

Assistance Report 1st Quarter 2014

Quarter Total **\$23,439.64**
To Date Total **\$458,452.78**

<u>Area of Operation</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Thailand	\$ 7,329.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 7,329.43
Laos	\$12,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,200.00
Medical - Thailand	\$ 611.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 611.40
Student Aid - Thailand	\$ 3,298.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 3,298.81
ACA Projects	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
ACA Projects to Date					\$53,404.33
Quarter Total	\$23,439.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,439.64
Total to Date	\$458,452.78	\$458,452.78	\$458,452.78	\$458,452.78	\$458,452.78

Motions and Actions 1st Quarter 2014

14-01 Approved
14-02 Approved
14-03 Approved
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Motion details are listed in the following pages:

Respectfully submitted,
Les Thompson
Chairman TLCA Assistance Committee
21 April 2014.

Motion 14-01 Student Aid Withdrawal - Thailand

Budget Amount = \$1,125.00

Actual Amount = \$1,093.44

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

Move that 36,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for January and February 2014.

Request 36,000 baht be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

High School Students	Amount
1. Saowalak Haemso	1,000 baht
2. Tidaporn Kunlapa	1,000 baht
3. Dararat Phomarak	1,000 baht
4. Nootjira Nilsakha - Pan	1,000 baht
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6. Machima Khanda	1,000 baht
7. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
8. Supachai Sumat	1,000 baht
9. Suchada Wangthaphan	1,000 baht
10. Antoothida Phonchaya	1,000 baht
11. Nutchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
12. Phannee Detthason	1,000 baht
13. Achiraya Thiauthit	1,000 baht
14. Nataya Shaisurat	1,000 baht
15. Kultida Wongsee	1,000 baht
16. Weeraya Seechanan	1,000 baht
17. Werabpat Wangphon	1,000 baht
18. Weraphat Merat	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	18,000 baht
Junior College	
1. Ponpat Boridon	1,000 baht
2. Pennapa Thanapatyothin	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	2,000 baht
College Students	
1. Apichai Phabo	2,000 baht
2. Nittayah Sooree	2,000 baht
3. Watinee Srisuwat	2,000 baht
4. Chomlatim Chittaboot Sakon	2,000 baht
5. Jenjira Wongdee	2,000 baht
6. Suwanan Niwongsa	2,000 baht
7. Natlita Wongpitsa	2,000 baht
8. Amonrat Sriphirom	2,000 baht
Sub-total	16,000 baht
Total	36,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 17 December 2013 is 32.0THB per 1USD

Motion 14-02 Medical Assistance Withdrawal - Thailand

Budget Amount = \$313.00

Actual Amount = \$303.74

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

Move that 10,000 baht be approved for the medical assistance program. We currently have three children making regular visits to Khon Kaen for treatment and followup.

Exchange Rate as of 17 December 2013 is 32.0THB per 1USD

Motion 14-03 Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$2,595.00

Actual Amount = \$2,522.21

John Middlewood has made the following motions:

1. Move that 16,000 baht be approved to purchase 10 sets of cement tables and benches for Ban Glang Noi Elementary school. This is a new school we found during the Saturday English Camp Program.
2. Move that 3740 baht be approved to purchase 17 sets of kindergarten sleeping mats and bobs for Ban Na Glang Elementary School.
3. Move that not more than 63,300 baht be approved to purchase building supplies for Pha Kho Elementary School kindergarten building. When completed this will be "TLCB Kindergarten Building." It will provide a good reminder for all of the work TLCB continues to do here in Northeast Thailand.

School	Amount
1. Ban Glang Noi Elementary School	16,000 baht
2. Ban Na Glang Elementary School	3,740 baht
3. Pha Kho Elementary School	63,300 baht
Total	83,040 baht

Exchange Rate as of 17 December 2013 is 32.0THB per 1USD.

Motion 14-04 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$3,300.00

Actual Amount = \$3,300.00

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

PROPOSED: That the TLCB fund \$3,300 for replacement roofing tin and a concrete floor for a school building at the Ban Nhot Phe Primary School, Phou Kout District, Xieng Khouang Province.

BACKGROUND: The Nhot Phe School is located 68 km northeast of Phonsavanh, about a two hour drive up a mostly OK dirt and gravel road. The school serves six villages having a total of 201 families. The school's four buildings altogether have 12 rooms including one room for kindergarten. There are 13 teachers and 268 students of whom 142 are girls. There are 74 Lowland Lao, 194 Highland Lao (Hmong).

One of the school's four buildings is greatly in need of repair: This building was built by the villagers in 1992, 21 years ago. It is of semi-permanent construction with board siding and roofed with tin sheets. It has dirt floors and measures 9 x 42 m. including the outside corridor. Community volunteers cut the timber to make the siding and built the building with government funding for the tin roofing. The condition of the wooden building is still sturdy as it is built of hardwood. But the tin sheets have rusted through and can no longer be used. In addition, using the red earth dirt floor raises an inordinate amount of dust when school is in session.

A site visit to this school was made in early December 2013.

RECOMMENDATION: That \$3,300 be allocated to this project.

Motion 14-05 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$3,400.00

Actual Amount = \$3,400.00

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

PROPOSAL: That the TLCB fund \$3,400 for replacement tin roofing for two buildings at the Ban Vieng Thong Primary School, Paek District, Xieng Khouang Province

BACKGROUND: The Ban Vieng Thong 5-year Primary School lies some 7 km east of the city of Phonsavan. Of the school's six buildings, funding is requested for re-roofing of two buildings in great need of repair.

The first of these was built in 1993 with materials provided by a Japanese Foundation while labor was provided by the community. The building measures 8 X 32 m and is of permanent construction with tin roofing.

The second of these was built in 1994 with materials provided by the Lao Government and labor provided by the community to level the site, built a fence and iron gate. It measures 8 X 42 m. with five classrooms and is of permanent construction with tin sheet roofing.

The school serves children from six villages and some children who are relatives of families in those villages. The school has 22 classrooms, 25 teachers and 683 students of whom 402 are girls. Lowland Lao number 294 students, Highland Lao (Hmong) number 332 students and Midland Lao number 57 students.

The two buildings need re-roofing. Students have to move around to avoid the rain in the rainy season. The community is poor and cannot raise the funds to buy tin for re-roofing and in spite of repeated requests to the Government, no funding has been forthcoming for school repairs. The Government faces the same situation in many community schools.

It is noted that the villages served by this school are primarily Hmong who were mandatorily moved from mountain villages down to the flatlands several years ago and have had a difficult time adjusting to the new culture, Lao language, and new livelihoods, including contract work away from house and home.

This greatly disrupted their traditional culture, social organization and way of life with lost use of land and increased cost of living. Farmers were turned into wage earners who down on the plain have often had to commute to different locations or move away to provide for their families.

RECOMMENDATION: That \$3,400 be allocated for this project.

Motion 14-06 Student Aid Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$1,099.00

Actual Amount = \$1,097.79

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. Move that 36,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for February 2014.

Request 36,000 baht be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

High School Students	Amount
1. Saowalak Haemso	1,000 baht
2. Tidaporn Kunlapa	1,000 baht
3. Dararat Phomarak	1,000 baht
4. Nootjira Nilsakha - Pan	1,000 baht
5. Wipada Petsuwan	1,000 baht
6. Machima Khanda	1,000 baht
7. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
8. Supachai Sumat	1,000 baht
9. Suchada Wangthaphan	1,000 baht
10. Antoothida Phonchaya	1,000 baht
11. Nutchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
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18. Weraphat Merat	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	18,000 baht
Junior College	
1. Ponpat Boridon	1,000 baht
2. Pennapa Thanapatyothin	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	2,000 baht
College Students	
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2. Nittayah Sooree	2,000 baht
3. Watinee Srisuwat	2,000 baht
4. Chomlatim Chittaboot Sakon	2,000 baht
5. Jenjira Wongdee	2,000 baht
6. Suwanan Niwongsa	2,000 baht
7. Natlita Wongpitsa	2,000 baht
8. Amonrat Sriphirom	2,000 baht
Sub-total	16,000 baht
Total	36,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 26 January 2014 is 32.8THB per 1USD

Motion 14-07 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$5,500.00

Actual Amount = \$5,500.00

Jeff Hudgens has made the following motion:

PROPOSED: That the TLCB fund \$5,500 for the Lang Khang Preschool, Primary School and High School for a new fiberboard roof, room partition for a library and additional classrooms, student desks, school computers, school supplies, music instruments, sports equipment and pre-school supplies. For Ban Nahom; school supplies and sports equipment.

BACKGROUND: Lang Khang is the main school campus that consists of three schools (Preschool, Primary and High School) that serves a five village city. TLCB has previously funded roofing materials, desks, concrete floor, school supplies and sports equipment for all three schools on this campus. Ban Nahom Preschool and First Grade is the school that started all our efforts in the area. TLCB has funded school supplies, sports equipment and desks.

Request 1: With the new Lao/Vietnam border crossing, the area has grown tremendously causing an increase in the student population. This population increase has resulted into overcrowding of desks and classrooms. The school has requested an additional 30 desk sets.

Request 2: Due to recent storm activities, the roofing on one half of the original school has blown off. A few years ago, TLCB funded replacing the roof on one half of this building and now the other half has been damaged. The proposal is for new fiberboard material that is stronger and has some insulating properties that keep the buildings cooler in the summer months. Additionally, this material lasts much longer than the typical metal roof. The request is for 50 fiberboard panels.

Request 3: The school officials, would like to start a library and need to partition this original school building to create the space. The bamboo partitions would also help divide some of the classrooms to handle the increase in student population. The request is for 50 bamboo panels to divide the existing rooms.

Request 4: Funding for school supplies. This is a needed requirement since the parents are so poor and don't have enough money for pencils, pens, notebooks etc - especially, the parents with many kids. The request is school supplies for approximately 700 students and teachers.

Request 5: The Lang Khang Preschool is also in need of toys, blankets and towels for the students. They simply don't have enough for the students. The request is for toys, blankets and towels for the younger preschool students.

Request 6: The school officials have asked for two to three new computers/printer sets for the office and to do some education. This is a big deal as internet is now available in the area and teachers, students and officials will benefit from learning programs and using the internet. The request is for two to three new computers and printers.

Request 7: They have asked for additional sports equipment including school uniforms. Sports equipment would consist of soccer balls, volleyballs, volleyball nets, kataw balls and nets (think volleyball without using hands) and soccer uniforms. Uniforms are a big deal that would bring unity and help them feel like a "real" school team. This equipment will be distributed between Lang Khang campus and Ban Nahom schools. Request is for soccer balls, volleyballs, volleyball nets, kataw balls and nets and soccer uniforms.

Request 8: Finally, they have also asked if we would be willing to fund some musical instrument including a Lao drum, jing jop, sang and guitar. They want to start teaching the students music and this would kick-start that effort and begin our foray into "enrichment activities" which I hope to continue with a new library (not a proposal at this time).

All these requests were made after a school meeting with school officials and parents.

RECOMMENDATION: That \$5,500 be allocated for this project.

Motion 14-08 Discretionary Funds

Budget Amount = \$400

Actual Amount = \$400

Jeff Hudgens has made the following motion:

PROPOSED: A non-Assistance allocation of \$400 for transportation and logistical expenses. All other transportation costs to be funded by Jeff personally.

Motion 14-09 Discretionary Funds

Budget Amount = \$1,200.00

Actual Amount - \$1,115.55

Mac Thompson has made the following motion:

PROPOSED: A non-Assistance allocation of \$1,200 for transportation and logistical expenses, aho I would hope it'd come under that figure. Will be renting from AVR again.

I'm figuring on 6-8 days for visits to Xaysomboun and Xieng Khouang:

-- Visit the two new projects approved a couple weeks back by the Assistance Committee, they should/might be ongoing by the time I get there.

-- End-use checks on three completed projects in Xieng Khouang.

-- Plus still need to visit Sam Thong, which I was unable to visit during trips last July and December. Need to see what is the hangup on the school roof project. This might take two days as would need to get back to Xaysomboun to confer with the District school head.

BTW, Xaysomboun "district" has been declared as a new province for Laos, so a totally new administrative structure will come into being, including Long Tieng which will be a new district. Will be interesting to see what changes come to pass with our current relationships there.

-- Also possible visit to Tha Thom District to visit two projects funded last July when it was part of Xieng Khouang Province. Note this district is being cut off from Xieng Kouang and joined with the new Xaysomboun Province.

Motion 14-10 Student Aid Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$1,108.00

Actual Amount = \$1,107.58

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6. Suwanan Niwongsa	2,000 baht
7. Natlita Wongptsu	2,000 baht
8. Amonrat Sriphirom	2,000 baht
Sub-total	16,000 baht
Total	36,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 24 February 2014 is 32.5THB per 1USD

Motion 14-11 Thailand Medical Assistance

Budget Amount = \$308.00

Actual Amount = \$307.66

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. I move that 10,000 baht be approved for the children's medical assistance program. There are currently 3-4 students making regular trips to Khon Kaen for treatment and checkups. If this is approved, I will be approaching a couple of doctors that I know to see if they have any children that meet our requirements and are in need of assistance.

Exchange Rate as of 24 February 2014 is 32.5THB per 1USD

Motion 14-12 Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$4,767.00

Actual Amount = \$4,807.22

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. I move that not more than 155,000 baht be approved to provide building supplies to complete the Thai, Lao, Cambodia Brotherhood Kindergarten Building at Bah Pha Kho Elementary School near Tharae.

The current principal took over that school about one year ago with 35-40 students in grades 1-6. There was no kindergarten. This is the same principal I have been working with for several years and TLCB has contributed to many projects at his schools. The most notable one was the General Aderholt Memorial Dining Facility at Choak Amnuay Elementary School.

When he arrived at this new school the first things the parents asked for was a kindergarten. They did not want their children going out of the village area to school. In October 2013 he started a makeshift kindergarten program with 15-20 students and found funds to hire a teacher – not in the budget. When school starts the new school year in April 2014 he is expecting to have more than 30 students. He is also expecting an increase in enrollment in grades 1-6 because of the quality of the education now being given. Currently, TLCB is conducting Saturday English Camps at least every month or two and this is one of the few schools that has shown major interest and improvement in their English since we have started.

Exchange Rate as of 24 February 2014 is 32.5THB per 1USD.

Motion 14-13 Thailand Discretionary Funds

Budget Amount = \$123.00

Actual Amount - \$123.07

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. Move that a non-Assistance allocation of 4,000 baht be approved from the administrative budget to cover fuel expenses for the months Jan-March.

Exchange Rate as of 24 February 2014 is 32.5THB per 1USD.