

# Fr. Ray Children's Home

**Nickname:** Ooh

**Sex:** Female

**Birth Date:** 1993.03.06

**Birth Place:** Phetchabun

**Arrival Date:** 2005.05.27



## Family History and General Information

Ooh was brought to our Home by her aunt, her father's younger sister. Ooh's father passed away and her mother is the sole earner in the family of 5 including Ooh's other 3 siblings. Her mother works extremely hard and yet she is unable to provide adequately for all these growing children.

With the hope for a better life for Ooh, and wanting Ooh to be able to continue with her education, Ooh's aunt, with the concurrence from her mother, brought Ooh to our Home. She was promptly accepted on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May of this year.

Ooh is now in Year 6 in the primary level in a school close to our Home, Nong Prue Community School. Ooh appears to have adapted herself well to the new environment and to the new school. She is enjoying the company of her friends both at school as well as at our Home. (NS)

## January 2006

Ooh did well in her study, so well that she was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in her class of 49 students in the examination, which was taken at the end of the first school term in October 2005. Ooh is a charming and healthy young lady. She is helpful and takes full responsibility for the completion of her assigned daily duties at our Home. She enjoys a good relationship with her friends both at school as well as at our Home. Ooh expresses her desire to be a good nurse when she grows up so that, she claimed, she would be able to help others who are not well, a noble thought and a commendable one.

In October of last year (2005), the circus came to this country. The show was in Bangkok. Ooh and many of her friends from our Home, went to see the circus. It was Ooh's first time to see and to enjoy the many great acts. She 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.

"Pattaya Park" is a great entertainment and recreational place in Pattaya City. Children and grown-ups may enjoy days of fun-filled various exciting water sports in a large swimming venue. Many Pattaya residents also like to go to the sky-high rotating restaurant where scrumptious buffet luncheon or dinner is available for everyone's enjoyment. Many of our kind sponsors often invite our children to go for a whole day of joy and happiness in the use of the water sport facilities and also to partake of the delicious snacks. Ooh loves water sports. (NS)

### July 2006

Ooh now advances to Year 1 in lower secondary educational level. She had a remarkable overall average passing grade of 3.60 out of a possible 4.00. This ranked her in the top five of her class. She dreams of becoming a doctor because she wants to cure the sick. Ooh continues to grow both physically as well as spiritually and demonstrates that she has a mind of her own. She is regarded to be very responsible and well adapted to her surrounding environment. Ooh completes all her school homework well ahead of the appointed time and does it on her own. Ooh's favorite past time is reading, watching TV, and listening to music. She reads all kinds of books and shows displeasure if she is interrupted in the midst of her reading session. Ooh has demonstrated special talents in drawing, Thai Traditional Dance, and computer.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, Ooh and her comrades-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 with 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and again to see "Superman Returns" also at Central Festival on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. (WS)

### January 2007

Ooh once again has shown considerable progress in her academic study. She completed her first school semester of her 1<sup>st</sup> year in the lower secondary education which is equated to Year 7. She did this with a remarkable overall grade average. She won 22<sup>nd</sup> place in her class of 44 in the last examination. Ooh does well in all subjects and she is now preparing herself for

the final examination at the end of February. After the exams she will have her long vacation until the next school year starts in May 2007. An active and responsible girl, Ooh was often selected to be a prime representative of her school to join in many planned academic activities and contests. She happily reports she loves studying Art and English. In the meantime, Ooh continues to be a very cooperative girl who enjoys being part of the performances both at Home and at School. Growing up as a young teenager, Ooh has learned to keep her bedroom neat and tidy and is always dressed properly and fashionably. In her free time, she reviews her past lessons and also loves listening to music. A healthy and strong young lady, she loves sports, especially petanque. (WS)

#### August 2007

For the benefit of the family and Ooh, it was decided that Ooh should be transferred to a high quality school close to her home, so that she and her mother and her other relatives could spend some quality time together. The transfer also saves them the travelling expenses. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, Ooh was officially transferred to her new school, the Phetchabun Provincial Welfare School. Ooh was able to complete her 1<sup>st</sup> year in the lower secondary educational level with a remarkable average passing grade of 3.83 out of a possible 4.00. Ooh now advances to her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the new school. Periodic visits and observation are being maintained to ensure her well being and continued good progress in her education. Ooh seems to be happy to be closer to her family. (NS)

#### February 2008

Now in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the lower secondary educational level at the Phetchabun Provincial Welfare School, Ooh appears to have adjusted herself quite well to the new environment and enjoys studying there, although she misses her friends at our Home. Our staff has paid her four visits since her departure. Their last visit was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2007. They report that Ooh mixes well with her new friends and appears to be more responsible. This has a positive effect on her grades! Her teachers at school note that Ooh is a polite student who pays attention to her study and actively joins in the planned activities there. Her spare time is spent reading and playing with her friends. Ooh has expressed her desire that she wants to return to our Home and spend her time with her close friends here. She is now preparing herself for the final exam in March and then she will have the long school holidays until the middle of May. Ooh will stay at our Home as she has requested during the holidays. (WS)

#### August 2008

Ooh's result of her last examination was remarkable and she was able to obtain a passing grade average of 3.89 out of a possible 4! She has been in Grade 9 since May. She appears to be a very responsible student who always does her school assignments neatly. Our staff paid her the 6<sup>th</sup> visit in April while she was living with her mother during the long school holidays. Her mother now works as a general worker on an agricultural farm. Like all the other older children, she is responsible for the care of her own clothes (all washing is done by hand). At her home, she nicely takes care of her siblings and diligently does her daily house chores. Like her mother, Ooh is very good at embroidering. They practice their beautiful embroidering on cloth when they are free from working on the farm. Generally Ooh is a lovely lively young teenager who displays herself as a good-mannered and polite person. (WS)

#### January 2009

Ooh lives in the tenth dormitory of her school and enjoys her academic life. Our social worker paid her three visits in September, October, and November. It is noted by the teacher who

looks after her dormitory, that Ooh had good study results in the last examination and she displays herself as a responsible, diligent student who is liked by her friends. She happily helps her teachers and friends besides she actively participates in all planned useful activities in her life. October was the short term break for Thai students. It was time for Ooh to live with her mother in her Hmong village. The Hmong tribe is one of the six major tribes in Thailand. Her village is the biggest Hmong community in Thailand. She spent her vacation learning the life styles, her own culture, religion, language, art, and dress in her village. The main profession of her tribe is farming, and she had a chance to try agricultural work; harvesting rice and chili. The latest visit found she had settled well at school after her happy vacation. (WS)

#### June 2009

Ooh's supervising teacher at our Home is concerned because Ooh has failed to continue her studies at Banglamung College which is located near our Home. Ooh had expressed her desire to continue with her academic studies in the upper secondary educational level, years 10 through 12, in this school. In her school's year-end final examination which was taken in March, Ooh passed all subjects with a remarkable overall average grade of 3.46 (out of the possible 4.00). Unfortunately, after taking the entrance exam to Banglamung College during the long summer holiday, she was not accepted into their program. Ooh has now returned to study in school in her hometown in Phetchabun Province. She is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and continues to be joyful and happy. She is always in good health. Her supervising teacher hopes that perhaps she may try the entrance exam to Banglamung College again since it is the school she would prefer to go to. (NS)

#### January 2010

Ooh continues on with her academic study in the government school in her hometown of Phetchabun Province. In her last school's major examination which was taken towards the end of September and before the long holiday in October marking the split of the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> school term, Ooh was able to reach an overall average grade of 3.00 out of a possible 4.00, a remarkable achievement on her part. In our usual visit during the school's long holiday in October 2009, she was found to be strong and healthy. Ooh is doing quite well in her study but she is trying to do even better as she is now in Year 10 or the 1<sup>st</sup> year under the upper secondary educational level. (NS)

#### August 2010

After a long summer holiday starting in March and lasting until the middle of May, Ooh came to visit our Home to meet her old friends and her supervising teacher. She appeared to be joyful and happy. She is also in good health. Ooh continues to do so well in her academic study in a difficult branch – Sciences. She is already making plans for her continued progress into the under-graduate study by taking some preparation tuitions. She needs to be alert as to the various schedules for pre-examinations being conducted for evaluation of her capability. Knowledge in various subjects shall be a vital part in her preparation for an entrance examination to a good State University. To be able to get into one would require some high overall grades. As of now, Ooh has not yet made any definite plan into which branch she may want to pursue at university level. At the level that Ooh is doing now we have no doubt that she shall be able to do well in her future education. (NS)

#### January 2011

Ooh continues to do well in her academic study in Year 11 or her 2nd year under the upper secondary education in the Phetchabun Provincial Welfare School in her home-town. She is

quite confident that she will be able to pass the School's year-end final examination which is to take place towards the end of February or early March. She will then advance to the last and final year in her upper secondary education which equates to Year 12 in general. As previously cited, she continues to relentlessly pursue the most suitable and higher education leading her to a bachelor degree. Fortunately, she still has almost another whole year to indulge herself in this worthwhile project. There has been no doubt in anyone's mind that she shall be able to do a good job as she shall be fully supported by her teacher at school. The teacher will help her and guide her into making the right choice, even though everyone realizes that it is rather difficult for students in the up-country schools to gain access to a good State University. It is not the same for those who are already in a large school in a big city, especially those who are in reputable schools in places like in Bangkok Metropolis. But being a good student all along, Ooh should encounter little difficulty in making the right choice in her selection. Ooh in the meantime is enjoying good health and should be quite ready for the School's year-end final examination which is just around the corner. (NS)

#### July 2011

It is of no surprise to anyone that Ooh has succeeded quite well in completing her Year 12 which is her last and final year prior to continuing on to her under-graduate study in the university. Ooh is an excellent student with a long track of successes. She has been a good student wherever she is. She is so confident of her academic capability that she has made a request to continue on with her academic study at the renowned and most popular Chiang Mai University. She has set her aim at the Education Faculty. To be able to gain access into this university alone is already a remarkable achievement but everyone, especially her supervising teacher at our Home, is quite confident that she will succeed. We wish her the best in her future study at the university level. (NS)

#### January 2012

Starting from the beginning of November 2011, Ooh has started the second term of her Year 12, the last year of high school. With a high level of attentiveness and responsibility for her study, as well as good conduct, she was appointed class prefect and leader in various organizations of activities. She enjoys studying the English Language, Social Studies and Thai Dancing. She also participated in cheer leading, Thai dancing at important functions and Thai manners contests at her school. She is neat, respectful, cheerful, confident, generous and well admired by her folk. She is now looking for the university where she can continue on with her education and work towards her final goals. (WS)

#### July 2012

Ooh chose to take courses in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Pibulsongkram Rajabhat University, a renown and recognized university in Phitsanulok Province. She is majoring in English. It took a lot of study and hard work for Ooh to be eligible to attend this particular university. Every one who knows Ooh well, all agree that she will succeed in her endeavor. She is now living in a hostel from which it is convenient for her to attend classes daily at this university. We continue to receive good reports about her academic progress. Ooh was able to readily adapt herself to her new life and surrounding environment, including new friends, without too much difficulty and adjustment. 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. (WS)

#### January 2013

Ooh enjoys her first year in the university where she learns new lessons everyday and meets many people. She lives in the girls' dormitory at the university. Ooh is doing well in her academic study as usual. She appears to be happy and content to have the opportunity to choose the courses she likes to undertake. Ooh continues to study hard, putting hard and serious work into the courses that she is currently undertaking. She loves English and believes that what she learns at university will help her to find good employment. She is in good health. (WS)

July 2013

Ooh is now studying in the 2<sup>nd</sup> years at the university. Her major subject is English and her minor subject is Chinese. She completed her first year in March, and she was able to obtain a 2.96 grade point average. Ooh received three As in Rhythmic Activities, Social Skills, and Listening and Speaking. She did fairly well in English subjects. In April, our staff visited Ooh's house in Phetchabun. Ooh lived with her mother during her school vacations. Her mother is employed to work on a rice farm and earns about 200 baht a day and she can only work in some seasons. Ooh also helps to work with her mother. A mature and duteous daughter, Ooh takes good care of herself and her mother. (WS)

February 2014

Ooh is a lovely and polite lady who loves her mother and her family. She is now enjoying her life and her study in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of her under-graduate study. It is indeed a pride and an honor for anyone to be able to gain access into a university. Ooh is enjoying her academic life in this university in which she continues to do well. She is a matured young lady who is progressing well in her academic life as well as in her regular life. In the last term, she studies 7 subjects and the results are as following:

No.	Subjects	Grades
1	Basic Chinese	C <sup>+</sup>
2	English for Life	C <sup>+</sup>
3	English Reading and Speaking	A
4	Aesthetic for Life	A
5	Information Technology for Life	B
6	Law for Living	A
7	Syntax	C

Her grade point average is 3.02 out of a possible 4. She studies seriously having been given this opportunity to better her life. (WS)