



## Santevia™ - Giving Back

Yvonne & David Anderson, owners of **Santevia™ Water Systems**, have committed 5% of all Santevia™ sales to help others. Their philanthropy centers on children in need. The tragedy of human trafficking and the **House of Faith Orphanage in Thailand** were brought to David and Yvonne's

attention this year. There are more people in slavery today than at any other time in history, even though slavery was abolished in the western world many years ago! This practice is now called human trafficking, and the victims are most often children, both boys and girls. In Thailand children are taken from or sold by poor families, and many are forced to work in the sex trade. Many of these children, out of desperation, commit suicide before they reach 25!

Thailand is a land of extremes - lush tropical landscapes and poverty filled ghettos, modern cities complete with Starbucks, and dirt hut villages. The northern hill tribes of Thailand are amongst the very poorest people in the country. Poverty, the drug trade, poor healthcare, and little access to education have left these people vulnerable to the underworld of human trafficking. To combat this assault on their communities, orphanages like the **House of Faith** have taken up the challenge to care for some of these amazing children. Sixteen children from the hill tribes now live at the **House of Faith Orphanage**. Food, shelter, education and a loving home environment are provided by house parents who care deeply for the children.

Yvonne and David Anderson visited the orphanage in November 2008 to meet the children and hear their stories. "Our hearts went out to these children, who have seen more tragedy in their short lives than most people do in a lifetime."



"Every child was so thankful to be at the **House of Faith**; they want to go to school; they have hopes and dreams, and they intend to make a difference in their country. Yvonne and David spent time with Sam and Lily Montrelerdrasme, the orphanage directors, and found that the most critical need was for food and school fees. They also found that the reason the orphanage is called **House of Faith** is because without any regular financial support, they rely fully on their faith in God to meet the financial needs of the orphanage.

David and Yvonne are now partnering with the **House of Faith Orphanage**, working with them to ensure that a sustainable financial plan is put into place to support not only these 16 children, but an additional 14 children to bring the orphanage to its capacity of 30. Until David and Yvonne work through the huge administrative challenge of getting these kids sponsored, Santevia™ Water Systems will provide funding for food and education to ensure that these 16 children are safe, healthy, and have the kind of childhood we take for granted in Canada. As a wise missionary told David and Yvonne during their visit, "You can't save all of the children, but you can save these ones. For more information visit [www.santevia.com](http://www.santevia.com)

