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Burma's kids a future



## Dear Friends & Supporters of BCMF:

Welcome to the July 2013 edition of the BCMF newsletter! We have several updates to share as we continue to work to provide needed health care to patients from Burma with complex medical conditions.

### Quarterly Report

We are soon launching our regular Quarterly Report. In the upcoming April-June 2013 edition, we will share our patients' perspectives on the health care system in Burma and stories regarding the barriers they have faced and the quality of care that they have received when seeking treatment. Look for the new Quarterly Report on our website [here](#).

### Lampang Hospital Echocardiograms

On July 13th, staff from Lampang Hospital in Thailand will be coming to the Mae Tao Clinic to provide free echocardiograms. Many BCMF cardiac patients will receive echocardiograms on this day, which will help us to diagnose their conditions and better plan their treatment. We greatly appreciate Lampang Hospital's generosity in providing such an essential service to the clinic.

### Alfrink College Poster Contest

In the beginning of July, we held a poster-making contest with students from Alfrink College in the Netherlands, a school that has been a longtime supporter of BCMF. The theme of the posters was toothbrushing - many of our cardiac patients must ensure good oral hygiene before undergoing heart surgery in order to avoid dental-related infections. BCMF Skyped with the students to announce the winning poster, which will be used to help show patients good toothbrushing habits (see right). Thank you to the students, their teacher Marcel de Haas, and Alfrink College for their support.



### July Patient Spotlight:

Than Htun is a 15-year-old boy who was diagnosed with a brain tumor in September 2012 at the Mae Tao Clinic. He was referred to BCMF and was sent to Chiang Mai for treatment, where he had surgery to remove the tumor and has been undergoing chemotherapy. Unfortunately, the tumor affected his vision and he has lost his sight since being diagnosed. However, Than Htun has a positive outlook and is looking towards the future: he may soon continue his education at a school for the blind in Mae Sot, where he can learn Braille and work on his English.

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