

# Current Projects

## Free Meal Program & After-School Care

The New Light CDC houses a daily feeding program for children, a day-school for kids from migrant families, administers scholarships to students and provides After-School Care (ASC) for Thai Children aged 4-10 years old.

## Y-Pod (Youth Potential Development)

We offer a gathering place for the young people of Nam Kem - with its Youth Potential Development programme (Y-POD), the New Light CDC has provided teenagers with free activities such as daily music lessons, English language and computer graphic classes, excursions and Arts & Craft as well as Sports Camps. Every evening, sometimes decked out in boots and jerseys, the locals come down to the field to have a game of soccer, as the sun sets over the plain.

## Village-Wide Activities

Village-wide celebrations have been key dates on the New Light CDC's calendar, with the locals congregating at this part of Nam Kem for a time of feasting, entertainment, and rejuvenation on special occasions like Christmas and Father's Day.

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## Play a Part in Nam Kem

The New Light CDC has reached this stage of progress because of the gifts, prayers and funds from kind sponsors, partners and volunteers.

If you'd like to donate or contribute in any way, please contact us at [info@cdcnewlight.org](mailto:info@cdcnewlight.org)



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We came because of a tsunami.  
We stayed because of the people.

Our  
heart  
IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
baan nam kem



# About Us

**The tsunami of 2004 has become a distant memory for many, but the reality of rebuilding affected communities are close to the hearts of thousands, still, today.**

Seizing the lives of two-thirds of its population, the tsunami devastated the village of Baan Nam Kem in Phang Nga province, 70 miles north of Phuket, leaving behind ruins and remnants of a nightmare.



Years after the natural disaster, relief missions are starting to pack up and leave, with hope that the community will be able to develop and progress with time, on its own. In the heart of the township stands a center, however, that is committed to being part of Nam Kem's recovery and development in the long haul – the New Light Community Development Center (CDC), Baan Nam Kem.

Under the jurisdiction of The New Light Foundation, and officially opened 26 April 2006, the erection of this hub in the village saw the locals being part of its construction; their involvement not only provided them with the financial assistance they needed to deal with the difficult period, it also allowed the locals to be part of the team responsible for creating a place that would eventually become a focal point and meeting place for the community.

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In the long run, the New Light CDC hopes to have a full scale, Ministry Of Education-approved bilingual school managed by 10 to 15 academic staff. In addition, it hopes to be a center of social enterprise projects that will provide job opportunities for some of the residents, further extend its Free Meal Program to reach more children, and have a separate building to function as an Education and Training Center.

As the world chugs on in progress, and more and more events sway our attention from what is now history, let us not forget the hidden communities that still suffer and grapple with the difficult task of development and rebuilding. Let us then, who are able and willing, participate in this exciting journey of development with Baan Nam Kem.