



# ROTARY CLUB OF PATONG BEACH

District 3330 Club 56414



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## USS Cleveland (LPD 7) Phuket COMREL #2 - 5 March 2010 (Friday), 07:30 – 15:00 at Home & Life Orphanage – Phang Nga, Thailand

Welcome to Phuket USS Cleveland, I am Brad Kenny, an American citizen living in Phuket, Thailand and the designated COMREL coordinator here. I work with the Naval Attaché office, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand. I have been made aware of your visit and have put together your COMREL as outlined below.

**Introduction:** I am in the Rotary Club of Patong Beach (RCoPB) and the Service Projects Committee Chairman and also a member of the local US Navy League and I have the honor of being appointed by the US Embassy Bangkok Navel Attache' as the COMREL and Handclasp point of contact and coordinator for visiting US Navel Ships to Phuket. Through the RCoPB we then search out likely foundations and NGO's that could use the benefit of a US Navy and US Marine's program call ComRel (Community Relationship), in which the US Navy US Marine volunteers assistance to the local community to needy local organizations wherever in the world they visit. A second project with the US Marines and US Navy is called Handclasp, in which visiting ships have goods and commodities in which they donate to needy organizations.

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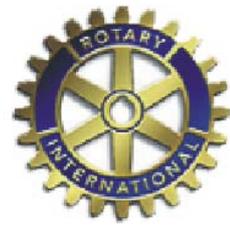
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**Proposed Project Details and Objectives:** The Rotary Club of Patong Beach has now supported for about a year an Orphanage that is located just of Phuket Island over the land bridge in Phang Nga Province.

The Orphanage is called **Home & Life (Phang Nga) Foundation** and started out as a Tsunami Orphanage with a dozen kids that lost one or both parents from this area which was devastated by the Tsunami. It is run by two of the most wonderful people anyone could ever meet, Khun Root and his wife Khun Rasa. Home & Life has evolved into more than just a home for Tsunami victims, they now have a few troubled kids from Patong (the US Navy main liberty area) that were disadvantaged and at risk to get involved with drugs, and/or the sex industry, and additional children that had been neglected or abused at home and needed a safe place to grow up. They currently have 23 kids with the children ranging for two years old up to high school age. To learn more about Home & Life please visit:

- 1) [http://www.andamanrising.org/forging\\_family.html](http://www.andamanrising.org/forging_family.html)
- 3) <http://www.homelifethailand.net/>
- 4) <http://homelife-thailand.blogspot.com/2008/09/sawasdee-krap-welcome-to-home-life.html>

This COMREL is about an hour and half beautiful drive through the Thai country side 30 kilometers over the bridge into the city of Thai Muang, Phang Nga province. Maps are below.

**Work to be accomplished ComRel Day:** The buildings at the site are all in good shape and need some painting. The Rotary Club shall arraing for ladders and any other equipment needed for this COMREL, photos of some of the buildings:





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**Pre-ComRel Prep Work:** – Between Rotary and Navy League volunteers I hope to accomplish the following prep work a few days before the COMREL date.

1. Clean, some scrapping, and prep wall areas to be painted, some walls will need to be power washed.

**Additional Information:** COMREL volunteers will get a free Thai lunch made by the Home & Life staff and I shall also provide some entertainment after the painting is completed. Since this is a school day I will have to try to have some of the children present during the COMREL.

It is suggested that the USS Cleveland bring a several cases of drinking water or enough for the number of volunteers during the work period, the tropical heat is always a concern and plenty of water is advisable. I also suggest all ComRel participants bring sun screen and their cameras.

**Project Handclasp:** The USS Cleveland has some handclasp goods applicable and in need for Home & Life and we shall try to arraing to have them handed over by the volunteers. Items include: Cepacol mouth wash, Bactine disinfectant Spray, Ban Aids, Antiseptic hand wash, Cotton swaps, Dental floss, and Sanitary Napkins.

**Estimated Budget for this Project:** I estimate 3 x 15 liter beige outdoor latex paint will be required along with paint supplies which will cost around Baht 9,900 (US \$ 300). One way or another between the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and possible another sponsor, we will have the paint and paint supplies to do this project.

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