

## Good Shepherd Language School for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

*The Good Shepherd Home Foundation School* is a new project of the Good Shepherd Sisters - Bangkok Community ministry in Thailand. It started in March 2014, at the request of the United Nations and COER (Catholic Organization for Emergency Relief). With the influx of asylum seekers from Pakistan and other neighbouring countries, this project came into existence.



Official Opening Ceremony of the project  
March 2014



***Above - Sister Imma supervising a class***  
***Below - Sisters Josephine, Michelle and Imma***  
***visiting one of the classes***



The UN wants the asylum-seekers to learn the Thai language so that they can study in Thai Government Schools while waiting to go to a third country. They might have to stay in the country for 3 years. We opened our doors to the people and that is how our facilities are being used at the moment.

At the start we had people from Pakistan, Syria, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Cambodia. At present, there are only Pakistanis and Sri Lankans, mostly Pakistanis. Now the total registered children are 300 boys and girls.



Part of the whole group of Asylum seekers  
who participate in the project,  
with Sister Yanee in the centre of the group

*'It is a joy to see our compound bursting with children and  
hear their happy voices!'*