



THA-ITD-WSG-P02, Thailand
Reporting Period: July 2018 – June 2019

Life-Giving Water!

Budget: Year 2 - \$44,000 fully funded. Year 3 (final of 3-year cycle) began 1 July 2019 - \$60,000 needed

The Project:

Our partners work in the golden triangle hill country of Thailand near the borders of Laos and Myanmar. The ethnic minority hill tribes live where cultivation of the opium poppy and drug abuse has contributed to families living in poverty for generations. This project seeks to improve the health of villagers by providing access to clean water and sanitation facilities in ten villages over three years. Poor water and sanitation are key factors keeping these families in poverty due to ill health, especially amongst the children. This report covers the remainder of Year 2 funding of water systems for three villages (stream catchment, storage tank, cement pvc pipe, cement, sand, rock, charcoal filtration), bathrooms and gardens for the families and training. During this period water systems were built or completed in three villages, making six altogether across the first two years.



Update:

Huaytard Village: This is a Black Lahu tribe village with farming families in the province of Chiang Mai in northern Thailand. It is a poor hill tribe village with no school and no medical clinic. Water was severely lacking, affecting the health of villagers and the farming of crops. The village now has a large water tank with a filter and five faucets (water point/taps) in different parts of the village. This supplies clean water to 55 houses, 20 family gardens and 15 bathroom/toilets. Training was provided to 25 villagers who were then able to share the knowledge with their families, a total of 265 people.

Huay Wai Lang Village: This village belongs to the Karen people group. It has a mixture of Buddhist and Christian families, totalling 93 people near the Burmese border. The project has delivered a gravity-fed water system with bathrooms, gardens and multiple tap outlets. An important part of the project is the training. Without the knowledge and the community buy-in, the project can lie dormant and resources can lie wasting. Villagers are engaged by our partners at every step of the way.

Pha Tai Mai Village: The water system was built in April for the Lahu people living in Chiang Mai. 220 people have benefitted from the project through two water tanks, a filter tank, 20 bathrooms and 20 gardens, together with training. One farmer said, *“This has made a big difference in our lives. It saves us hours each day.”*

Entrust Project Manager, Jenny Cramer, visited one of the villages in February to see the results. She said, *“The water system has been piped 11 km from the water source all by the means of gravity! The whole community helped to build the trench for the pipe and put in the tank, and all are benefitting from the strong flowing, clean water. Each house has access to water and the bathrooms and gardens are making a huge difference. They are all so happy!”*

Thank you for helping to bring clean water to tribal Thai villages. We really appreciate the experience of our partners and their passion to assist families into healthier, more productive lives.