

BANGKOK COSMOPOLITAN LIONS CLUB JOMTIEN BRANCH

Hearing Project

We are a very small Lions Club branch. One of our members, L. Dennis is a fully trained Audiologist from America. He would like to put his training to good use here in Thailand. To this end he has a few reconditioned hearing aids which will be free to patients. We will have to pay some of the costs involved. He purchased the machine for testing out of his own pocket.



L. Dennis with the patients

As we have close ties with the **Bangkok Pattaya Hospital**, we contacted them and arranged to meet with their Hearing Aid Specialist **Dr Mukda Pattana-aneek**. A lovely lady, who was very willing to help. She explained there were only forty fully trained Audiologists in Thailand, and the problem was identifying those patients who needed help with hearing.

The Thai Government is committed to providing young children with free hearing care, so we may be able help identify those with problems in the future.



Having the silicon mold made

L. Dennis contacted the Dr. at a clinic on Siam Country Club Road, which we had recently had repainted, and asked if he could identify any of his patients who he thought had a hearing problem. He came up with two men, two ladies and three

children. These were tested by L. Dennis and he decided that they could be helped. One of the girls was found to be profoundly deaf and needed new aids on both ears.



Having the hearing aid fitted

An appointment was arranged with Dr Mukda Pattana-aneek at the Bangkok Pattaya hospital for the patients to have ear moulds made. These were then cast into the fitting for the hearing aids and ten days later we all returned to the Bangkok Pattaya Hospital for the fitting. Each one was fitted with the appropriate aid and shown how to adjust them and fit the batteries.



Dr Mukda with the now hearing patients

We returned to the clinic with 7 very happy people who can now hear, thanks to L. Dennis. This will also be a great help in the education of the children.

The cost for this pilot project was about 4,000 baht per person for the extra costs involved. We have identified a source of aids and a Lions Club who will pay for the refurbishment in the UK. **Can you please help, with aids or money?**