

Grace in Action

Stories of God at work in and through the GIS community

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Grace Impacts Student's Life

Three years ago we faced a dilemma: find an affordable school to meet all our children's needs, or leave the mission field. Thankfully, we found Grace International School and made the move from our former field of ministry to Chiang Mai.

Our oldest daughter, Naomi, was starting as a freshman in high school. Shy to make friends and self-conscious, she spent a long year searching for her niche. She did enjoy her teachers, including her math teacher, Mr. Gerig.

At the beginning of her sophomore year, to her surprise she was nominated for Student Council Representative, which she accepted. Her name was submitted alongside the names of several other well established, experienced students.

After the initial excitement of the nomination subsided, Naomi began to experience doubt and insecurity. Despite encouragement from Mr. Gerig, a class sponsor, Naomi asked him to remove her name from the list of candidates. Unbeknownst to her, he kept her name on the list.

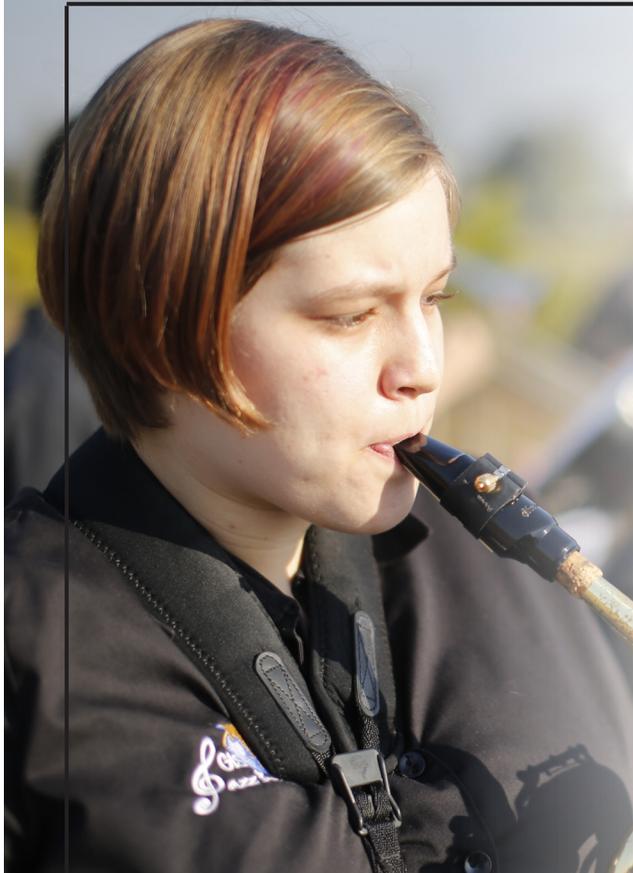
During the following weekend, Mr. Gerig talked to my husband, reiterating his encouraging thoughts and his belief that Naomi was well suited for Student Council. When we shared this with her, it was a turning point for Naomi. She realized that someone had confidence in her and believed that she would excel as a leader. She spent a long time crafting her speech, ran for office, and won!

Since then, she's been elected Secretary of Student Council and is now serving as President of the whole student body. She never would have taken the risk if not for a caring teacher who showed he believed in her. As a parent, it touches me deeply that the teachers at Grace care for the hearts of their students and encourage them towards growth and maturity.

Karen Hausman

Grace International School exists to enable international Christian workers to remain in their field of service by providing for the educational needs of their children.

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