

Assistance Committee Motions Second Quarter 2010

Quarter Total = \$ 12,449.33

Areas of Operation:

- Thailand	\$ 3,119.87
- Laos	\$ 1,750.00
- Student Aid Fund	\$ 2,579.46
- ACA Projects	\$ 5,000.00
- Total ACA Funded Projects to date	\$ 45,904.33

Grand Total to Date = \$ 280,084.94

Motion 12-10: Quality of Life

Budgeted Amount = \$1,125.00 Actual \$ 481.00*

*Note: Section "C" cancelled and replaced on motion 15-10

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

- A. I move that not over 6300 baht (\$200.00) be approved to purchase 30 sleeping mats and hygiene kits for pre-school students at Nong Bua Ratchakeai Nursery.
- B. I move that not more than 8400 bath (\$ 265.00) be approved for purchase of 40 sleeping mats and hygiene kits for pre school students at Sang Hin Nursery School.
- C. I move that not more that 21,000 baht (\$660.00) be approved to purchase materials to construct playground equipment for students at Sang Hin Nursery School. Materials will be provided and parents and villagers will construct the equipment following the plans of our completed project at Choak Amnuay Elementary School.

Exchange Rate 31.86 thb per 1 usd as of 5 April 2010

Motion 13-10: Medical Assistance

Budgeted Amount = \$ 315.00 Actual \$ 306.38

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

- A. I move that 10,000 baht (\$315.00) be approved to assist children needing medical treatment at medical facilities away from Nakhon Phanom Province. We currently have three children making regular visits for treatments.

Exchange Rate 31.86 thb per 1 usd as of 5 April 2010.

Moton 14-10: Student Aid Fund for 2010-2011

Annual Budget = \$7,540.00

April Budget Amount \$2,263.00 (May students plus EP Payment) Actual \$ 1,838.28

Monthly Draw Amount = 12,000 baht (\$377.00) per month for 10 months

EP Payment 2 @ 60,000 baht each = 120,000 baht (\$3,770.00)

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

A. I move that the following student assistance program be approved for the school year 2010-2011. Further move that the funds for the English Program be issued as follows: 60,000 baht for four students to be paid in April for the first semester and 60,000 for four students to be paid in October 2010 for the second semester. Second semester payments will be dependent upon evaluation of first semester work. Funding for regular students will begin May 1.

2010-2011 School Year Students & Sponsors Recommended
Updated April 4, 2010

High School Students: 8 (@ 1,000 Baht per month each \$252..00)

Name	Grade	School
1. Chatdree Srika	(11)	Wang Gra Sae
2. Darunee Chantana	(8)	Phon Pang
3. Gawida Soateeyam	(10)	Wang Gra Sae
4. Pataya Kawnsai	(9)	Phon Pang
5. Sirlinda Toomsan	(9)	NKP High School
6. Siripong Yapong	(11)	Wang Grasae
7. Sopha Inara	(10)	Phon Pang
8. Wanida Hoomphong	(8)	Phon Pang

College Students: 2 (@ 2,000 Baht per month each) \$126.00 per month

1. Achara Newkanyan
2. Sangdao Wichasaa

English Program Students: 4@ 15,000 Baht per student per term. 2 terms = 120,000 Baht (\$3,770.00)

April payment = 60,000 baht (\$1,885.00)

Oct. payment = 60,000 baht (\$1,885.00)

1. Chotiga Pimsri	(7)	TLCB	NKP EP
2. Wipada Paetsuwa	(7)	TLCB	NKP EP
3. Nootjira Nilsakha	(7)	TLCB	NKP EP
4. Natiga Oiyavan	(7)	TLCB	NKP EP

Note: These four students are the results of three years of TLCB (me) working with the teacher teaching English at this school.

Soitong was the first and this is the next group All four tested within the top 15 out of about 200 that tested.

Soitong has dropped herself. Conference with mother and father March 19 indicates that parents now have enough money to pay for her costs. Since she is also from Kam Pawk School, they are more than willing to have her money given to another student from the same school.

Tuition can be paid one term at a time, so for those in the EP, four = 60,000 up front for full tuition per term. Parents will have to come up with that, uniforms, clothes, transportation and meals at school.

Chairman's note: Only one EP student has a sponsor for one term , the other are to be paid out of donations made to the SAF by members who are not sponsoring a child. This amount exceeds the amount donated in the current year and will have to be drawn from the reserve built up over the past two years.

Exchange Rate 31.86 thb per 1 usd as of 5 April 2010.

Motion 15-10 Quality of Life

Budget Amount = \$1,393.00 Actual \$ 1,370.30

Credit for 12-10 C = \$ 660.00

Net Amount = \$ 733.00

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

A. I move that not more than 17,400 baht (\$540.00) be approved to purchase tile, cement and sand to rehab the kindergarten classrooms at Choak Amnuay Elementary School

B. I move that not more than 4200 baht (\$131.00) be approved to purchase three fans at 900 baht each, and 32 "bibs" with "TLCB" stenciled on them for the nursery students at Nong Bua Ratchakwai Nursery School.

C. I move that not more than 5000 baht (\$156.00) be approved to purchase educational materials to be used in the classrooms at Sang Hin Nursery School. Materials will be purchased by my wife, a kindergarten teacher for almost 20 years and presented to the Nursery School.

D. I move that not more than 14,000 baht (\$435.00) be approved to purchase new sleeping mats (84) for the Ban Naratchakwai Nursery School. TLCB purchased sleeping mats for this nursery school about 4 years ago and most of them are worn out.

E. I move that not more than 4200 baht (\$131.00) be approved to purchase hygiene kits for 84 nursery children at Ban Naratchakwai Nursery. Kits include tooth brush, tooth paste, powder, face cloth, cup; all in an individual basket for each child.

F. I request that Motion 12-10C for April be rescinded. The funds have not been withdrawn from the bank as of yet. The school officials have not complied with the request to provide adequate documentation for the motion. Budgeted Amount = \$ 660.00

Exchange Rate 32.215thb per 1 usd as of 4 May 2010

Motion 16-10 Student Aid Fund Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$ 374.00 Actual \$ 372.30

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

A. I move that 12,000 baht be approved for the regular monthly stipend:

- for two college students at 2000 baht (\$63.00) each, Total 4,000 baht (\$ 125.00.)
- for 8 high school students at 1000 baht (\$32.00) each, Total 8,000 baht (\$ 249.00)

Conversion rate = 32.215 for 1 usd as of May 4 2010

Motion 17-10 Quality of Life
Budget Amount = \$ 1,114.00 Actual \$ 962.19

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

- A. Request not more than 13,400 baht (\$ 420.00) be approved to purchase building supplies for Choak Amnuay in their continuing project of rehabbing classrooms and constructing a dining area and a kitchen.
- B. Request that not more than 5,000 baht (\$ 157.00) be approved to purchase educational classroom materials for Nong Bua Ratchakwai pre-school.
- C. Request not more than 9,000 baht (\$ 283.00) be approved Yawt Chat K-9 School to purchase materials for their kindergarten classes: 35 sleeping mats at 5,600 baht; 35 bibs at 1,575. These items are stenciled very prominently with TLCB. In addition 35 hygiene kits at 1,750 baht. (\$ 55.00). Total = \$ 338.00
- D. Request not more than 4,700 baht (\$ 148.00) be approved to purchase 85 bibs for Na Ratchakwai pre-school.
- E. Request 1,600 baht (\$ 51.00) be approved to purchase 10 sleeping mats for the kindergarten class at Nong Ya Sai Elementary School.

Conversion Rate a/o 24 May 2010 = 31.913THB per 1 USD.

Motion 18-10 Student Aid Withdrawal
Budget Amount = \$ 377.00 Actual \$ 368.88

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

- A. Request 12,000 baht (\$ 377.00) be approved for the Student Assistance program for the month of June. Also request the names be changed as indicated here: Gawida Soateeyam be removed and Sriuporn Koohnadee be added. Gawida has completed grade 9 as required by Thai law and has decided not to continue her education but has gone to work. Sriuporn, an entering 7th grader, was selected by the principal as an extremely needy student with major medical problems in her family. Her father is extremely sick and mother is suffering from depression because of it. There currently is no income for the family.

Conversion Rate a/o 24 May 2010 is 31.913 THB per 1 USD.

Motion 19-10 Ban Phosy II, Roofing Tin and Concrete Floor, Muang Kham District, Xieng Khouang Province, Laos
Budget Amount = \$ 3,900.00

Total Project is being funded by the Air Commando Association, McCoskrie Threshold Foundation. The funds have already been received.

Mac Thompson has made the following motion:

PROPOSED: That a sum of \$3,900 be allocated for the provision of a concrete floor for one existing school building and the replacement of the tin roofing sheets of the same building. We visited this school during our June 2009 trip.

The Provincial Education Service's request for this project is below, as translated by TLCB member Art Crisfield, resident in Vientiane. The project will be supervised by Mr Souneuan of the Service, the gentleman we have worked closely with on several efforts in this province.

This is, in effect, two sub-projects:

- A. - \$1,550 for the tin roofing sheets;
- B. - \$2,350 for the concrete floor of the same building.

BACKGROUND: The TLCB funded the rehabilitation of another building at this school in early 2009, Motion #39-08, for use as a library and a Life-Skills study area.

This village is about three km south of Moung Khoun (old Xieng Khouang Ville, L-03, the former XK provincial capital), a 30 minute drive south of Phonsavanh. The earlier project funded for \$1,512. **NOTE:** There was a \$250 donation for this project from an outside source, the cousin of a former USAID/Lao friend of mine and Art's. The trip report with photos are online at: <http://tlc-brotherhood.org/thare.html>

IMPLEMENTATION: If approved, the funds will be transferred to Art then on to Mr Soundeuan for disbursement as needed to the District education officials. A follow up visit by myself and Art will probably be made in August, altho Mr Soundeuan will be expected to make periodic site visits while the work is progressing.

Note, the funds requested, in U.S. \$\$\$ terms, have been increased from when Art sent this to me in April. Looks like the U.S. \$\$\$ is falling behind the Lao kip, of all things. Two years ago we were getting kip 10,000 to \$1, last year it was kip 8,500. Now the Lao National Bank rate is easing down to kip, 8,200, which is what was used for this conversion.

RECOMMENDATION: That the \$3,900 be approved.

Ministry of Education

Xieng Khouang Education Service

Integrated Life-Skills Program

Activity: Cement Floors and Re-roof tin sheets at Phosy Primary School, Khoun, Xieng Khouang.

I. Background of School.

- The Phosy Primary School is located 42 Km. from Phonsavanh, Xieng Khouang. The school has one semi-permanent building and 2 permanent buildings with 11 classrooms and 12 teachers.
- There are 294 students of whom 134 are girls. There are 22 kindergarten students. Ethnic composition includes Hmong, Lao Phuan, and Khamou.
- There are 29 students in Grade 4 and 32 in Grade 5.
- The semi-permanent building, built in 1993 with villager funding and labor, will have roofing sheets replaced and floors cemented. It has board walls and measures 32 m. long and 8,5 m. wide (including a 2m. walkway). It has 4 classrooms.
- The building is old but the structure is still sturdy. The roofing sheets have rusted and leak in many places. In times of high winds, some have been torn away due to rusted roofing nails.
- Thus it is necessary to repair this building to prevent rain and wind damage to the wood structure underneath and to maintain a safe place for children to study. In addition, the sandy dirt floors must be cemented to prevent clouds of dust rising during student activities in the monsoon windy periods in the dry, cool time from October to February and hot time from March to May.

II. Photos of the Phosy School building is attached.

III. Construction materials needed for roofing and cementing floors :

Item	Materiel	Quantity	Cost per unit	Total	Note
1	Swan Lao Tin	320 sheets	38,000	12,160,000	
2	Roofing nails	85 packs	6,000	510,000	
3	Labor				By village
				12,670,000	
4	Cement 10 T	780,000		7,800,000	
5	Coarse sand	16 m ³		300,000	4,800,000
6	Gravel (1-2 cm)	22 m ³		300,000	6,600,000
7	Binding Wire	8 Kg		10,000	80,000
8	Bamboo lattice				By village
9	Labor				By village
Total				19,280,000	

Motion 20-10 Ban Naxaythong Primary School, Phou Kout District, Xieng Khouang Province

Budget Amount = \$2,850.00

ACA/MTF Funds = \$ 1,100.00

Assistance Funds = \$ 1,750.00

Mac Thompson has made the following motion:

PROPOSED: That a sum of \$2,850 be allocated for the Ban Naxaythong Primary School in Phou Kout District, just 45 minutes west of Phonsavan on the PDJ. This is for a concrete floor for an existing wooden building. We visited this school during our January 2010 trip. The trip report with photos are online at: <http://tlc-brotherhood.org/thare.html>

The Provincial Education Service's request for this project is below, as translated by TLCB member Art Crisfield, resident in Vientiane. The project will be supervised by Mr Souneuan of the Service, the gentleman we have worked closely with on several efforts in this province.

IMPLEMENTATION: If approved, the funds will be transferred to Art then on to Mr Souneuan for disbursement as needed to the District education officials. A follow up visit by myself and Art will probably be made in August, altho Mr Souneuan will be expected to make periodic site visits while the work is progressing.

Note, the funds requested, in U.S. \$\$\$ terms, have been increased from when Art sent this to me in April. Looks like the U.S. \$\$\$ is falling behind the Lao kip, of all things. Two years ago we were getting kip 10,000 to \$1, last year it was kip 8,500. Now the Lao National Bank rate is easing down to kip, 8,200, which is what was used for this conversion.

RECOMMENDATION: That the \$2,850 be approved.

Ministry of Education

Xieng Khouang Education Service

Integrated Life-Skills Program

Activity: Cementing Floors at Naxaythong Primary School, Phou Kout, Xieng Khouang

I: School Background :

- The Naxaythong Primary School is located about 38 Km. from Phonsavan in Phoukout District. It has 2 semi-permanent buildings, with 8 classes for the 5 Primary grades and 9 teachers.

- There are 158 students of whom 82 are girls. Kindergarten students number 17.
- In the Life-Skills Program, there are 33 students in Grade 4 and 31 students in Grade 5.
- The dirt floors to be cemented are in semi-permanent buildings, with board walls and roofed with tin sheets. They are 42 m. long, 7.5 m. wide of which 1.5 m. is a roofed walkway in front of the 6 classrooms. They were built with funding and labor of Naxaythong villagers.
- At present, one 6-room building has 5 classrooms. One room will be used as a center for teaching and practicing Life-Skills activities. At present, the dry, sandy, dirt floors in these classrooms are very dusty for teachers and students all year long. Any movement in them causes clouds of dust to rise. Every year, in the cold season, the northeast monsoon blows through the classrooms from October to February and in the dry season, the southwest monsoon blows through from March to May, from the opposite direction.

II. Photos of the classroom building with floors to be cemented: Attached

III. Construction materials required:

Item	Material	Quantity	Cost per item	Amount	Note
1	Cement 12 T	780,000		9,360,000	
2	Coarse sand	20 m ³	300,000	6,000,000	
3	1-2 cm gravel	26 m ³	300,000	7,800,000	
4	Binding wire	10 kg	10,000	100,000	
5	Bamboo lattice				By village
6	Labor				By village
	Total		23,260,000 Kip		

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