

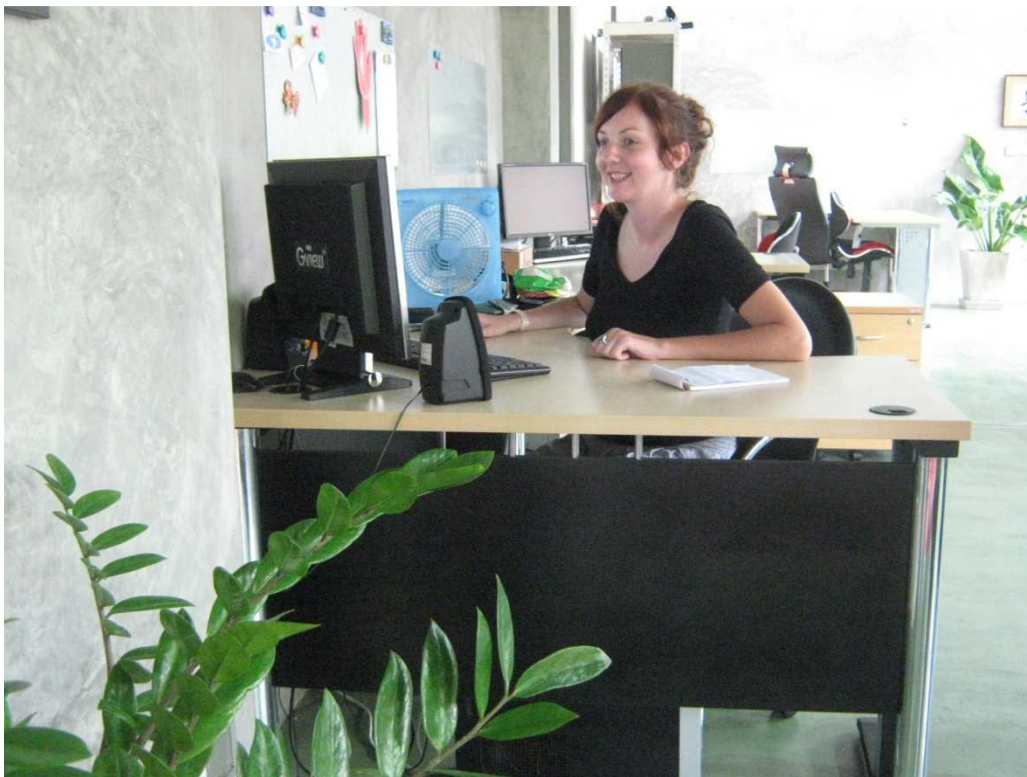
Child's Dream Data

I spent only 3 weeks with Child's Dream but in this short time I got an idea of the good works the charity is doing and what a great working atmosphere there is in the office in Chiang Mai. Coming from a corporate environment, it was a breath of fresh air to experience more of a relaxed family atmosphere with everyone working hard with the same goals in mind.

I am spending some time travelling around the world and wanted to do something constructive with my time – a Google search led me to Child's Dream and it sounded like a great place to spend a few weeks. I had begun to think I would like to work for an NGO in my field of marketing and thought this would be a good chance to find out more about the work NGOs do as well as get some experience in a related field.

My role at Child's Dream was to clean up the database in preparation for moving the data to a new, more sophisticated system. This was quite a repetitive (and sometimes frustrating!) task but I feel very satisfied now when I look at the updated (and hopefully more accurate) data. Having good data is very important for organizations and hopefully Child's Dream will now be better placed to communicate with its supporters as well as those that benefit from its good work such as scholarship students.

Everyone in the office in Chiang Mai has been friendly and welcoming and I have very much enjoyed many lunchtime feasts and after-work drinks and snacks with the team. Although only here for a short space of time, I felt like a valued member of the team and have had a great time. I am sad to leave!



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