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"Improving Education for Rural Children in Thailand"



# **MISSION**

The Araya Foundation Thailand is dedicated to the charitable goal of helping to ensure that the learning needs of all young people are met through equitable access to appropriate learning and life skills programs Serve the learning and working needs of youth particularly in rural, agrarian communities where the lack of formal and advanced education are most apparent.

Due to the personal biography of the founder of Araya Foundation, Dr. Duen Marti, the foundation has decided to focus its activities in Thailand. The Araya Foundation Thailand sets up and supports a program of volunteer teachers to encourage cultural exchange and facilitate foreign language learning by rural underprivileged Thai children. In our current world of globalization we believe foreign language skills, openness to foreign mentality and culture will be essential in ensuring peaceful and fruitful international cooperation and development.

We are currently working with 3 schools in Chiang Mai, Thailand, supplying them with volunteer English teachers in order to provide the students and teachers the opportunity of learning the English language from native speakers.

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# **OVERVIEW**

Araya Foundation Thailand is a non-profit organization founded May 2010 in Chiang Mai for the purpose of promoting education of children in rural areas.

Founder Dr. Duen Marti who sees the importance of education and its necessity for the future of Thai children and who continues to advise and guide the foundation has appointed Mr. Metha Junhasiri as President and Mrs. Sumalya Suriya as Vice President as it is beneficial to have local leadership within the organization.

The Araya Foundation searches for qualified candidates who best personify the goals and values of the foundation. Since the founding of the Araya Foundation in 2010, a total of 30 volunteers have been provided to teach at 4 different Chiang Mai area schools.

In addition to education, the volunteers provide the children with their first real look at western culture, we believe that such positive interaction with foreigners at an early age can help broaden their worldview and leave a lasting impression.

Our volunteers are provided with on campus housing and all the basic necessities for living. We also prepare them with a loose curriculum for teaching that allows the volunteers to inject their own personalities and experiences into their lesson plans.

The Araya Foundation hopes that our program can make a real difference in the lives of these children.



Dr. Duen Marti Founder



Mr. Metha Junhasiri President



Mrs. Sumalya Suriya Vice President

# **PROJECTS 2019**

- 1. English Volunteer Program: Providing English speaking volunteers to teach English at rural schools. [Since 2012]
- 2. Donation of funds to help hire a dormitory teacher at Giu Lae Luang School.
- 3. Donation of funds to help provide rice for meals at Giu Lae Luang School.
- 4. Donation of funds to Giu Lae Luang School for Vegetable Garden Project
- 5. Donation of funds to Baan Hua Khuang School for Mushroom Project
- 6. Donation of sporting equipment, blankets, and school supplies to Mae Ngan Luang School in Mae Jaem via Chiang Mai Immigration's Charity





# **SPECIAL PROJECT**

Volunteer Sabin, inspired by the work that the Araya foundation has been doing, took it upon himself to raise funds for new shoes, socks and bedding for the students at Giu Lae Luang School. Such a wonderful act of generosity







# **PROJECTS 2019**

# (1) Providing English speaking volunteers to teach English at rural schools

The Araya Foundation has provided native English speaking volunteers to teach English to students in rural areas. At present, there have been four schools who have participated in this program;

- 1. Giu Lae Luang School. San Patong District
- 2. Baan Hua Khuang School. Doi Lor District
- 3. Baan Maelong School. Hod District
- 4. Namsum School. Hang Dong District

We have also positively evaluated following additional schools who we hope to join our program soon:

- 1. Baan Phan Ton School. Mae Wang District
- 2. Wat Tha Kan School. San Patong District
- 3. Baan Huay Nam Khao School. Doi Lor District
- 4. Baan Sam Lang School. Doi Lor district

We have had the pleasure of bringing in 30 volunteers, some who have come back multiple times, and all have made a big impact and have left us better off than when they found us.



Volunteer Teacher Program

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS: 2019**



### Sabin Thomas Lowe

Nationality: American Position: Volunteer English Teacher Working Period: Aug 2019 – Oct 2019 School: Giu Lae Luang School



### Tony Joel Rolan Trahard

Nationality: French Position: Volunteer English Teacher Working Period: Nov 2018 – June 2019 School: Giu Lae Luang School

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS: 2016 - 2018**



### Aideen Margaret Mc Parland

Nationality: Irish

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Aug 2018 – Oct 2018

School: Giu Lae Luang School



### James David Crist

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2017 – Feb 2018 School: Giu Lae Luang School



### Samuel Mattille

Nationality: Australian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Jun 2017 – Sep 2017

School: Baan Maelong School



### Alejandro Mejia

Nationality: Colombian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

May 2017 – Jul 2017

School: Giu Lae Luang School Baan Hua Khuang School



### Tim Cranfield

Nationality: New Zealander

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2016 – Feb 2017

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



### Jacqueline Lim

Nationality: Singaporean

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Dec 2016 – Feb 2017

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



### Alejandro Mejia

Nationality: Colombian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Dec 2016 – Feb 2017

School: Baan Maelong School



### Tim Yu

Nationality: Chinese

Position: Volunteer Chinese Teacher

Working Period:

Jun 2016 – Feb 2017

School: Baan Maelong School



### Samuel Mattille

Nationality: Australian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Jun 2016 – Sep 2016

School: Baan Maelong School

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS: 2015 - 2016**



James David Crisp

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: May 2016 – Sep 2016

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



Le Ngoc Ch

Nationality: Vietnamese

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: May 2016 – Jul 2016

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



Erin Dunn

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

School: Giu Lae Luang School Baan Hua Khuang School



### Shane Rabideau

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

School: Giu Lae Luang School Baan Hua Khuang School



### Bai Limei

Nationality: Chinese

Position: Volunteer Chinese Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

School: Baan Maelong School



Thu Phan

Nationality: Vietnamese

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

School: Baan Maelong School



Rahul Machal

Nationality: Indian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Aug 2015 – Sep 2015

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School

Samuel Mattille

Nationality: Australian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Jun 2015 – Sep 2015

School: Baan Maelong School



### Aditi Roy

Nationality: Indian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

May 2015 – Sep 2015 School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS: 2013 - 2015**



Sandra Basyouny

Nationality: Swedish

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: May 2015 – Jun 2015

School: Giu Lae Luang School Baan Hua Khuang School

Scott Major

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer Coordinator

Working Period: Jun 2014 – Present



Theresa Holz

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2014 – Feb 2015

School: Giu Lae Luang School Baan Hua Khuang School



Natalie Oxbury

Nationality: British

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Nov 2014 – Dec 2014

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



Samuel Mattille

Nationality: Australian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Jun 2014 - Sep 2014

School: Baan Maelong School, Hod



Lynette Stewart

Nationality: Australian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Nov 2013 – Jan 2014

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



Helena Boulaire

Nationality: Irish

Position: Volunteer Director/

Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2013 – Feb 2014

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



Dylan Moffett

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Aug 2013 – Sep 2013

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



Lauren Moffett

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Aug 2013 – Sep 2013

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS: 2012 -2013**



Nationality: Australian

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Jul 2013 – Sep 2013

School: Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School



Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: May 2013 – July 2013

School: Giu Lae Luang School Baan Hua Khuang School



Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: May 2013 – Jul 2013

School: Giu Lae Luang School Baan Hua Khuang School



# Taylor Ferguson

Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Dec 2012 – Feb 2013

School: Baan Hua Khuang School



Nationality: American

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Dec 2012 – Feb 2013

School: Baan Hua Khuang School



Nationality: British

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period: Nov 2012 – Feb 2013

School: Namsum School

Giu Lae Luang School



Nationality: British

Position: Volunteer English Teacher

Working Period:

Nov 2012 – Feb 2013

School: Namsum School

Giu Lae Luang School

# (2) Donation of funds to help hire a dormitory teacher at Giu Lae Luang School

Since 2014, when Giu Lae Luang School was subjected to severe budget cuts and needed to hire a new teacher, for the children living at the dorm, at their own expense. Previously, teachers at the schools had to take turns supervising the dorm children after school hours. The Araya Foundation has stepped in to help cover some of the monthly costs of hiring this new teacher. She has had an excellent impact on the children who live at the dorm and provides them with a more stable environment.



# (3) Donation of funds to help provide meals for dormitory students at Giu Lae Luang School

In late 2016 the Araya foundation discovered that Giu Lae Luang school had not been receiving proper compensation from the government for meals provided to the boarding students living at the dorms. The Araya foundation began providing a monthly donation to help offset the school's expenses for these meals. **NOTE**: In late 2018 Gui Lae Luang school asked for monthly donations of rice instead. In mid 2019 the school secured a supply of rice from a different donor and asked the Araya foundation to use the funds from this project to increase the amount of funding to hire the dormitory teacher instead,



# (4) Donation of funds to Giu Lae Luang School for Vegetable Garden Project

The Araya foundation has sponsored a Vegetable garden at Giu Lae Luang School, both for the educational value of agriculture as well as using the crops as part of the school's meals. The garden serves as part of a larger sustainability project for the school.





# (5) Donation of funds to Baan Hua Khuang School for Mushroom Project

Once again, the Araya Foundation has donated funds to Baan Hua Khuang School to grow mushrooms to be used to enhance school lunches. The local government sent an individual to teach the children this process. The project was completed in February 2019.





## (6) Donation of sporting and supplies to Chiang Mai Immigration Charity for Mae Ngan Luang School

The Araya foundation has once again in cooperation with Chiang Mai Immigration's charity donated to those in need in very rural areas. This year the Araya Foundation has donated sporting equipment, blankets, and school supplies to Mae Ngan Luang School in Mae Jaem via Chiang Mai Immigration's Charity





# **PAST PROJECTS**

- Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration Charity for Baan Pa Khao Lam School [2018]
- Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration Charity for Rong Wua Daeng School [2017]
- 3. Chinese Volunteer Program: Providing Chinese speaking volunteers to teach Chinese at rural schools [2015 2017]
- 4. Donation of meal and snacks for Children's Day event [2017]
- 5. Donation of funds to build Foreign Language Center at Baan Maelong School [2016]
- 6. Donation of funds to support Agriculture Project for Sustainability – Mushroom Shed at Baan Hua Khuang School [2016]
- 7. Donation of funds to provide meals for kindergartners at Giu Lae Luang School [2016]
- 8. Donation of eggs and special meals to enhance nutrition for dormitory students at Giu Lae Luang School [2016]
- 9. Donation of weekly food delivery to enhance nutrition for dormitory students at Giu Lae Luang School [2015]

- 10. Donation of blankets to Chiang mai Immigration for children and elderly in a rural area of Mae Chaem [2015]
- 11. Donation of team shirts to Chiang Mai Immigration for "Bike for Mom" event [2015]
- 12. Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration for children in rural area of Mae Chaem [2015]
- 13. Donation of water pump and tank to dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School to help with water shortages [2014]
- 14. Donation of rice, books and bookshelves to Giu Lae Luang School, Baan Hua Khuang School and Baan Maelong School [2014]
- 15. Donation of sporting equipment to Giu Lae Luang School and Baan Hua Khuang School [2012 2013]
- 16. Donation of supplies for volunteer housing at Baan Maelong School [2012 2013]
- 17. Donation of funds to build library at Baan Maelong School [2012 2013]
- 18. Construction of teacher's dormitory at Namsum School [2010]
- 19. Renovation and construction of students dormitory and volunteer room at Giu Lae Luang School [2012 2013]

# **PAST PROJECTS**

(1) Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration Charity for Baan Pa Khao Lam School [2018]

The Araya foundation has continued its yearly tradition of cooperating with Chiang Mai Immigration's charity to donate to those in need in very rural areas. This year the Araya Foundation has donated sporting equipment to the Baan Pa Khao Lam School in the Mae Taeng District of Chiang Mai.



(2) Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration Charity for Rong Wua Daeng School [2017]

In January of 2017 the Araya foundation continued its long standing cooperation with Chiang Mai Immigration's charity by donating sporting equipment to the Rong Wua Daeng school in San Kham- phaeng, Chiang Mai.



# (3) Providing Chinese speaking volunteers to teach Chinese at rural schools

From 2015 to 2017, the Araya Foundation added a Chinese Language Pilot Program at Baan Maelong School in Hod. China is an important regional neighbor and tourism from China has been on a sharp rise over the past few years increasing the value of learning the Chinese Language.



# (4) Donation of meal and snacks for Children's Day event [2017]

In January of 2017 Khun Metha, the incoming foundation president, sponsored a special meal voted on by the children at our three partner schools. Snacks were provided by Khun Moo, the foundation's sitting President. A great time was had by all.





# (5) Donation of funds to build Foreign Language Center at Baan Maelong School [2016]

The Araya Foundation has funded Baan Maelong School's proposal for 150,000 baht to turn the unused space under the 5th and 6th grade classroom annex into a Foreign Language Center in order to provide good and adequate facilities for the learning and teaching of foreign languages. The projected was completed late December 2016. The building was dedicated to C.J. Huang and sponsored by Mrs. Ha Lin Yip Huang, a major donor to Araya Foundation projects





# (6) Donation of funds to support Agriculture Project for Sustainability – Mushroom Shed at Baan Hua Khuang School [2016]

The Araya Foundation has provided Baan Hua Khuang School funding to improve the existing growing shed and to purchase mushroom starter kits for their project. With this project the school is hoping to help students learn to be self-sufficient and develop skills for the future as well as creating a good relationship between school, parents, community and the Foundation. All crops harvested will be used for school lunches





# (7) Donation of funds to provide meals for kindergartners at Giu Lae Luang School [2016]

Schools are not provided a meal stipend for kindergarten boarding students by the government. Because of this, the Araya Foundation with the help of Joy Wang, has set-up funding of lunches for children who fall in to that criteria to help alleviate the financial burden of the schools.





# (8) Donation of eggs and special meals to enhance nutrition for dormitory students at Giu Lae Luang School [2016]

In order to enhance the nutritional value of the children's meals at Giu Lae Luang School, the Araya Foundation has been overseeing a special meal for the children who live at the dorms. Twice a month a meal is chosen from the children's favorites and enhanced with fruit and vegetables. The Araya foundation also donates eggs on a bi-weekly bases to help ensure that the children are receiving enough protein with all meals. With thanks to friend of the foundation, Joy Wang, whose donation made this all possible.





# (9) Donation of weekly food delivery to enhance nutrition for dormitory students at Giu Lae Luang School [2015]

In 2015 the Araya Foundation began a weekly program to deliver extra food to Giu Lae Luang School to help enhance the nutritional value of the dorm children's meals. This donation comes courtesy of Ms. Joy Wang, a friend of the foundation.





# (10) Donation of blankets to Chiang Mai Immigration for children and elderly in rural area of Mae Chaem [2015]

In the winter of 2015, the Araya Foundation donated blankets for the young and elderly in the rural area of Mae Chaem by way of Chiang Mai Immigration's own charity.





# (11) Donation of team shirts to Chiang Mai Immigration for "Bike for Mom" event [2015]

On Mother's day 2015, the Araya Foundation sponsored the Chiang Mai immigration team by donating special 'Bike for Mom" shirts to wear at the event held in honor of her majesty Queen Sirikit.





# (12) Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration for children in rural area of Mae Chaem [2015]

In 2015, the Araya Foundation helped Chiang Mai Immigration's own charity by donating sporting equipment to be used by rural schools in Mae Chaem, Chiang Mai.





# (13) Donation of water pump and tank to dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School to help with water shortages [2014]

Giu Lae Luang is located in a small village that has had many disruptions to their water supplies. This is an especially big problem when you have dozens of children using the shower at the same time. The Araya Foundation has added a large water tank and pump to the school dorm to help alleviate water shortages





# (14) Donation of rice, books and bookshelves to Giu Lae Luang School, Baan Hua Khuang School and Baan Maelong School [2014]

On January 14, 2014, the Araya Foundation Founder, Dr. Duen Marti along with a group of generous donors from Switzerland, donated rice to help supplement the schools lunch programs. English books were also donated to enhance their libraries. Additionally, bookshelves were provided to Baan Maelong School to help complete their new library.







# (15) Donation of sporting equipment to Giu Lae Luang School and Baan Hua Khuang School [2012 – 2013]

Friend of the Foundation, Assunta Cha, through the Araya Foundation donated sports equipment to Giu Lae Luang and Baan Hua Khuang Schools, for use in instructional and recreational activities at the schools. The value of the donation totals 16,554 baht.

# List of Sports Equipment:

Volleyball - Mikaza MVA 330	8 units
Volleyball Net	2 units
Soccer Ball - Mikaza SWL 310 (No.5)	4 units
Soccer Ball Net	2 pairs
Chairball - Mikaza 1800	4 units
Chairball Basket - Mikaza 1800	2 pairs
Ping Pong Net - Dragonfly	4 units
Ping Pong Ball - Champ	4 dozens
Ping Pong Racket - Butterfry	8 units
Chess Set	10 sets
Chess Board	10 units

# (16) Donation of supplies for volunteer housing at Baan Maelong School [2012 – 2013]

The Araya Foundation has donated the following items for the volunteer housing: wardrobe closet, mattresses, bedding, wall fan, hot water heater and necessary appliances such as toaster oven, hot plate, rice cooker, electric kettle etc. For a total cost of 21,236 baht.







# (17) Donation of funds to build library at Baan Maelong School [2012 – 2013]

The Araya Foundation has donated 300,000 baht to build a library at Baan Maelong School, A. Hod, Chiang Mai. The library was completed and named "CJ Huang Library" and was sponsored by Mrs. Ha Lin Yip Huang. The building is divided into 2 parts (1) the library itself, which has a collection of books and instructional media for student education and (2) a computer room, to serve as a source of training in the use of computer technology.







### (18) Construction of teacher's dormitory at Namsum School [2010]

In 2010, The Araya Foundation built a fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom teacher's dormitory with a shared kitchen area on the grounds of the Namsum School in Hang Dong District of Chiang Mai, in order to accommodate volunteers and visiting teachers.







# (19) Renovation and construction of student dormitory and volunteer room at Giu Lae Luang School [2012 – 2013]

Araya Foundation has carried out the wishes of Giu Lae Luang School by renovating an abandoned building on campus and turning it into a student dormitory for students who live far from the campus.

The structure of the existing building, made from wood and concrete, was still strong but had fallen into disrepair due to a lack of maintenance. The Foundation has re-enforced the flooring, replaced the ceiling and roof, painted the building, added mosquito screens, ceiling fans, bedding and furniture. A new stairway was added, leading to the second story on the boy's side. Also added was a newly constructed shower area / bathroom with 14 rooms, 7 on the girl's side and 7 on the boy's. A washing area was also built at the rear of the building.







In addition to the improvement of the student dormitory, the Araya Foundation also built rooms for volunteers who teach English to the students at the school. Two rooms with bathrooms were created at the first floor of the student dormitory.









Summary of Construction and Renovation Costs

- 1. Construction and Renovation 760,149.46 baht.
- 2. Furniture and Bedding for Student Dormitory 168,700 baht.
- 3. Furniture, Bedding and Electrical Appliances for Volunteer Rooms 87,034 baht Totaling 1,015,883.46 baht

# **Principal Quotes**

# **PRINCIPAL QUOTES**



"We are thankful for the generosity of the Araya Foundation whose donations of Food, Dormitory and Volunteer teachers has allowed us to focus our meager resources on education related matters"

Mrs. Nuengnoot Principal of Giu Lae Luang School

"Our goal is for our students to be able to learn the basic structure of English in order to be able to communicate with foreigners which can expand their horizons and open up a world of possibilities. We would like to thank the Araya Foundation for helping us to make this possible"

Mr. Narongchai Principal of Baan Maelong School





"Due to the ASEAN Economic Community that began in 2015, whose 10 countries use English as a bridge language. We need to bring our standard of English speaking to a higher level. We are hoping that the Araya Foundation will keep supplying us with volunteer teachers as we are a very small school who could not afford to hire native English speaking teachers"

Mr. Suchart Principal of Baan Hua Khuang School

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"We would like our students and teachers to be able to communicate in English with native speakers. They need to understand and learn the basic skills of reading, writing and speaking English. We hope that the Araya Foundation will continue providing Volunteer English Teachers to our school regularly. This program is very beneficial to our students and teachers".

> Mr. Tanawut Former Principal of Giu Lae Luang School





"Our school would like to prepare our students to be ready for ASEAN Economic Community that will begin in 2015. The 10 countries in ASEAN use English as a bridge language. We are hoping that the Araya Foundation will keep supplying us with volunteer teachers as we are a very small school who could not afford to hire native English speaking teachers"

Mr. Wiwat Former Principal of Baan Hua Khuang School

# Thank You

The Araya Foundation would like to thank all the volunteers who have committed a large amount of their own time to help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than themselves.

We of course could not have done any of this without the continued generous support from people like you. The contributions from our donors has been pivotal to the success of the Araya Foundation and without it we could not sponsor the volunteers or all the great projects you have read about.

So, from the bottom of our hearts and from the children involved in this program...Thank You!



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