekend and she nicely looks after the younger residents. (WS)