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Film Series

Buddha's Lost Children

A Film by Mark Verkerk

Friday, April 8, 2011 7:45 – 9:15 PM

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Luong Por Khru Bah is a Thai boxer turned Buddhist monk who runs the Golden Horse monastery, located in the golden triangle – the opium growing region near the borders of Thailand, Burma and China. *Buddha's Lost Children* shows what a monk living in the tradition of the Theravadin forest ascetics can do in service to the hill tribe villagers and children of this area. Some of these rural children are orphans, their parents victims of poverty, drug addiction and tuberculosis. The Golden Horse monastery is part orphanage, part school and part clinic. Luong Por Khru Bah is a father figure to many of the children at the orphanage, and is assisted by Khun Mae Ead, a Buddhist nun. The children range in age from pre-school up to their teens. At the Golden Horse monastery, they learn to read and write, basic hygiene skills, cooking, Thai boxing and animal husbandry. Each child is given his own horse to take care of – a major responsibility. The film features stunning cinematography and fascinating subjects. Spoken in Thai with English subtitles.

Screened Courtesy of EMS Films

Admission is free.

April 8 is the traditional Buddha's Birthday celebration, and we will be celebrating with a brief ceremony and cake starting at 7:30 PM. The film will start at approximately 7:50 P.M. The First Zen Institute will solicit donations to support the Golden Horse monastery and orphanage.

