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### Introduction to Araya Foundation

The Araya Foundation 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. We seek to identify a mode of education that would 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.

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.

In 2015, the Araya Foundation seeing the benefit of learning the Chinese Language started a pilot program at one of our partner schools providing native Chinese language speakers to teach the children.





## Araya Foundation 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.

There are three board members and one field officer under the President, Ms. Sumalya Suriya and Vice President/Founder Dr. Duen Marti who sees the importance of education and its necessity for the future of Thai children.

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, 23 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.



# Projects for 2015

- (1) English Volunteer Program: Providing English speaking volunteers to teach English at rural schools
- (2) Chinese Volunteer Program: Providing Chinese speaking volunteers to teach Chinese at rural schools
- (3) Donation of funds to hire a dormitory teacher at Giu Lae Luang School
- (4) Donation of weekly food delivery to enhance nutrition for dormitory students at Giu Lae Luang School
- (5) Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration for children in rural area of Mae Chaem
- (6) Donation of team shirts to Chiang Mai Immigration for “Bike for Mom” event
- (7) Donation of blankets to Chiang Mai Immigration for children and elderly in rural area of Mae Chaem
- (8) Developing and maintaining Foundation Volunteer Recruitment Website and Facebook Pages



# Projects for 2015

## (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, A. San Patong, Chiang Mai, Thailand
2. Baan Hua Khuang School, A. Doi Lor, Chiang Mai, Thailand
3. Baan Maelong School, A. Hod, Chiang Mai, Thailand
4. Namsum School, A. Hang Dong, Chiang Mai, Thailand

There have been a total of 23 volunteers who have worked with the Araya Foundation. All have made a big impact and have left us better than they found us.



## List of English Teaching Volunteers: 2015



### Erin Dunn

**Nationality:** American

**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher

**Working Period:** Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

**School:** Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School

Erin has a degree of Psychology and considerable experience working with children around the world. In addition to having a great personality Erin uses Music to connect with the children.



### Shane Rabideau

**Nationality:** American

**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher

**Working Period:** Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

**School:** Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School

Shane came to us already having experience teaching English in Thailand the previous year to students Monks in Chiang Mai. Shane is a natural teacher and very popular with the students.



### Thu Phan

**Nationality:** Vietnamese

**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher

**Working Period:** Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

**School:** Baan Maelong School

Thu not only has experience as an English translator, but also holds a degree in Chinese Linguistics and Literature, making her a very versatile addition to our program.



## List of Volunteers: 2015 (Continued)

**Rahul Machal****Nationality:** Indian**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher**Working Period:** Aug 2015 – Sep 2015**School:** Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School

Rahul is a filmmaker who is involved in charities back home. Rahul took some time between projects to help out the Araya foundation by teaching at two of our schools.

**Samuel Mattille****Nationality:** Australian**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher**Working Period:** Jun 2015 – Sep 2015**School:** Baan Maelong School

Sam returned to volunteer with the Araya Foundation for a third time. This is his second year at Baan Maelong School in Hod. With his experience, Sam continues to be a valuable asset to our organization.

**Aditi Roy****Nationality:** Indian**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher**Working Period:** May 2015 – Sep 2015**School:** Giu Lae Luang School

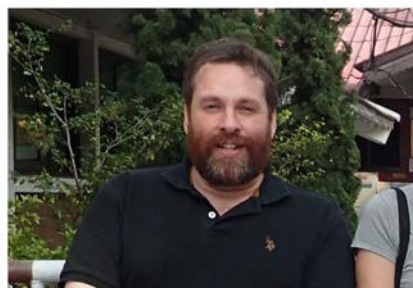
Baan Hua Khuang School

Aditi is an aspiring world travel and writer, who brings a lot of enthusiasm to the class room. Aditi came here to teach, but she left having learned so much from her time at the schools.

**Sandra Basyouny****Nationality:** Swedish**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher**Working Period:** May 2015 – Jun 2015**School:** Giu Lae Luang School

Baan Hua Khuang School

Sandra has lived and traveled all over the world. She comes to us with a vast amount experience volunteering and working with children in several different countries.

**Scott Major****Nationality:** American**Position:** Volunteer Coordinator**Working Period:** Jun 2014 – Present

Scott has been working with the foundation continuously for the past couple of years. In addition to maintaining the Araya Foundation Website and Social Media presence, he also in charge of recruiting our volunteers, answering their questions, informing them about Thai culture and helping them to acclimate to life in Thailand.

## List of English Teaching Volunteers from 2012 - 2014



**Theresa Holz**

Nationality: American  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Nov 2014 – Feb 2015  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

After working for the United States Environmental Protection Agency for almost 10 years, Theresa has decided to take some time to travel the world and pursue her dreams of making the world a better place and at the same time experiencing the different cultures of the people she has encountered.



**Natalie Oxbury**

Nationality: British  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Nov 2014 – Dec 2014  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

Natalie has a degree in Fine Arts and has experience working in an art class. With her background and enthusiasm, she is able to connect with the children on a creative level.



**Samuel Mattille**

Nationality: Australian  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Jun 2014 – Sep 2014  
School: Baan Maelong School, Hod

Sam returned to volunteer with the Araya Foundation for a second time. This time he taught at Baan Maelong School in Hod. Sam also used his skill in organic farming to grow a small garden on school grounds. With his experience Sam has been a valuable asset to our organization.



**Scott Major**

Nationality: American  
Position: Volunteer Coordinator  
Working Period: Jun 2014 – Present

Scott has years of experience in the Technology field. He has been maintaining the Araya Foundation Website and Social Media presence. Scott also works with our volunteers, answering their questions, informing them about Thai culture and helping them to acclimate to life in Thailand.



**Lynette Stewart**

Nationality: Australian  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Nov 2013 – Jan 2014  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

Lynette is a Thai Australian and wanted to come back to Thailand to give back to less fortunate children who share her culture and heritage. Lynette's background made it easy to connect with the children and teachers at the schools.



**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

Helena was the Foundation's very first volunteer. She has a professional background in teaching. Her experience and feedback were so valuable that she became part of the Araya Foundation. In addition to volunteering with the Araya Foundation schools several times, Helena is also our Volunteer Director.



## List of English Teaching Volunteers from 2012 – 2014 (Continued)



**Dylan Moffett**

Nationality: American  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Aug 2013 – Sep 2013  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

With a degree in Public Relations and Communications and a desire to spend some time living in Thailand and learn about Thai culture, Dylan and his wife, Lauren, decided to join with our organization to get a truly immersive experience. Dylan was a very enthusiastic volunteer, who made a big impact on the school and children.



**Lauren Moffett**

Nationality: American  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Aug 2013 – Sep 2013  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

Lauren, a professional photographer by trade who along with her husband, Dylan, desired to spend some time living and learning about Thailand. Lauren was a passionate teacher and very much loved by the children. With her background in photography, she was able to provide us with many beautiful photographs of the children and the schools.



**Samuel Mattille**

Nationality: Australian  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Jul 2013 – Sep 2013  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

Sam previously had experience volunteering at schools in Nakorn-rachasima and taught professionally at a school in Nongbuadaeng. He also has years of experience with organic farming which he often shared.



**Tim Morrissey**

Nationality: American  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: May 2013 – July 2013  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

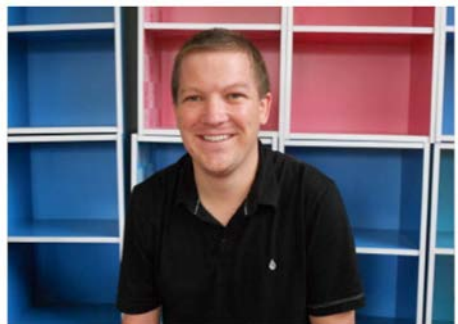
Tim decided to take some time off to experience life in a very different part of the world before returning home to pursue his Doctorate in Engineering. While at Giu Lae Luang, Tim became a role model for the children, he also participated in many local village activities such as daily Tai Chi sessions as well as joining the nearby gym to learn Muay Thai.



**Elyse Fasano**

Nationality: American  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: May 2013 – Jul 2013  
School: Giu Lae Luang School  
Baan Hua Khuang School

Elyse came to us with a degree in child psychology and the desire to work with children. She was able to provide us with a lot of information on the schools and what teaching methods worked and what didn't. Elyse used her experience teaching the children in our schools to help her become a professional teacher back home.



**Taylor Ferguson**

Nationality: American  
Position: Volunteer English Teacher  
Working Period: Dec 2012 – Feb 2013  
School: Baan Hua Khuang School

When Taylor joined us he already had quite a bit of experience teaching English around the world having already taught students in both Ecuador and Tanzania. His experience was truly beneficial to the program. Thailand was his last stop before returning home to start a career.



## List of English Teaching Volunteers from 2012 – 2014 (Continued)

**Ashley Martin**

**Nationality:** American  
**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher  
**Working Period:** Dec 2012 – Feb 2013  
**School:** Baan Hua Khuang School

Ashley, with dreams of becoming a professional teacher back home had been spending time volunteering as an English teacher in various parts of the world. Her experience and desire to help others had really shown through during her time with us.

**Ryan Mitchell**

**Nationality:** British  
**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher  
**Working Period:** Nov 2012 – Feb 2013  
**School:** Namsum School  
 Giu Lae Luang School

Ryan came to us during a long trip throughout South East Asia. He taught at 3 different schools over the 4 months he was with us. He always spent a great deal of time preparing lesson plans and was very popular with the children.

**Abi West**

**Nationality:** British  
**Position:** Volunteer English Teacher  
**Working Period:** Nov 2012 – Feb 2013  
**School:** Namsum School  
 Giu Lae Luang School

Abi was a natural teacher who was always able to come up with engaging activities for the children and made learning a lot of fun. She spent most of her off time researching and preparing lesson plans, she had a very big impact on the schools as well as the children.

**(2) Providing Chinese speaking volunteers to teach Chinese at rural schools**

Starting in 2015, the Araya Foundation has 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.

So far the children at Baan Maelong have enjoyed their Chinese lessons and the program looks to be a great success.

## List of Chinese Teaching Volunteers: 2015

**Bai Limei**

**Nationality:** Chinese  
**Position:** Volunteer Chinese Teacher  
**Working Period:** Nov 2015 – Feb 2016  
**School:** Baan Maelong School

Bai, our first Volunteer Teacher for our Chinese Language Program is an Electrical Engineering student at Southwest Jiaotong University in China. Thanks to Bai this new program has gotten off to a great start.

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

In early 2014, 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.



### (4) Donation of weekly food delivery to enhance nutrition for dormitory students at Giu Lae Luang School

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.



### (5) Donation of sporting equipment to Chiang Mai Immigration for children in rural area of Mae Chaem

During the school year 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.





#### (6) Donation of team shirts to Chiang Mai Immigration for “Bike for Mom” event



On Mother's day 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.

#### (7) Donation of blankets to Chiang Mai Immigration for children and elderly in rural area of Mae Chaem



This winter 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.

#### (8) Developing and maintaining Foundation Volunteer Recruitment Website and Facebook Page



The Araya Foundation is creating a Volunteer Recruitment Website and maintaining a Facebook Page to inform potential volunteers and keep interested parties up to date with current information regarding the foundation and to be used for the volunteers to share their knowledge and experiences.



# Past Projects

- (1) Renovation and construction of student dormitory and volunteer room at Giu Lae Luang School
- (2) Donation of funds to build library at Baan Maelong School
- (3) Donation of supplies for volunteer housing at Baan Maelong School
- (4) Construction of teacher's dormitory at Namsum School
- (5) Donation of water pump and tank to dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School to help with water shortages
- (6) Donation of rice, books and bookshelves to Giu Lae Luang School, Baan Hua Khuang School and Baan Maelong School
- (7) Donation of sporting equipment to Giu Lae Luang School and Baan Hua Khuang School
- (8) Working with One World Futbol Organization to donate indestructible footballs to schools associated with Araya Foundation



## (1) Renovation and construction of student dormitory and volunteer rooms at Giu Lae Luang School



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 storey 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



## (2) Donation of funds to build library at Baan Maelong School



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". 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.

## (3) Donation of supplies for volunteer housing at Baan Maelong School



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.

## (4) Construction of teacher's dormitory at Namsum School



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.



### (5) Donation of water pump and tank to dormitory at Giu Lae Luang School to help with water shortages

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.



### (6) Donation of rice, books and bookshelves to Giu Lae Luang School, Baan Hua Khuang School and Baan Maelong School



On January 14, 2014 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.

(7) Donation of sporting equipment to Giu Lae Luang School and Baan Hua Khuang School

**List of Sports Equipment:**

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

The Araya Foundation has 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.

(8) Working with One World Futbol Organization to donate indestructible footballs to schools associated with Araya Foundation



The Araya foundation introduced Rachel Haig, the Asia Director from One World Futbol to the 3 schools; Giu Lae Luang School, Baan Hua Khuang School and Baan Maelong school. One World Futbol organization with sponsorship from Chevrolet is donating 1 million footballs to schools around the world. The footballs are specially designed to be indestructible. Rachel has generously chosen to work with the Araya Foundation schools to donate several footballs. This will be a great benefit to the schools involved.



“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  
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  
Principal of Baan Hua Khuang 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



## Thank you page

The Araya Foundation would like to thank all the volunteers who have taken 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 very generous contributions from our donors and countless others who have helped in so many different ways.

Your continued support is so important to the success of the Araya Foundation and the schools we work with. So from the bottom of our hearts and from the children involved in this program...Thank You!



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