

Assistance Report 3rd Quarter 2014

Quarter Total \$ 15,545.93
To Date Total \$491,061.77

<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	\$ 794.30	\$2,225.00	\$0.00	\$10,348.73
Laos	\$12,200.00	\$14,270.00	\$9,770.00	\$0.00	\$36,240.00
Medical - Thailand	\$ 611.40	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 611.40
Student Aid - Thailand	\$ 3,298.81	\$ 1,998.76	\$3,550.93	\$0.00	\$ 8,848.50
ACA Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
ACA Projects to Date					\$53,404.33
Quarter Total	\$23,439.64	\$17,063.06	\$15,545.93	\$0.00	\$56,048.63
Total to Date	\$458,452.78	\$475,515.84	\$491,061.77	\$491,061.77	\$491,061.77

Motions and Actions 3rd Quarter 2014

14-25 Approved
14-26 Approved
14-27 Approved
14-28 Approved
14-29 Approved
14-30 Approved
14-31 Approved
14-32 Approved
14-33 Approved

Motion details are listed in the following pages:

Respectfully submitted,
Les Thompson
Chairman TLCB Assistance Committee
21 October 2014

Motion 14-25 Laos Quality of Life

Budget Amount = \$3,260.00

Actual Amount = \$3,260.00

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

Proposed: That the TLCB fund \$3,260 for a floor for the student dormitory at the Long Tieng Secondary School, Long Tieng District, Xaysomboun Province.

Background: Long Tieng has had a lower secondary school for a number of years, M1-3. If a student completed this program and wanted to further their education through upper secondary, M4-7, they had to stay at Xaysomboun town, about three hours distant.

The 2012 school year started off with a new full upper secondary school program in Long Tieng, thus students were able to attend the full course of grades M1-7 close to home, obviously attendance increased. A number of students, both boys and girls, still lived too far from the school to commute on a daily basis, so the authorities allowed them to utilize the former small lower secondary school building as a dormitory for the 2012-2013 school year.

However, interest in secondary education increased for the 2013-2014 school year, attendance increased, the former building was required to accommodate students, and the students who had been using it as a dorm had to find new lodgings. The local authorities assisted with sourcing secondhand roofing sheets, trusses, wooden posts, and bamboo lattice for walls to construct a replacement dormitory. This new facility has a dirt floor.

Visits were made to the school in December 2013 and March 2014. Now that Long Tieng has been upgraded to a new district, as Xaysomboun is now a province, there is more attention being paid to the the situation of schools there. The former head of schools in Xaysomboun town, with whom we have been working with for 3-4 years, has transferred to Long Tieng as the new district chief of education which should help out with use of our funds.

During the March visitation we discussed what might be done to improve conditions in the dormitory. The priority, particularly because of the onset of the rainy season, is to provide a concrete floor for the dorm and the area around the 2-room toilet. Other improvement requests may follow.

The Long Tieng district has now formally requested funding for the concrete floor.

Recomendation: That \$3,260 be approved for this project.

Motion 14-26 Student Aid Withdrawal**Budget Amount = \$1,015.00****Actual Amount = \$1,082.48**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. Move that 33,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for July 2014.

Request 33,000 baht be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

High School Students	Amount
1. Dararat Pronarrak	1,000 baht
2. Gingan Bongchompoh	1,000 baht
3. Prakagao Onghom	1,000 baht
4. Wipada Phetsuwan	1,000 baht
5. Matchima Khanda	1,000 baht
6. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
7. Supachai Sumat	1,000 baht
8. Tanyanat Sana	1,000 baht
9. Nuchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
10. Nitaya Manatsan	1,000 baht
11. Achiraya Thiauthit	1,000 baht
12. Nantawee Chanapoch	1,000 baht
13. Tithiporn Niwongsa	1,000 baht
14. Suchada Wangthaphan	1,000 baht
15. Kultida Wongsee	1,000 baht
16. Weeraya Seehanam	1,000 baht
17. Woraparat Wongphon	1,000 baht
18. Onauma Khamchana	1,000 baht
19. Weeraphat Meerat	1,000 baht
20. Butsayamat Thanoi	1,000 baht
21. Jirawan Khamnung	1,000 baht
22. Kiatsuda Dejan	1,000 baht
23. Juthathip Siriwong	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	23,000 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 Suree	2,000 baht
3. Jenjira Wongdee	2,000 baht
4. Amonrat Sriphirom	2,000 baht
Sub-total	8,000 baht
Total	33,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 30 June 2014 is 32.4THB per 1USD

Motion 14-27 Amendment to 14-25 Laos Quality of Life

Budget Amount = \$500.00

Actual Amount = \$500.00

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

I request an increase of \$500 in the budget for Motion 14-25 from the approved amount of \$3,260 to \$3,760.

Attachment A is the proposal made to the Assistance Committee was for kip 25,724,500, \$3,260.

Attachment B is the original request for kip 30,122,000 as received from Ajan Bouakeo at Long Tieng. Note the math errors on lines 5 & 5 (duplicated #s).

Attachment C, kip 25,724,500, corrected the math errors on lines 5 & 5, and made them lines 5 & 6, but mistyped the total which should have been kip 29,724,500.

Attachment D, kip 29,717,000, is a revised request from Ajan Bouakeo at Long Tieng, with new numbers for old lines 5 & 5, but still with an error.

Thus, for the mathematicians amongst us, we have:

Kip 25,724,000, Attachment A, request to TLCB

30,122,000, Attachment B, original from Long Tieng

25,724,000, Attachment C, English translation of corrected Att A, but with a kip 4 million error

29,717,000, Attachment D, revised 24 June at Long Tieng, with small error

And you wonder why I got a bit confused reading all of these?

In the event, I made the proposal based on Attachment C, the kip 25,724,500, which is where I came up with the \$3,260 figure for the proposal, which was approved.

The kip 4 million shortfall became obvious when Ajan Bouakeo presented me with Attachment D during our meeting on 24 June at Long Tieng. We ran the numbers again and confirmed the error. I then pulled out from my travel "emergency" fund \$500 in green and added this to the stack of kip 25+ million I had with me. $\$500 \times 8,000 = \text{kip } 4,000,000$, and the project was now funded at kip 29,724,000.

Therefore I request an increase in the project budget to \$3,760. Lesson learned: add, and re-add, the numbers in a proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That an additional \$500 be approved for Motion 14-25.

Motion 14-28 Laos Quality of Life

Budget Amount = \$2,350.00

Actual Amount = \$2,350.00

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

Proposed: That the TLCB \$2,350 to fund replacement of tin roofing for the Ban Mixai Secondary School, Phou Kout District, Xieng Khouang.

Background: We previously funded a replacement tin roof for this school, Motion 13-13 in early 2013, but the tin and many of the wood trusses, were destroyed by a powerful windstorm in late May 2014. The entire building of six classrooms is now unusable. The new school year starts 1 September and as it stands now, the students must be accommodated in the other two undamaged buildings, a very crowded situation for 600 plus students.

Photos attached of this building as it appeared on 25 June 2014 when we passed by.

Recommendation: That the TLCB approve this request for replacement tin roofing and wood for trusses, the community will provide wood for purlins and all labor.

Motion 14-29 Thailand Quality of Life

Budget Amount = \$2,225.00

Actual Amount = \$2,225.00

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

Proposed: That the TLCB fund \$2,260 for tables, chairs, and trays for the cafeteria at this school.

Background: This project is proposed by TLCB member Mike Cosenza, who is retired in Udorn. Mike previously successfully implemented a project in the area, Motion 08-10, in early 2010.

This is a primary school housing kindergarten through 6th grade. The school currently has 140 students and 13 teachers. It is located on highway 2414 approximately 10 kms from Amphur Nam Som.

The school cafeteria was destroyed by a severe storm several months ago. The government has been unable to provide financial assistance. A local monk took up the challenge and managed to run two donation programs paying for a new kindergarten building to relieve severe overcrowding in the main school building and a new cafeteria. Attached, a picture of the new cafeteria taken on Sunday 29 June 2014.

The fund raising drive led by Loong Paw Niyom, the monk from Amphur Nam Som, was a success. We raised enough money to pay for the new cafeteria and much needed repairs for the toilets which were in horrible condition. This will be a great relief for these young primary school children who have had to sit on the ground to eat lunch and use toilets with inoperative septic systems

Contributions for the new cafeteria totaled almost \$7,000 and came from Mike's cycling friends in Australia & New Zealand (baht 179,000), Mike and his wife (baht 22,000), a close Danish friend of ours (baht 10,000) and a close American friend (baht 10,000). The remainder of the money raised came from the Udon Thani and Nam Som community.

The new cafeteria is open, so the students do not have to eat out in the open. However, the rainy season has started, thus the students are having their meals sitting on the floor in the new cafeteria, and bringing plates, spoons, and forks from home to eat with.

The school director is requesting help for procurement of furniture and trays for the new cafeteria, costs below have been identified by Mike, who also arranged for free transportation of the proposed cafeteria furniture courtesy of a Thai friend's bicycle shop in Udorn:

Items to be procured:

-- Tables: 23 ea @ baht 1,200 = baht 27,600

-- Chairs: 120 ea @ baht 180 = 21,600

-- Metal lunch tray sets: 150 ea @ baht 150 = 22,500

Total: baht 71,700

Exchange Rate as of 13 July 2014 is 32.2THB per 1USD

Motion 14-30 Student Aid Withdrawal**Budget Amount = \$1,284.00****Actual Amount = \$1,183.31**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. Move that 41,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for August 2014.

Request 41,000 baht be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

High School Students	Amount
1. Dararat Pronarrak	1,000 baht
2. Gingan Bongchompoh	1,000 baht
3. Prakagao Onghom	1,000 baht
4. Wipada Phetsuwan	1,000 baht
5. Matchima Khanda	1,000 baht
6. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
7. Supachai Sumat	1,000 baht
8. Tanyanat Sana	1,000 baht
9. Nutchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
10. Nitaya Manatsan	1,000 baht
11. Achiraya Thiauthit	1,000 baht
12. Nantawee Chanapoch	1,000 baht
13. Tithiporn Niwongsa	1,000 baht
14. Suchada Wangthaphan	1,000 baht
15. Kultida Wongsee	1,000 baht
16. Weeraya Seehanam	1,000 baht
17. Woraparat Wongphon	1,000 baht
18. Onauma Khamchana	1,000 baht
19. Weeraphat Meerat	1,000 baht
20. Butsayamat Thanoi	1,000 baht
21. Jirawan Khamnung	1,000 baht
22. Kiatsuda Dejan	1,000 baht
23. Juthathip Siriwong	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	23,000 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 Suree	2,000 baht
3. Wathinee Srisawat	2,000 baht
4. Chomlatim Chittaboot Sakon	2,000 baht
5. Jenjira Wongdee	2,000 baht
6. Suwanan Niwongsa	2,000 baht
7. Nalita Wongpatsa	2,000 baht
8. Amonrat Sriphirom	2,000 baht
Sub-total	16,000 baht
Total	41,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 27 July 2014 is 32.0THB per 1USD

Motion 14-31 Student Aid Withdrawal**Budget Amount = \$1,286.00****Actual Amount = \$1,285.14**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. Move that 41,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for September 2014.

Request 41,000 baht be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

High School Students	Amount
1. Dararat Pronarrak	1,000 baht
2. Gingan Bongchompoh	1,000 baht
3. Prakagao Onghom	1,000 baht
4. Wipada Phetsuwan	1,000 baht
5. Matchima Khanda	1,000 baht
6. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
7. Supachai Sumat	1,000 baht
8. Tanyanat Sana	1,000 baht
9. Nutchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
10. Nitaya Manatsan	1,000 baht
11. Achiraya Thiauthit	1,000 baht
12. Nantawee Chanapoch	1,000 baht
13. Tithiporn Niwongsa	1,000 baht
14. Suchada Wangthaphan	1,000 baht
15. Kultida Wongsee	1,000 baht
16. Weeraya Seehanam	1,000 baht
17. Woraparat Wongphon	1,000 baht
18. Onauma Khamchana	1,000 baht
19. Weeraphat Meerat	1,000 baht
20. Butsayamat Thanoi	1,000 baht
21. Jirawan Khamnung	1,000 baht
22. Kiatsuda Dejan	1,000 baht
23. Juthathip Siriwong	1,000 baht
24. Thamonwan Thungathad	1,000 baht
25. Natsupha Pholma	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	25,000 baht
Junior College	
1. Ponpat Boridon	1,000 baht
2. Pennapa Thanatatyothin	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	2,000 baht
College Students	
1. Apichai Phabo	2,000 baht
2. Nittayah Suree	2,000 baht
3. Wathinee Srisawat	2,000 baht
4. Chomlatim Chittaboot Sakon	2,000 baht
5. Jenjira Wongdee	2,000 baht
6. Suwanan Niwongsa	2,000 baht
7. Amonrat Sriphirom	2,000 baht
Sub-total	14,000 baht
Total	41,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 29 August 2014 is 31.9THB per 1USD

Motion 14-32 Laos Quality of Life

Budget Amount = \$3,660.00

Actual Amount = \$3,660.00

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

Proposed: That the TLCB allocate \$3,660 for replacement tin roofs and concrete floors for two building at the Khonesana Primary School, That Thom District, Xieng Khouang.

Background: The following request has been received from the Xieng Khouang Provincial Education and Sports Service:

“The Khonesana Primary School is located on Route 1D some 142km south from Phonsavan town. The school was built in 1987. It serves 6 areas of the village with a total of 136 homes and 982 people. Hmong people comprise 50%, Khamou 20% and Lao Loum 30% of the population. Before, this was a small village but after 2012-2013, migration from Luang Phabang and Houa Phan took place to help find new farm-land for people. But land is insufficient and food is scarce. Funds to support the school are not available.

Thus, it is necessary to request assistance from the TLCB for school repairs. Tha-Thom education affairs remain with the Xieng Khouang PESS.

The school has two classroom buildings and one small room. There are nine teachers and 169 students, of whom 81 are Hmong, 42 are Khamou and 46 are Lao Loum.

The two classroom buildings are in need of repair: one measures 26x8 meters including the outside corridor, the second building measures 5x7 meters. Both buildings are in poor condition and need repair. Only the hard wood structural roof members are serviceable.

The needed repairs and improvements are tin for the roofs, cement for floors and student desks and benches.

Thus on behalf of the Life-Skills Program of the Xieng Khouang PESS this request for school rehabilitation is made to the Chairman of the TLCB.”

Recommendation: That this funding request for \$3,660 be approved.

Motion 14-33 Student Aid Withdrawal - Thailand

Budget Amount = \$1,015.00

Actual Amount = \$Not funded by quarters end.