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The Raintree Foundation, Annual project report 2010

Introduction

The Raintree Foundation is a grassroots social non-government organization registered under the Ministry of Interior, mainly operating in Thailand among rural and underdeveloped communities. The aim is to help people through education, appropriate technology and self help projects to improve their living standards. The organization was founded in 2008. Present projects are supporting Children's Homes, Day-Care Centers, informal vocational training, providing villages with clean drinking water by providing appropriate filter systems and supplying water through various pump systems.

A word of the President

The year 2010 was a busy year for us and we were able to help individual people, especially children and were actively involved in improving the lives of whole communities. This year we transferred the Foundation from Bangkok to Chiang Mai. This was a long and work intensive process and I am happy to announce that we are registered now in Chiang Mai. Not only had the registration to be moved but our office, too. We herewith invite you to visit us in our new office, next to Mc Kaen Hospital in Sarapi, Chiang Mai.

Thank you for your interest and help throughout the year 2010 and we are looking forward to a new productive year. We enjoy being part of a body that really cares for people and help to help themselves. Enjoy reading our annual report 2010.

Wanida Oberg
President of the Raintree Foundation

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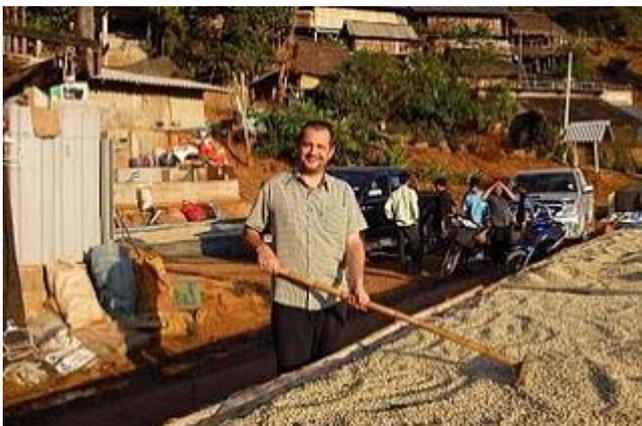
- Coffee plantation survey, North Thailand
- Child protection training, Mae Na Chorn
- Community training, Ranong
- Water filter project, MaePun Deng

Friday, January 29, 2010

[Coffee plantation survey for farmer co-operation](#)



In January 2010 we went with some local community leaders to visit different coffee and tea plantations in Northern Thailand. The goal of this survey was to find out if we can help local farmers in the area where we are working with this cash crop. We hope that introducing them to coffee growing will create more sustainable income for their families. One of the coffee plantations we visited in Doi Chang, Chiang Rai Province was willing to take some of our farmers for a training.



We will be sending about 3 - 4 farmers for a few weeks of training in order that they can learn how to grow and process the coffee beans. Meanwhile we obtained some 10,000 coffee seeds that we will start to grow in a nursery. Within 2 years we should be able to give the small coffee plants to farmers to be planted in their fields. Presently most tribal farm land is used for corn and rice. We are still researching all the steps and details involved so that this project will have a positive impact in the village communities. One option will be to grow

macadamia trees in between the coffee plants. The macadamia nut trees will provide shade for the coffee plants, reducing the water consumption and provide for an additional harvest for the farmers.

Friday, February 12, 2010

[Training at Hot Coffee](#)



It was a privilege for Peggy to train the staff of a number of children's homes including local community leaders in the area of Children's Rights and Awareness and Child Protection, a most important training and a must now days. Hot Coffee was so kind as to provide the venue for the training classes and proved to be a great location and a tremendous helps as the staff of the children's home assisted in taking care of the details involved with holding this all important training seminar for which we are most thankful for all their assistance.



Peggy along with a few of the children's home staff and several of the older tribal girls enjoyed a few hours of baking classes together; a fun adventure in and of itself. Cookies and brownies and pancakes were baked and quickly devoured by anyone near the wonderful aroma of these lovely baked goods. These add a few future items to the menu of Hot Coffee which is actively working to become 100% self-supportive in their endeavors to ensure the children's home is taken care of independently in the future.

Our time was well spent with the staff of Hot Coffee and the children's home and we look forward to coming back soon to enjoy the sights and sounds and delicious smells of Hot Coffee. Terry & Peggy

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

[Community Training Ranong](#)



About 20 people from 3 Moken communities joined our first ever workshop which represented about 100 families. The Moken people are Sea gypsies living on the West Coast of Thailand on the Andaman Sea. Since the Tsunami affected Thailand we have been working with the Moken, mainly providing education for these neglected people. Most of them are stateless and therefore have no access in Thailand to government hospitals, formal education, etc. Our aim for the monthly trainings are to:



- create Sea Gypsy leadership
- education for all their children
- train them being self sufficient
- live a healthy and responsible life

Hopefully they can lead the future generation to a more stabile lifestyle without being always victimized and without losing their cultural identity. We trust that through the community leadership training we can help them to help themselves in a positive Moken way.

Ken Hagerman Water Project completed



250 BioSand Filters units are installed in Mae Pun Deng village in North Thailand. The delivery and installation process was finished on the 20th of March. We want to thank all that made the project possible. There are now 250 filters that provide clean drinking water to the village community. Our first series of monitoring revealed that all filters are operating properly and the villagers water related medical problems like diarrhea are drastically reduced. The water quality is within the set target and the villagers do not need to buy or boil water for consumption anylonger. This will make a great positive impact in their lives thereby freeing up finances for their family budgets and also resulting in less fired wood required.

Tragically, Ken Hagermann passed away last year in Chiang Mai during his vacation with his wife Donna which included actively supporting social activities to help underprivileged people living in rural areas. To honor Ken's memory his friends donated funds towards the RainTree Foundation with the specific

purpose of providing clean drinking water to the village of Mae Pun Daeng.

Special thanks to Donna, Dave, the Canadian group of friends, Khun Hod, Stefan, our dear late friend Ken and the people of the village who made this project possible.

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/Thai+village+benefits+from+Canadian+generosity/3145357/story.html>

Sunday, April 25, 2010

[Summer Camp & Back to School](#)



Summer Holidays are over again in Thailand and all our children at the children homes are back to school. Most of them went back to their villages during the holidays. Together with the youth of 3 other villages we helped to organize a summer camp with lots of activities. All together there were about 200 children attending our 3 days summer camp. We organized games, activities and had all a good time. While the children were away we replaced worn out mattresses, mosquito nets, got new school books, uniforms etc. and upgraded some of our facilities at

the children homes. Most of all the children received quite good grades in their last school term, some of them were even the top students of their classes. We aim this year to extend our home work assistance in order to help them getting even better grades



Friday, April 30, 2010

[Water pump system for Buloe a Karen Hill tribe village](#)



We were able to install a hydraulic ram pump water system around Sop Moey towards the Burmese border. In this village we had to supply water for about 570 people from the Karen hill tribe. They got water through an incline pipe far away but in the dry season the necessary amount of water wasn't sufficient enough.



The next well is about 1 km far from the village and because there is no electricity and the long distance we suggest a hydraulic ram pump. The community helps us with the installation and did a great job. After we finished the whole system we increased the water supply to the community tanks and made it possible for them to use their taps like before without walking 1 km down to well to carry water.



Tuesday, June 1, 2010

[New faces for old eye glasses](#)



Since many years we are distributing eye glasses to the rural poor at an annual average of about 500 eye glasses. There are many steps involved until an old eye glass finds a new face. The various working steps are collecting, sorting, cleaning, packing, sending them to travelers for handy carry to Thailand and distributing them in remote areas. The actual selection of the suitable eye glass to the person is also quite time consuming which requires lots of efforts and system. The eye glasses make huge differences in the lives of people who receive them. Some of the rural people walk for many hours

to our projects and to receive the eye glasses. Elderly people can read again, have less headaches, can work again on handicrafts, etc. I want to specially thank our friend Thomas in Germany who does put a lot of hard working hours into this. In the pictures you see some people that we visited in a refugee camp along the Thai Burmese border that highly appreciate the eye glasses. Please do not throw away your old eye glasses but pass them to us and we will find a new face for them.



Saturday, September 25, 2010

[New Solar System for Mae Hae Tai](#)



Up the Doi Inthanon in North Thailand is the village Mae Hae Tie where we supported the hostel with a new solar system. They had an old system using 8 panels but after several years some of the panels and at least the inverter and charge controller broke down.

The village should be grid connected in about two years but nobody knows if that will happen. And because of somebody who want to donate something for that project we built a complete new solar system up there.



At the first step we installed 14 solar panels, a new charge controller, a new inverter, 12 new sealed solar batteries and a new switch/control unit. The system is build to run also a gasoline generator to charge the batteries if there is not enough sunshine at some days. Because the villagers run a bamboo workshop and us some electric tools which needed a higher amount of electricity so mostly they have to run the generator to cover the daily needs of electricity.



The seconds step was adding 10 more solar panels and a second control charger to the system to make the whole system independent from the gasoline generator. Now it creates around 800 – 1000 Wp for the hostel and enough for the electric tools at the bamboo workshop.



Now the children have sufficient light at night to do their homework. Even at our kitchen we can run the refrigerator 24H. So the house mothers are happy that they can store fresh food for the children for a longer time. We want to thank our friend Hans-Gerd in Germany who made this possible due to his generous donation.



Friday, October 15, 2010

[Special Present for Foster Children](#)



During this time of the year there are school holidays again in Thailand. So used this opportunity to gather all our 20 foster children in Mae Hong Sorn province. We met at the house of So Thae who is in charge of looking after all the foster children. They are based in their home villages, staying with relatives and neighbors. The foster program provides monthly financial support in order that the children can go to the local school. They come from various difficult circumstances and cannot attend school with our help. Last Monday we celebrated all the birthdays of all the children. Not that they have all birthday on the same time but in this unique way we can bring joy to all the children. Except eating nice food, sweets, playing funny games and singing nice songs we gave each child a birthday present as well.



But during this time there was quite a smell around that even the children noticed. It came from a pickup truck that was parked right in front of the wooden house. It belonged to the staff of the Royal Project where we ordered 20 suckling pigs. They are a special very productive and resistant breed. All suckling pigs have been immunized and are in good health. While the children were busy with their activities the staff from the Royal Project explained their guardians how to raise and feed the pigs. It was wonderful to see the surprised children with big eyes and open mouth when we explained them that they get each one suckling pig and have to carry now the responsibility for them. When the children left back home that day one could see the proud new little owners. We want to thank our friends in Berlin from the Weitblick initiative very

much for their help and donation which made it possible to give each child a special gift. Not every child has a foster parent yet and many more are in need which we cannot accept. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent for a child please contact us.



Tuesday, October 26, 2010

[Bicycle water pump for sea gypsies](#)



It came to our attention that the water well in the sea gypsy village on Payam Island had become very yellowish and smelly. Having no alternative clean water supply, over 20 families were affected by the poor quality of the water.

To help, we decided to build a bicycle-powered well pump, a water sand filter, shower rooms, and an additional sand filter for the Moken in Ranong port. We purchased the materials including stones, concrete, wood and high quality roof panels for a strong, long lasting roof. For filter media, we bought sand and stones. Finally on our shopping list, we brought paint to brighten up the walls and make it more attractive to the Moken people.



When we arrived at the island, the local people helped us unload the boat, and then we all began the actual construction together. Immediately, we cleared the area, put up the poles, built the walls for the shower rooms, and set up two water tanks inside for taking showers. After we cleaned the well, we added a concrete lid to prevent dirt and other contaminants from falling into it. Then, we installed a common water piston pump and rigged it up to be powered with a bicycle. With the new system, 100 liters of clean water can be pumped with just 5 minutes of cycling (and someone gets some exercise too!). We are certain that a cleaner water supply helps the villagers live a more hygienic lifestyle and consequently experience less sickness caused by dirty water.



Community Leader Training Completed

Yesterday we had the graduation ceremony of 20 community leaders that joined our monthly training with 12 sessions, each lasting for 3 days. The topic's of the training included promoting healthy lifestyle, hygiene, family planning, financial management, solutions for all sorts of addictions and social problems. We trust that this knowledge will enable the community leaders to have a positive impact for the people they are working with. The community leaders are working mainly among seas gypsies villages in Ranong province, South Thailand. During the past year we already saw some positive results and we look forward to further help those communities. Since the Tsunami impacted the Moken people we could help them through child educational projects and are committed to further help them.



Balance sheet as at 31st December 2010

ASSETS

Non- Current Assets

Plant and equipment	292,264.78
Other non-current assets	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	322,264.78

Current Assets

Cash in hand and cash in bank	97,953.92
Other current assets	15.43
Total Current Assets	<u>97,696.35</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>420,234.13</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities

Other current liabilities	13,016.62
Total Current Liabilities	<u>13,016.62</u>
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Fund Balance

Funds	624,561.14
Excess of Income over Expenditure	217,343.63
Total Fund Balance	<u>407,217.51</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>420,234.13</u>
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Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 2010

Income

Donations	1,930,700.19
Bank Interest	166.23
Total Income	<u>1,930,866.42</u>

Expenditure

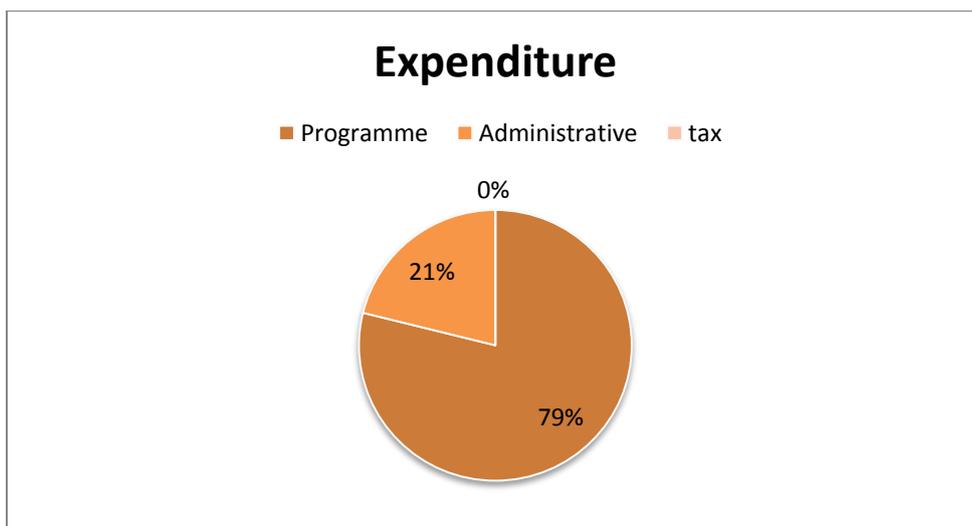
Program costs (OP)	1,694,100.50
Administrative costs (AD)	454,091.73
Tax	17.82
Total Expenditure	<u>2,148,210.05</u>

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Surplus/(deficit)	<u>217,343.63</u>
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Expenses

The pie chart below shows the proportion of program and administrative expenses to total expenses.



Income

The pie chart below shows the sources of income that we received in 2010.

