

Assistance Report 1st Quarter 2015

Quarter Total \$ 19,220.54
To Date Total \$525,029.96

<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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laos	\$15,224.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,224.20
Medical	\$190.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.96
Student Aid - Thailand	\$3,805.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,805.38
Quarter Total	\$19,220.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,220.54
Total to Date	\$525,029.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525,029.96

Motions and Actions 1st Quarter 2015

14-43 Approved
15-01 Approved
15-02 Approved
15-03 Approved
15-04 Approved
15-05 Approved
15-06 Approved
15-07 Approved
15-08 Approved
15-09 Approved
15-10 Approved

Total for Student Assistance includes Motion 14-43 funded in January 2015.

Motion details are listed in the following pages:

Respectfully submitted,
Les Thompson
Chairman TLCB Assistance Committee
29 June 2015

Motion 15-02 Laos Expense

Budget Amount = \$200.00

Actual Amount = \$200.00

PROPOSAL: That \$200 in expense funds be approved for an upcountry trip to Xieng Khouang Province, 9-12 February 2015

DISCUSSION: The request is for the items noted below:

- \$100 for photo processing of film and digital photos from this and the December 2014 trip
- \$100 for potential per diem and vehicle costs for Lao Government officials accompanying on the trip.

RECOMMENDATION: That this \$200 be approved. Unused funds will, of course, be refunded to the TLCB.

Motion 15-03 Student Aid Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$1,262.00

Actual Amount = \$1,269.31

For Ed Miller, I make the following motion:

Move that 41,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for February 2015.

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 24 January 2015 is 32.5HB per 1USD

Motion 15-04 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$3,400.00

Actual Amount = \$3,400.00

Proposed: That \$3,400 be approved for furniture for the Khone Sana Lower Secondary School, Tha Thom District, Xaysomboun Province.

Background: A site visit was made to this school on 11 December 2014 to check on the status of a concrete floor which had earlier been funded by the TLCB, Motion 14-36. [Note, the floor is complete.]

There is a need for decent furniture at this school which has 13 teachers and 162 students. Much of the current furniture is in poor condition and needs replacement.

Recommendation: That this \$3,400 request be approved.

Motion 15-05 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$2,700.00

Actual Amount = \$2,700.00

Proposed: That \$2,700 be allocated to the Ban Phieng Ta Primary School, Tha Thom District, Xaysomboun Province, for a replacement tin roofing sheets and cement and materials for a floor.

Background: A site visit was made to this school on 12 December 2014.

The school has one new building of five rooms. In 2011-2013, new families were relocated to this village making it difficult for the school to be enlarged due to lack of local funding. The village now consists of 94 houses, 481 villagers, with 14 Hmong, 57 Tai Dam, and 23 Lowland Lao families.

There is one old building dating to 1983, with three unused rooms because of poor condition. There are 118 students of mixed ethnicity, Thai Dam, Hmong, Lao, and Khamu in the new building, two rooms are combined grades, which is why they would like to fix up the old building in order to separate the classes, plus make a kindergarten room.

Recommendation: That this \$2,700 funding request be approved.

Motion 15-06 Student Aid Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$1,263.00

Actual Amount = \$1,277.52

For Ed Miller, I make the following motion:

Move that 41,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for March 2015.

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
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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 25 January 2015 is 32.5HB per 1USD

Motion 15-07 Medical Assistance Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$187.00

Actual Amount = \$190.96

Wipada Kaewbhudta (Maeo) requests 6020thb to cover medical expenses for Teerawas Jansuwant who had open heart surgery. These are expenses paid during his hospital stay at the Heart Center in Khon Kaen, from 13 - 26 February. These expenses were for his food and some medications and support people who were his care-takers.

Exchange Rate as of 1 March 2015 is 32.3THB per 1USD

Motion 15-08 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$2,775.00

Actual Amount = \$2,775.00

Proposed: That the TLCB grant \$2,775.00 for procurement of furniture for the Ban Nong Primary School, Ban Nong, Khet Phan, Paek District, Xieng Khouang

Background: The Xieng Khouang Provincial Education Service has submitted the following request for assistance:

“The Ban Nong Primary School is located southwest and approximately 40 km from Phonsavan town. The school, started in 1989 has two buildings, one of permanent construction has three rooms and was built with funds from Japan. The second, of semi-permanent construction built by the villagers, has wood siding and a tin roof. The school has six teachers of whom three are female and 126 students of whom 46 are Hmong and 80 are Lowland Lao. The school serves three villages with six sub-sections and 98 families of whom 26 are Hmong, with the remainder being Lowland Lao.

“The village was established by families from various places but a number are Hmong resettled from camps in Thailand. The main means of support is paddy rice farming. They have no source of income other than agriculture and products they can sell at the market.

“In the past, the villagers have used their savings or their own materials to repair the school buildings and to buy basic teaching and learning materials. But at present, the most needed item is furniture. What has been used in the past was pine slab tables and benches or other soft wood substitutes which have not lasted. The villagers do not have funds enough to buy good durable furniture.

Recommendation: That \$2,775 be approved to procure furniture for this school.

Motion 15-09 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$2,825.00

Actual Amount = \$2,825.00

Proposed: That the TLCB grant \$2,825.00 for procurement of furniture for the Ban Sybounheuang Primary School, Tha Thom District, Xaysomboun Province (Xiang Khouang Province continues to oversee education matters for M. Tha Thom).

Background: The Xieng Khouang Provincial Education Service has submitted the following request for assistance:

“The Sybounheuang School is located within the bounds of the Tha Thom District town. The school’s one semi-permanent tin-roof building with wood siding walls was built in 1986 by local labor. It has five primary grades. There are six teachers of whom four are women, and 141 students of whom 26 are Highland Lao, 10 are Midland Lao and 105 are Lowland Lao. It serves one village of three sub-sections, with 178 families, of whom 12 are Hmong (Highland), four are Midland, and the remainder are Lowland Lao. Though this village is located in the district center, most of the families are ordinary citizens not Government employees.

“Most of the families are people who were moved from other locations, their main livelihood has been upland agriculture. Their income has come primarily as hunter-gatherers selling what they have to itinerant buyers. They have joined together to help maintain the school. It is very difficult for the villagers to find the funds to buy furniture for the school, or to buy or cut wood to build it themselves as there is no more forest for them to utilize.

"Thus they must request outside help."

Recommendation: That \$2,825 be approved to procure furniture for this school.

Motion 15-10 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$2,025.00

Actual Amount = \$2,024.20

Background: We last did activities at Thongkham (Grades 1-5, 161 students) school back in 2012. The past few years we have focused on Langkhan (grades K-12, 681 students) and Thongkham has requested additional support. In addition Nahom (grades K-3, 51 students) is the poorest of all the schools and has requested school supplies. This school is located in the main village of Ban Nahom which is our base of operations.

Request: The school officials have requested school equipment, and school supplies. The following is a summary of the request for both schools:

Description	Students	Total cost USD
Nahom School Supplies	51	\$72.40
Thongkham School Supplies	161	\$329.30
Thongkham School Needs		\$1,622.50
Total		\$2,024.20

Motion: I move that \$2025.00 be approved for funding school supplies and school equipment for Thongkham and Nahom Grade schools.