



Name: Ma They They (မာတေတေ)
Age: 3 years (female င.ဗ)
Condition: Cardiac (โรคหัวใจ)
Status: **Surgery successfully completed**
Fund: BCMF/CDF

Ma They They is three years old and was born at home in her village with the help of a Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA). When she was born, she was not sucking and unable to breastfeed. She was also breathing very fast and not like other children. Her parents took her to a hospital and Ma They They was diagnosed with a congenital heart condition. The doctors did not give her any medicine but told her parents to bring her back if her condition became severe.

Ma They They's parents are both farmers and work on other peoples farms. They harvest rice in the wet season. Her father also does whatever he can to find other work. They do not earn enough money to keep sending their children to school and sometimes they have to sell some of their food rations from their farming to sustain their family.

Ma They They's family borrowed money from people in their village so that they could bring her to the Mae Tao Clinic on the Thai-Burma border. When she arrived at the Clinic, her mother said that she wanted to see her daughter get better but she said it is very difficult because they are only farmers.



Jul '10: Diagnosed with congenital heart disease.

In August 2010, Ma They They went to Chiang Mai with her mother. When she was admitted to hospital, she was very sick so doctors had to wait until her condition improved before they could operate. In total, Ma They They was in hospital for 20 days. Her mother said that everything went really well and that her daughter feels a lot better now. Before the operation Ma They They was sick about 20 days out of every month. Since the surgery Ma They They has a lot more energy and is more playful than before. She loves to play a lot and she made many new friends during her stay in Chiang Mai.



Ma They They's scar

Her mother says that she will send Ma They They to school when she is old enough and that she hopes that her daughter can become a doctor or help people when she grows up. Ma They They's mother goes on to say that she was very moved by the doctors and everyone who helped. She feels very happy that she did not have to worry about anything. However, she also says that she feels sad because she cannot communicate her feelings to the donors who helped her daughter. In Burma they would never get such treatment. Her mother said she can only offer tears of gratitude because she can't communicate through words.

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