

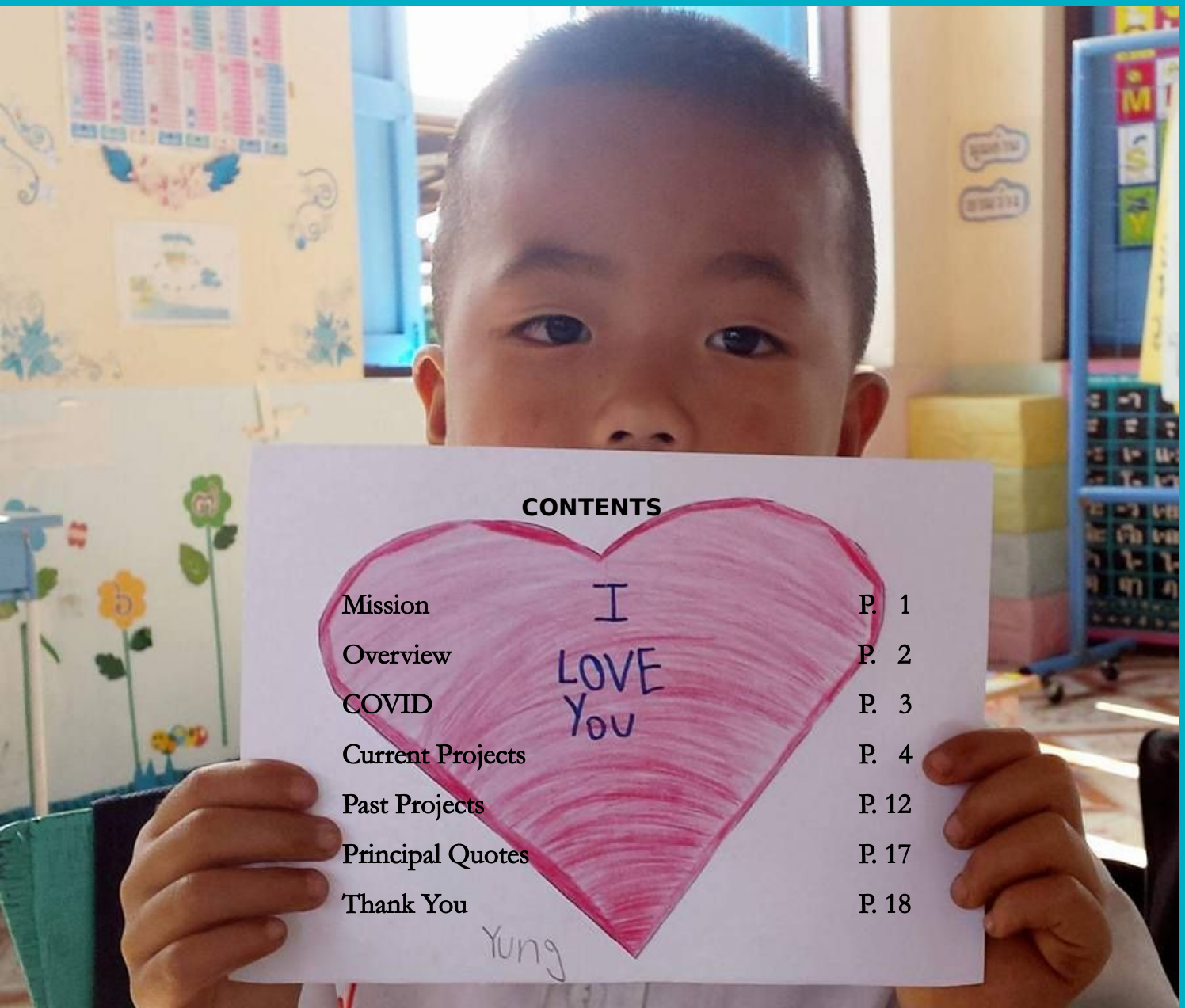


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ARAYA FOUNDATION



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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 as well as to 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.

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 31 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



COVID-19

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...and its effects

There is no denying the effect COVID has had on us and the schools we work with. It has changed the types of help we can provide.

In March of 2020 the school year ended a week early and so our last volunteer departed Thailand. During the summer break Thailand went in to full lock-down. As the lock-down was lifted and we headed toward the new school year unfortunately a rise in COVID infections delayed the school year by a month. Once the schools reopened we were able to provide supplies such as alcohol gel, masks and rice. We were not however able to provide volunteers to teach English so we looked for other ways in which we could improve the children's quality of life. The foundation decided to renovate the dormitory at GLL School. In addition to looking for ways to help our schools the Araya Foundation made donations to the community as well.

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DONATIONS

DONATIONS - Masks, Alcohol Gel, and Rice



1.1

Masks, Alcohol Gel, and Rice

Early in the pandemic, having become clear that we would not be able to bring in Volunteers, we looked for ways to help through donations. We donated masks and alcohol gel to Giu Lae Luang, Wat Nam Bor Luang and Baan Maelong Schools. We also donated rice to Giu Lae Luang School to help with the dorm children's meals.

Additionally we teamed up with Chiang Mai Immigration's Charity to donate rice to the Chiang Mai community.





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Renovation of the Dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School



2.1

Painting

Before we go over the details of the renovation project, the Araya Foundation would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Naronchai (former Principal of Ban Maelong School) who helped us to manage this project and keep it under budget.

We would like to give a special thanks to Unique Products (Thailand) Co., Ltd. and Araya Foundation President Khun Metha for their joint donation of high quality industrial paint to this project.

The painters arrived on-site in mid November of 2020 and began to prep the dormitory. The improvements were immediately noticeable.



2

Renovation of the Dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School

Renovation of the Dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School Phase 1



2.2

Ceiling, Windows and Security bars

Ceiling Tiles: While mostly in good condition, a few tiles needed to be replaced and painted over.

Broken Glass Windows: There were 3 broken glass windows that were replaced.

Window/Door Screens: Many of the existing screens had become damaged over the years which necessitated the replacement of 4 air flow screens, 5 door screens and 15 window screens.

Window Security Bars: In order to increase the security of the dorm students we choose to add metal security bars to the dormitory windows.



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Renovation of the Dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School



Renovation of the Dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School Phase 1



2.3

Wall Panels, Stairways and Flooring

Wall panels in front of the bathrooms and dividing the boy's and girl's rooms: The broken panels were repaired with much stronger materials and painted over.

The Stairway platform to the girl's Dormitory and Broken wooden floor on terrace: The harsh climate had taken its toll on much of the exposed wood. These items had been repaired poorly several times and were severely in need of replacement to meet safety standards.



2.4

Bathrooms and Plumbing



Bathroom: We reworked the drainage system, replaced toilet seats, faucets and sprayers.

Plumbing System: Many of the drainage pipes were clogged or broken. The entire plumbing system for sinks, showers and urinals needed to be replaced.

Excavate ground and install holding tank/cesspit: Originally there was no holding tank/cesspit for waste water from the showers, sinks and urinals. The waste water just ran to the ground. We excavated trenches and 2 cesspits to accommodate the proper plumbing.



New Beds and Bedding

In February of 2021, with the first phase of the Renovation of the Dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School project having been completed. The Araya foundation purchased new bed frames as well as good quality mattresses.

The Araya Foundation donated 18 bunk beds and 44 mattresses. The foundation also secured a donation of an additional 4 bunk beds from Chan Furniture and the Chiang Mai Rotary Club. For the new bed frames, we decided to go with the best frames on the market which are made of stronger and thicker metal and should last for many years. The total cost for beds and mattresses is 144,400 baht

Giu Lae Luang Dormitory Renovation Phase 1 Budget Summary					
#	Description	Total Estimate	Total Actual Cost	Over/ Under Budget	Remark
1	Replace all windows with double pane - Wood)	62,000.00	81,096.40	8,903.60	Under Budget
2	Replace doors and bathroom doors incl. tin covering	28,000.00			
3	Exterior & Interior Paint (incl. Door, windows & eaves) and lacquer wooden floor	100,000.00	74,038.00	25,962.00	Under Budget
4	Replace all windows with double pane - Wood)	-	1,800.00	-1,800.00	Not Budgeted
5	Replace ceiling tiles	1,000.00	450.00	550.00	Under Budget
6	Window/Door Screens	30,900.00	25,120.00	5,780.00	Under Budget
7	Window Security Metal Bars	16,800.00	18,000.00	-1,200.00	Over Budget
8	Wall Panels in front of Bathrooms/ Boy-Girl Separation Panel	6,000.00	452.34	5,547.66	Under Budget
9	Repair Stairway Platform, replace with Shera Wood	5,000.00	4,766.85	233.15	Under Budget
10	Repair broken wooden Floor	600.00	1,400.00	-800.00	Over Budget
11	Replace Toilet Seats	4,000.00	2,408.00	1,592.00	Under Budget
12	Repair plumbing system	10,000.00	6,210.17	3,789.83	Under Budget
13	Excavate ground and install holding tank/cesspit	6,200.00	8,948.00	-2,748.00	Over Budget
14	Miscellaneous Expenses	-	13,000.00	-13,000.00	Not Budgeted
Grand Total		312,500.00	237,689.76	74,810.24	Under Budget

Renovation of the Dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School Budget

Giu Lae Luang Dormitory Renovation Phase 2 Budget Summary					
#	Description	Units	Price Per Unit	Total Baht	Remark
1	3.5 ft. Bunk Bed Brand: True Furrich Model: Mezzy J	18	6,800.00	1,22,400.00	Donated by Chan Furniture and CM Rotary Club
		4	6,800.00	0.00	
2	3.5 ft. Mattresses	44	500.00	22,000.00	-
Grand Total				144,400.00	



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Donations to Hospitals

Another way the Araya Foundation found to help was by donating meals to the overworked hospital staffs at the area COVID hospitals. Mrs. Sumalya Suriya, Vice President of the Araya Foundation personally prepared these meals.

In April 2021 the Araya Foundation donated meals to the Cohort ward staff at Maharaj Hospital.

In May 2021 the Araya Foundation donated meals to the medical staff at Hang Dong Hospital.

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Donation of Funds To Help with Teacher Salary

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.

While classes have been mostly online this past semester. This teacher is still needed to teach those classes.



Projects we have done in the past

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and Hope to get back to in the Future

Unfortunately COVID has put a temporary stop to many of the types of projects that we have done in the past.

The following pages show many of the types of projects that we have sponsored over the years and that we are looking forward to resuming as soon as it is possible.



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Volunteers

We have had the pleasure of bringing in 31 volunteers from 13 different countries, some who have come back multiple times, and all have made a big impact on the schools we work with.

Understandably, due to COVID, we have had to suspend our volunteer program until we feel it is safe for the children, the schools as well as the volunteers themselves. We are hoping to resume this program in the next semester or two.

For a complete listing of volunteers and photos please see the Araya Foundation Annual Report 2020.



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Agricultural Projects



Agricultural Projects



Vegetable Gardens, Mushroom Sheds and Projects for Sustainability

Over the years we have donated funds to help with several agricultural based projects such as Mushrooms Sheds at Baan Hua Khuang school (2016, 2019) and a vegetable garden at Giu Lae Luang School (2019).

These projects were part of an educational program to teach the children about sustainability and being self sufficient.

We are hoping, that in the coming school year, the children will be able attend classes in-person and that the Araya Foundation will be able to help support them again in these types of projects.



To Other Communities

Over the years The Araya Foundation has, in cooperation with Chiang Mai Immigration's charity, made several donations to those in need in very rural areas.

Among the communities that The Araya Foundation has donated sporting equipment and school supplies to are Baan Mai Pattana Santi School and Baan Mae Malaw Schools in Mae Chaem (2020), Mae Ngan Luang School in Mae Jaem (2019), Baan Pa Khao Lam School in Mae Taeng (2018), Rong Wua Daeng school in San Kham-phaeng (2017)

In the winter of 2015, the Araya Foundation donated blankets for the young and elderly in the rural area of Mae Chaem.





and Infrastructure Projects

The Araya Foundation has sponsored many building projects at our schools. Such as, a Library (2013) with an addition of Books and Bookshelves (2014) as well as a Foreign Language Center (2016) at Baan Maelong School.

At Giu Lae Luang School we renovated an old abandoned building so it could be used as a dormitory (2013). This included the addition of toilets and shower facilities. Rooms for volunteers were added as well. Later (2014) a water tank and pump were added to the dormitory to aid with water flow and pressure.

In 2010 the Araya Foundation built a two bedroom two bathroom teacher's dormitory at Namsum School.

Principal Quotes



“Giu Lae Luang School would like to thank the Araya Foundation for providing volunteer teachers to help improve English language learning and helping to train students to have the courage to express themselves. Thank you all for participating in our students development.”

Mr. Chonlawit
Principal of Giu Lae Luang School

“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
Former 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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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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