



# Kajsiab Women and Children of Laos



Kajsiab Women Empowerment Activities

Kajsiab Children Education and Care

Traineeships in the Shelter, Workshops in the Workplace and Events in the Villages.

## Welcome to our Christmas Holiday and Newyears 2016 Newsletter

Thank you all for your support, encouragement and help in various ways. Your efforts help the Women and children of the mountains of Laos to become proud and self confident again and full of hope, working towards a new self sustainable future and a healthy and happy life.

For movies and pictures have a look at our new website and our facebook pages

[www.daauwvillagelaos.com](http://www.daauwvillagelaos.com)

[www.projectkajsiablaos.org](http://www.projectkajsiablaos.org)

Facebook: Project Kajsiab Laos - about all our empowerment activities

Facebook: Daauw Village - about our self sustainability activities

Facebook: Kajsiab Creations - about the local products handmade by the Kajsiab Women and how to buy these unique items

**A huge thanks from all the Kajsiab Women and children!**

**Kajsiab Team wishes you a warm & compassionate 2017!**

## How you can help this month:

Christmas and Newyear; this is a time you can make a difference in the lives of many children. Pack a Christmas and Newyears Gift and send the box to us! Write on the Box : Kajsiab Christmas Winter Gift



This time is not only a cold season in Europe, also in Laos it can be quite cold. Last year it was freezing at night around this time. The Laotian children live in wooden houses or bamboo huts and exspecially in the villages many children get sick or get a cold from lack of protective clothing. You can help these children by sending winter fleece jacket or sweaters.

You can help by **sending the clothing in kind**, or by **making financial donations**.

Love is not what you say, Love is what you do..... you can do something small this year that becomes something huge to somebody in this world, the difference of being cold or warm

### Financial donations:

- Go to

[www.daauwvillagelaos.com](http://www.daauwvillagelaos.com)

then click on: donate now

### Gifts in kind:

- clothes: for babies, kids and mothers.

- school supplies fort he Kajsiab Children

Send directly to the following address:

DAAUW HOME- P.O. Box 372 - HUAY XAI  
NEUA - BOKEO - LAO PDR





## Project Review



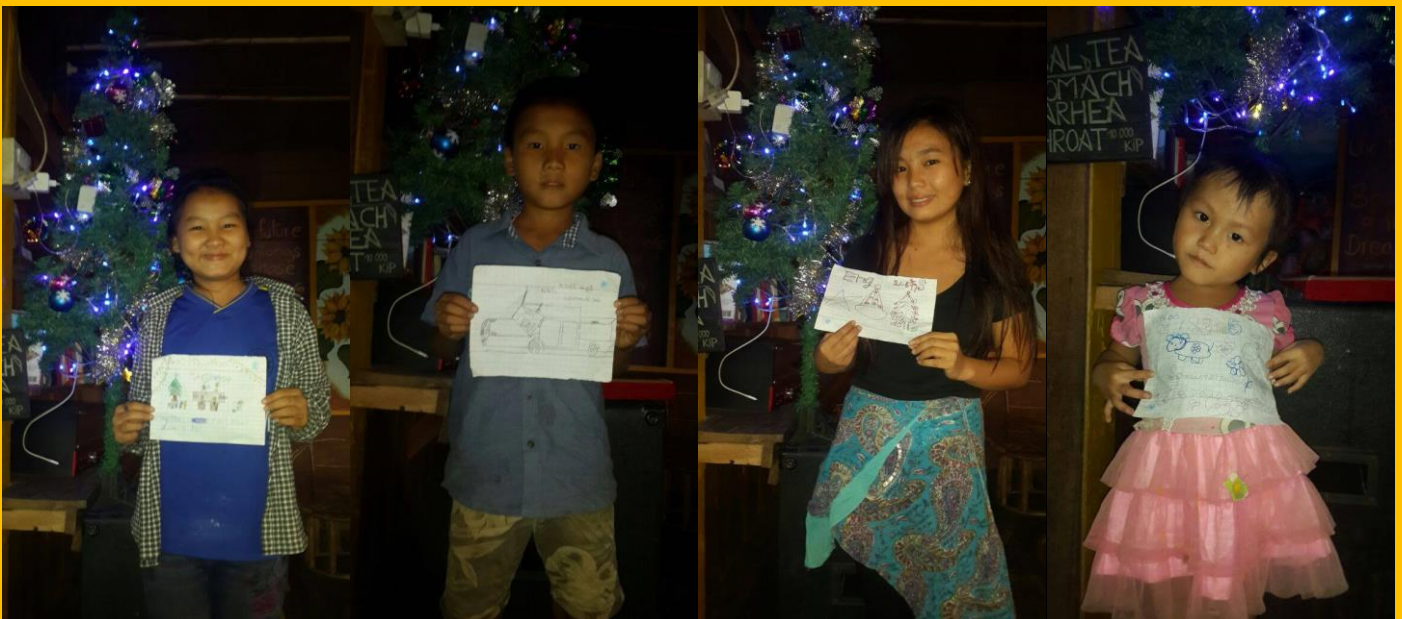
### **Kitchen and Children's Room Renovation**

In the rainy season we have been working on renovation; a more convenient cooking area and the upgrading of the boys room.

Currently more than 35 women and children live in the Shelter. Upcoming month we can start with the pizza oven!

### **Sinterklaas feest**

Cultural Exchange is bringing its own festivals: each year the children of Kajsiaab celebrate a Dutch Children's festival: Sinterklaas. The children make gifts or drawings and they get fruits and candy and the kids get a new piece of clothing and a toy. The whole evening the mountain children, volunteers, trainees from Laos and visitors from all over the world play together and share a delicious dinner.



## **WIFI and Computers:**

Aspire Foundation is donating one year WIFI connection and the purchase of 4 computers for children's education to Kajsiab Children Care and Education Project. Thank you Aspire for your ongoing support and encouragement. Thanks to you the Kajsiab Children will make a difference in the future of this world and in the future of their own lives





## Kajsiab Shelter Traineeship Profile:

### Ning

Ning has been with us since almost one year and she will stay at least 3 to 4 years to learn how to build up a self sustainable life. She stayed with us with her two children since the end of 2015 and because Kajsiab tries to encourage mothers to stay with their children she brought her two other children to Kajsiab since a few months (the new schoolyear). In total she has 4 children, Ning has had a very hard time. Her parents died at age 14. She married right away and was lucky enough to marry a good guy who truly loved her.

After three children however, he - like many men in the small villages - got addicted to the very aggressive drug that destroys many families in the mountains. He loved Ning deeply and was strong enough to keep her land and ricefields and house, but felt he could not take care of her anymore and killed himself.



Ning has been such a good wife and mother that her husband's family accepted her in their own house. Then they decided his brother should marry her. Evverybody including Ning agreed and she got one more child from him.

However eventually the brother also got addicted and instead of her late husband he sold all land and the house to feed his addiction. After a fatal moterbike accident she became again a widow.

Now she has no house and land left and went from house to house to try to stay for a few weeks here and there, owning nothing, not being able to give anything back and feeling left alone and not worthy of anything in this world.

Then, last year, one of the founders of Kajsiab found out about her and after some talks with her and family members she decided to come to Kajsiab, to learn skills and calm down for a while, growing self esteem and trying to focus on a new future where she would be able to take care of her own family.

Now Ning has been with us for a while and after being so very shy and not able to have contact with volunteers, she is finally opening up, as also her children.

They finally start to feel calmer and at ease, trusting they will have a place to sleep and food to eat in the evening.

## **Ning Special:**

### **Movie making; story telling of the Kajsiab Women**

How did the women end up at Kajsiab Shelter, what do they do here and how are they creating a new self sustainable future for themselves; Ning is the first woman brave enough to tell her story in front of the camera. Once the short movie is online we will share the link with you!







Women like Ning can use your help! They are making tiny steps in an unknown world and feel powerful and scared at the same time.



**You can support Ning or another woman here at Kajsiab and become involved being a long term member of Kajsiab Women Empowerment Program:**

Sponsor one of the women here on a monthly basis, for example Ning, donating a set amount each month for clothing, medicine, future plans like a sewing machine for a shop or help to fund their trainee program.

Program costs are around 3000 euro a year for one woman. Each woman is earning their own money during the program time; she is able to save money for her future plans.

Usually women become self sustainable after a 3 year period at Kajsiab.

Monthly donations from individuals can start at 20 euro a month, but can also be 100 or 200 euro a month.

You can contact us if you want to be part of the Women Empowerment Activities by sending an email to [projectkajsiablaos@gmail.com](mailto:projectkajsiablaos@gmail.com)





## Kajsiab Women's Workplace member profile:

### Mia Jaa

Mia Jaa, Ku, arrived at Christmas time with us two years ago.

Ku is a beautiful soul, open minded and open hearted, the first young woman here who spoke English from the very first day of arrival.

Since she was very young Ku has been working on the local handmade products. She learned her skills from her mother and sister and although she did not plan to marry this early - at age 15 -, she is happy now at Kajsiab, learning many skills and looking for many ways to make her future self sustainable.

Usually women come here divorced or widowed, Ku came here because she married Jaa. Jaa has been adopted by Kajsiab because he did not have family who wanted to raise him towards manhood since his father died. Ku has a beautiful little daughter now; Luna. Jaa is still learning, having the men of the project as a role model, how to become a decent trustworthy man, to become self sustainable and create a future for his young family. He still needs to learn a lot and we are all happy that Ku and Jaa and Luna have a safe haven during their learning process. They are both still teenagers.

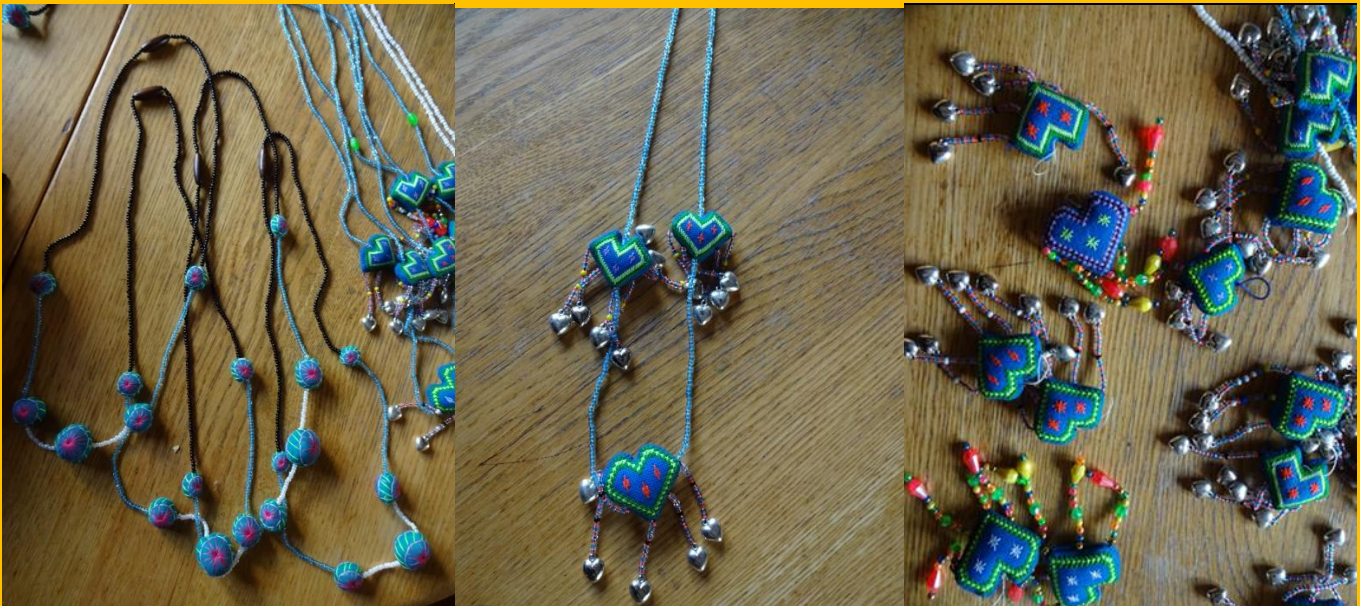


Buying the products of Ku, you help her to become self sustainable and to be proud of her skills. You help her to believe that in time she can make her own independent future. Currently Mia Jaa has three products in stock.

T shirts with the unique square Hmong signs (12,5 euro per item)

Notebook covers (size of an average postcard or picture, 12,5 euro per item)

Necklaces and hearts. (10 and 5 euro per item)



You can order these unique handmade items by sending us an email at [projectkajsiablaos@gmail.com](mailto:projectkajsiablaos@gmail.com). Ten items to share between your friends free shipping costs.



## 2017 Happy Newyear!

Kajsiab Team, all women and children at Daauw Village wish you a strong, powerful 2017 filled with love and care.

Thank you for sharing your strenght, passion, love and care with all of us here at Kajsiab.

Love and respect from the whole Kajsiab Team



## Sponsor and Volunteer of the Month!

### Sarah

Kajsiab team was very happy to welcome Sarah again last year. Sarah came for the first time volunteering a few years ago. Ever since she has been closely connected to Project Kajsiab Laos. She is supporting Baauw and Siiwaa during their training and self sustainability program. She has also supported Kajsiab in various ways; paying for a ricebill, supporting the purchase of the Shelter with a huge amount and her last donation : purchase of a real Laotian Loom!

Sarah is visiting Daauw Home every year to see with her own eyes how Kajsiab has grown and see her friends and the women and children she is supporting.

Sarah is not only an amazing person and a beautiful soul, she also is encouraging the women and children to find their own gift and supporting them unconditionally during the growing and learning process. Sarah also became a personal friend of some team members and founders



Thank you Sarah for everything that you have done for the Kajsiab Team members, the women, the children, the project as a whole and being your very true self, being an example and role model for all of us women.

See you soon again!



