

School for Life children took part in Chiangmai Marathon 2017

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On Christmas Eve it was time again for the annual Chiang Mai Marathon. In the weeks before the race, we trained about five times a week, to prepare the children for the race. In the recent years, some of our kids won the 10km Kid's Marathon, so all of our attendants were pretty excited when they made their way down to Chiang Mai City.

To make it there in time, we had to leave at 4 o'clock in the morning. It was freezing cold (for a Thai Winter) and still dark when our group of 18 kids jumped in the car and went on their way. To relax a little before the marathon, we sang some songs in the back of the truck.

As we arrived in Chiang Mai, the main Marathon started already and we could see the first racers who were already on their way already and enjoyed the cheering crowd as they ran pass.

The kids went to get their shirts and bib numbers and got ready to start their own 10km race at 6 o'clock, before the hot sun would make the race even harder.

As they ran pass us, we cheered and shouted: “Go, go, go!”

After about 40 minutes, the first kids arrived at the finish line exhausted but happy. After collecting their medals, getting some pictures taken and enjoyed a little snack, we had to make our way back to the School already.

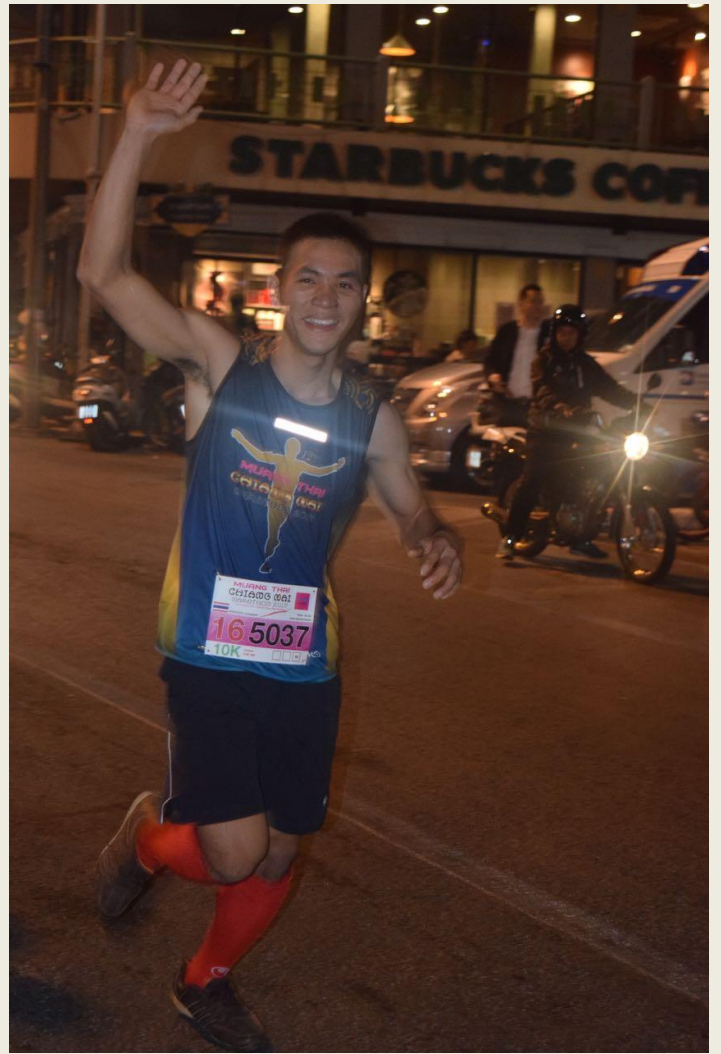
Back at School for Life, the proud attendees presented their medals to the other kids and told them about their experiences from the race.

It was definitely an exhausting but beautiful start to the Christmas day.

A big thank you goes to the Step Foundation in Freiburg who made it possible again for the children of the School for Life to be part of this great event.









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