

## Assistance Report 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013

**Quarter Total**                      **\$8,112.87**

**To Date Total**                      **\$390,104.98**

<b><u>Area of Operation</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>To Date</u></b>
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>\$4,232.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,232.32</b>
<b>Laos</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Medical - Thailand</b>	<b>\$667.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$667.00</b>
<b>Student Aid - Thailand</b>	<b>\$3,213.55</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,213.55</b>
<b>ACA Projects</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ACA Projects to Date</b>					<b>\$53,404.33</b>
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$8,112.87</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,112.87</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$390,104.98</b>	<b>\$390,104.98</b>	<b>\$390,104.98</b>	<b>\$390,104.98</b>	<b>\$390,104.98</b>

### **Motions and Actions 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013**

13-01 Approved  
13-02 Approved  
13-03 Approved  
13-04 Approved  
13-05 Approved  
13-06 Withdrawn  
13-07 Withdrawn  
13-08 Approved  
13-09 Approved  
13-10 Approved  
13-11 Approved  
13-12 Approved  
13-13 Approved  
13-14 Approved  
13-15 Approved  
13-16 Approved

**Motion details are listed in the following pages:**

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Thompson  
Chairman TLCB Assistance Committee  
31 March 2013

**Note:** Due to signature transfer issues with the bank, Motions 13-12 through 13-14 don't have funding confirmation at the time of this report. The funding for those motions will be accounted for in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report.

## Motion 13-01 Student Aid Withdrawal - Thailand

**Budget Amount = \$1,047.00**

**Actual Amount = \$1,056.00**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. I move that 32,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for January 2013. There will be two more months for this school year. I am currently reviewing the program to make it more effective and not so broad based. There are currently 5-6 12th grade students interested in attending Nakhon Phanom University as English majors with a goal of being English teachers. I am currently tutoring 10-12 2nd and 3rd year English Majors. These students also work in our program, "Older teaching Younger" by going out teaching in English Camps on Saturdays. During year 2012 there were 19 English Camps involving several hundred Elementary Students at about 15 elementary schools. These students then go back to their own schools and teach the younger students. So far it has proved to be very successful.

Request 32,000 baht (\$1,046.73) be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

<u>High School Students</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Tichanan Pawong	1,000 baht
2. Saowalak Haemso	1,000 baht
3. Sriuporn Koonnadee	1,000 baht
4. Wahtinee Srisawat	1,000 baht
5. Thidaporn Goorapah	1,000 baht
6. Dararat Phomarak	1,000 baht
7. Nootjira Nilsakha (Pan)	1,000 baht
8. Suriyaporn Manin (Toom)	1,000 baht
9. Jiraporn Toongnatat	1,000 baht
10. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
11. Antoothida Phonchaya	1,000 baht
12. Nootchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
13. Phannee Detthason	1,000 baht
14. Suwanan Niwongsa	1,000 baht
15. Kultida Wongsee	1,000 baht
16. Weeraya Seechanan	1,000 baht
17. Werabpat Wangphon	1,000 baht
18. Chantana Nita (Jeaub)	1,000 baht
19. Koosama Jarisee	1,000 baht
20. Weraphat Merat	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	20,000 baht
<u>College Students</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Apichai Phabo	2,000 baht
2. Wanitcha Yawyong	2,000 baht
3. Nittayah Sooree	2,000 baht
4. Sangdao Wichasaa	2,000 baht
5. Pennapa Thanapatyothin	2,000 baht
6. Thidarat Saeilim	2,000 baht
Sub-total	12,000 baht
Total	32,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 22 December 2012 is 30.6THB per 1USD

**Motion 13-02 Medical Assistance Withdrawal - Thailand**

**Budget Amount = \$306.00**

**Actual Amount = \$330.00**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

10,000 baht be approved for children's medical assistance. One student now goes to Khon Kaen twice a month for treatment. He is 12 years old and weighs about 250 or so pounds and has kidney problems. We have some students who go every 2-3 months and a couple now that go once a year. I am currently seeking other students that might meet the requirements for assistance.

Request 10,000 baht be approved for the Medical Assistance Program.

Total                    10,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 22 December 2012 is 30.6THB per 1USD

## **Motion 13-03 Quality of Life Withdrawal - Thailand**

**Budget Amount = \$2,082.00**

**Actual Amount = \$2,099.03**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. I move that not more than 15,000 baht be approved to purchase graded readers (about 170 books) for Ram Rat High School. I have worked with this principal for several years at different schools and he has a real interest in his students. Joe and Sandy Boys worked at this school as a volunteer for me for 4-5 months and were amazed at how much these students wanted to learn English. This year, this teacher also has a volunteer from World Teach working at their school. The principal has also applied to the local university for student teachers beginning the next school year. The principal has promised that if they get the books, he will see that the students start reading and writing book reports. These books are the same books I use in my English Program here and the children enjoy reading them because they start at the very basic level and they proceed at their own pace. There are several books at each level and the students have to have a grade of 80% or higher on their book report before they can progress to the next level.
2. I move that 5060 baht be approved to purchase 23 kinder sleeping mats and bibs for children in the kindergarten class at Don Tiew Elementary School.
3. I move that 5060 baht be approved to purchase 23 sleeping mats and bibs for the kindergarten class at Nuen Sa At. This school was among the first schools to receive mats about 6-7 years or so ago. They have served their purpose and need to be retired.
4. I move that 6500 baht to purchase a water purification system for Don Tiew Elementary School.
5. I move that not more than 20,000 baht be approved to purchase tile, sand and cement to tile the dining area floor at Tha Jam Ba Elementary School. The current floor is cement and difficult to keep clean. It is also subject to flooding during the rainy season. This will allow them to raise it up about 3-4 inches. This is enough to prevent flooding.
6. I move that not more than 2400 baht be approved to purchase four ceiling fans for the dining area at Don Tiew Elementary School.
7. I move that not more than 9600 baht be approved to purchase 6 cement tables and benches for Wang Poe Elementary School. This is a new school that we may be dealing with in the future for further improvements.

Request 63,620 baht (\$2081.02) be approved for the continuing Quality of Life Program.

School	Amount
1. Ram Rat High School	15,000 baht
2. Don Tiew Elementary School	5,060 baht
3. Nuen Sa At	5,060 baht
4. Don Tiew Elementary School	6,500 baht
5. Tha Jam Ba Elementary School	20,000 baht
6. Don Tiew Elementary School	2,400 baht
7. Wang Poe Elementary School	9,600 baht
Total	63,620 baht

Exchange Rate as of 22 December 2012 is 30.6THB per 1USD

**Motion 13-04 Discretionary Funds - Laos**

**Budget Amount = \$635.00**

**Actual Amount =**

**Assistance Funds = None**

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

Proposed: A non-Assistance allocation of up to \$635 for the following:

1- \$500 Up to this amount for transportation and fuel for three (3) days of "TLCB Time" during a 9-11 day trip to NE Laos. The TLCB portions will include consultations with education officials at Xaysomboun, Long Tieng, and Phonsavanh. Following the TLCB portion of the trip, we will continue on north, sight seeing.

2- \$35 The TLCB "Lao" version of a bumper sized sticker that I like to stick on the sides of facilities we've assisted, and sometimes hand out to folks to put on their cars if they're willing. Fifty (50) of these run baht 1,000, almost \$35.

3- \$30 The mini TLCB "Lao" sticker that are put on school furniture. Two hundred (200) of these 3.5" square stickers run about baht 800, almost \$30. Note, these are often scratched off by the kids, kids being kids, but the stickers on teacher's desks and cabinets usually stay on.

4- 30 "throw-away" 35 mm cameras, to be left at a project for the local folks to get some photos during implementation. Seem to be very few digital cameras upcountry, and few SD cards to snail mail back to me.

5- 40 "frizbies" for handout at several schools, plaything for The Kids. Will write "TLCB" in permanent ink on them, hopefully the teachers will ensure that they stay around the school.

Total - \$635

Travel is planned from 29 January to 8-9 February, accompanied by TLCB member Mike Thompson and an old journalist friend, John McBeth, retired from the Far Eastern Economic Review, now writing occasionally for the South China Morning Post. John may do a trip report himself, will need to discuss that with him, what goes in and what's omitted. Not real sure how much public publicity I want for the Lao travels.

## Motion 13-05 Student Aid Withdrawal - Thailand

**Budget Amount = \$1,075.00**

**Actual Amount = \$1,079.15**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. I move that 32,000 baht be approved for the month of February to support the ongoing student assistance program. The current program will have one more month - March. There will be no funds for the month of April - schools closed; a new program will start May 1, 2013.

Request 32,000 baht (\$1,046.73) be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

High School Students	Amount
1. Tichanan Pawong	1,000 baht
2. Saowalak Haemso	1,000 baht
3. Sriuporn Koonnadee	1,000 baht
4. Wahtinee Srisawat	1,000 baht
5. Thidaporn Goorapah	1,000 baht
6. Dararat Phomarak	1,000 baht
7. Nootjira Nilsakha(Pan)	1,000 baht
8. Suriyaporn Manin (Toom)	1,000 baht
9. Jiraporn Toongnatat	1,000 baht
10. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
11. Antoothida Phonchaya	1,000 baht
12. Nootchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
13. Phannee Detthason	1,000 baht
14. Suwanan Niwongsa	1,000 baht
15. Kultida Wongsee	1,000 baht
16. Weeraya Seechanan	1,000 baht
17. Werabpat Wangphon	1,000 baht
18. Chantana Nita (Jeaub)	1,000 baht
19. Koosama Jarisee	1,000 baht
20. Weraphat Merat	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	20,000 baht

College Students	Amount
1. Apichai Phabo	2,000 baht
2. Wanitcha Yawyong	2,000 baht
3. Nittayah Sooree	2,000 baht
4. Sangdao Wichasaa	2,000 baht
5. Pennapa Thanapatyothin	2,000 baht
6. Thidararat Saeilim	2,000 baht
Sub-total	12,000 baht

Total 32,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 22 January 2013 is 29.7THB per 1USD (per oanda.com).

**Motion 13-08 Student Aid Withdrawal - Thailand****Budget Amount = \$1,074.00****Actual Amount = \$1,078.40**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

1. I move that 32,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for March 2013. This will complete student assistance at the high school level for this school year. The continuing program for the school year 2013-2014 is currently being evaluated and will begin on May 1, 2013.

Request 32,000 baht (\$1,046.73) be approved for the continuing Student Scholarship Program.

<u>High School Students</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Tichanan Pawong	1,000 baht
2. Saowalak Haemso	1,000 baht
3. Sriuporn Koonnadee	1,000 baht
4. Wahtinee Srisawat	1,000 baht
5. Thidaporn Goorapah	1,000 baht
6. Dararat Phomarak	1,000 baht
7. Nootjira Nilsakha(Pan)	1,000 baht
8. Suriyaporn Manin (Toom)	1,000 baht
9. Jiraporn Toongnatat	1,000 baht
10. Namthip Batcharee	1,000 baht
11. Antoothida Phonchaya	1,000 baht
12. Nootchanat Niwongsa	1,000 baht
13. Phannee Detthason	1,000 baht
14. Suwanan Niwongsa	1,000 baht
15. Kultida Wongsee	1,000 baht
16. Weeraya Seechanan	1,000 baht
17. Werabpat Wangphon	1,000 baht
18. Chantana Nita (Jeaub)	1,000 baht
19. Koosama Jarisee	1,000 baht
20. Weraphat Merat	1,000 baht
Sub-Total	20,000 baht

<u>College Students</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Apichai Phabo	2,000 baht
2. Wanitcha Yawyong	2,000 baht
3. Nittayah Sooree	2,000 baht
4. Sangdao Wichasaa	2,000 baht
5. Pennapa Thanapatyothin	2,000 baht
6. Thidararat Saeilim	2,000 baht
Sub-total	12,000 baht

Total 32,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 21 February 2013 is 29.8THB per 1USD

**Motion 13-09 Medical Assistance Withdrawal - Thailand**

**Budget Amount = \$335.00**

**Actual Amount = \$337.00**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

That 10,000 baht be approved for children's medical assistance. This is an ongoing program and we currently have two students receiving medical assistance.

Request 10,000 baht (\$327.10) be approved for the Medical Assistance Program.

Total                    10,000 baht

Exchange Rate as of 21 February 2013 is 29.8THB per 1USD



**Motion 13-10 Quality of Life Withdrawal - Thailand**

**Budget Amount = \$2,133.00**

**Actual Amount = \$2,133.29**

John Middlewood has made the following motions:

1. I move that 54,000 baht be approved to purchase materials to complete the new classroom building at Pla Pak Noi elementary School. This is a TLCB project we have been working on for over one year. This will provide the final tile work for floors, and other things that are needed to complete the project. Students have already started using the building, even though it is not completed because it is so much better than the older classrooms.

2. I move that 4,400 baht be approved to purchase 20 sleeping mats and bibs for kindergarten students at Ban Pha Ko Elementary School. The school is located in Sakon Nakhon Province about 2 km from the town of Tharae. The principal has been in place now for about 2 months. He is the principal responsible for building the Gen Aderholt Monument at Choak Amnuay School and this will be the 5th school that we have followed him to. The school currently has 40 students in grade 1-6. There is no kindergarten class, but there is a need for it. The principal is planning on 20 students beginning with the new school year in May. This principal is dedicated to providing the best possible he can for his students and has already asked for us to provide Saturday English Camps for them. I would expect we will continue to provide regular support for him at this school.

3. I move that not more than 2,000 baht be approved to purchase a complete set of First Reader Graded Readers for the English Program at Ban Pha Ko Elementary. Grades 4-6 will be taught to read by the English teacher and these students, in turn, will work with grades 1-3 teaching them. This is part of our "Older Teaching Younger" program. Plans are being developed for Dr. John Middlewood to provide teaching assistance next school year.

4. I move 3,200 baht be approved to purchase 2 cement tables and benches sets for Tan Sa Mai elementary school.

Request 63,620 baht (\$2081.02) be approved for the continuing Quality of Life Program.

School	Amount
1. Pla Pak Noi Elementary School	54,000 baht
2. Ban Pha Ko Elementary School	6,400 baht
3. Tan Sa Mai Elementary School	3,200 baht
Total	63,600 baht

Exchange Rate as of 21 February 2013 is 29.8THB per 1USD.

**Motion 13-11 Discretionary Funds - Thailand**

**Budget Amount = \$135.00**

**Actual Amount = \$134.80**

**Assistance Funds = None**

John Middlewood has made the following motion:

A non-Assistance allocation of up to \$135 for the following:

1- I move for the allocation of 4,000 baht for travel expenses for Jan-March 2013. This is not an assistance cost, but will be funded by the TLCB regular budget.

Total - \$135

Exchange Rate as of 21 February 2013 is 29.8THB per 1USD

## **Motion 13-12 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal**

**Budget Amount = \$1,100.00**

**Actual Amount = \$**

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

**PROPOSAL:** That the sum of \$1,100 be approved to bring electricity to the Naxaythong Primary School, Phou Kout District, Xieng Khouang Province.

**BACKGROUND:** The school now has about 200 primary students in three buildings, two wooden ones and one new cement block building funded by the government. The TLCB previously funded roofing tin and cement floors for one of the wooden buildings, in two separate motions. The earlier projects were implemented successfully.

The present request includes funding for extension of an electric line from the road to the school, electrical fittings and hardware, pipe to bring water up from the nearby creek, and a water pump.

As explained in the Provincial Education Service's proposal, this will provide water for the school's toilet, and for irrigation for the demonstration garden and trees planted by the students. In addition, the electricity will enable use of audio/video equipment for classroom use and allow teaching of safe practices in use of electricity at the student's homes.

It was noted during a February 2013 visit to this school, on a Saturday, the school principal, teachers, local officials, and a group of villagers, were working on another small project of fixing up the school office. This village is enthusiastic about education for their children.

Of note at this school is their very good display of plants and bugs, plus some of the TLCB funded "Big Brother Mouse" books.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** If this proposal is approved, funds will be sent to Art Crisfield in Vientiane for transfer up to the Provincial Education Service in Phonsavanh. Our contact there, Mr Soundeuane, will parcel out the funds to the school officials as needed to procure materials and do the project. Mr Sounduane will make site visits as necessary to confirm that the works has been done.

Request 8,477,480 Lao kip (\$1100.00) be approved to bring electricity to the Naxaythong Primary School, Phou Kout District, Xieng Khouang Province.

Exchange Rate as of 21 February 2013 is 7706.8LAK per 1USD.

**Motion 13-13 Laos Quality of Life Program**

**Budget Amount = \$3,300.00**

**Actual Amount = \$**

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

**PROPOSED:** That the sum of \$3,300 be approved to provide a cement floor and tin roofing for the Ban Mixay Secondary School in upper Phou Kout District, Xieng Khouang Province.

**BACKGROUND:** As proposed by the Provincial Education Service:

“Mixay Secondary School is located on the road to Vieng Thong, Houa Phan, some 48 Km. from Phon Savanh, and some 24 Km. from Phou Kood District center.

“The school has 3 buildings: No. 1 built in 1980, No. 2 built in 1992, and No. 3 built in 2012. The 3 semi- permanent structures were all built with community funding and have weather board walls and tin roofing but no cement floors.

“Of the 3 buildings, 2 are still in use now. The one built in 1980 received much damage from a storm that took off many roofing sheets such that students cannot use it.

“The school draws students from 5 Lao Loum, 2 Lao Kang and 2 Lao Soung villages. This year there are 616 students with 273 women: 414 Lao Loum/203 women, 73 Lao Kang/27 women, and 102 Lao Soung/43 women. ----

“The request is to add cement floors, provide reroofing and paint for one building that is 42 meters long and 8 meters wide including the entry access walkway.”

**IMPLEMENTATION:** A site visit was made to this school on 2 February 2013, a Saturday so no students were available. Discussions were held with the school officials. It is a substantial facility, especially since it was a self-project, and remains in good shape.

If this proposal is approved, funds will be sent to Art Crisfield in Vientiane for transfer up to the Provincial Education Service in Phonsavanh. Our contact there, Mr Sounduane, will parcel out the funds to the school officials as needed to procure materials and do the project. Mr Sounduane will make site visits as necessary to confirm that the works has been done.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That \$3,300 be allocated to provide cement floor and tin roofing to one building of the Ban Mixay Secondary School.

Request 25,432,400 Lao kip (\$3,300 .00) be approved to provide a cement floor and tin roofing for the Ban Mixay Secondary School in upper Phou Kout District, Xieng Khouang Province.

Exchange Rate as of 21 February 2013 is 7706.8LAK per 1USD.

**Motion 13-14 Quality of Life Program - Laos**

**Budget Amount = \$620.00**

**Actual Amount = \$620.00**

MacAlan Thompson has made the following motion:

**PROPOSAL:** Retroactive approval of \$620 in additional funding for a kitchen for the dormitory of secondary school students at Long Tieng.

**BACKGROUND:** Motion 12-23D provided \$500, kip 4,000,000, for use in improving the kitchen facility at this dormitory. Due to weather related factors, landslides hindering onward travel to Phonsavah, we did not visit Long Tieng in September 2012, so I retained the funds rather than reimbursing the TLCB as is customary with unused funding.

Note, the dormitory is the former lower secondary school for Long Tieng. The students have moved classes to the newly opened school facilities, along with the primary school students, thus freeing up their former classroom for alternative use as a dorm. This enables additional secondary students who live too far distant to commute on a daily basis to now attend classes.

On 31 January 2013, we did visit Long Tieng and met with Ajan O'Roth, the principal of the secondary school. We discussed needs and he mentioned electricity and a kitchen for the dormitory, I agreed that the kitchen was doable.

Ajan O'Roth drew up a Bill of Materials for the project and we went to the local hardware supplier for costing. Total cost came to kip 8,848,000, or about \$1,134.

Since I had kip 4,000,000 in hand, from Motion 12-23D, and not really knowing when I'd be back through Long Tieng, and as I had personal funds in my pocket, I provided the remaining funding of \$620 out-of-pocket.

Kip 8,848,000 per Bill of Materials - 4,000,000 Motion 12-23D, leaving kip 4,848,000 remaining to be funded at kip 7,800 per USD = \$620, which was provided out of personal funds to Ajan O'Roth to purchase the needed materials.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That an additional budget allocation of \$620 be funded for the kitchen at the Long Tieng secondary school dormitory.

I realize that this is not the normal way of doing Assistance but given the circumstances, it did seem like a good idea at the time.

**Motion 13-15 Laos Quality of Life Program**

**Budget Amount = \$1400.00**

**Actual Amount = \$**

Jeff Hudgens has made the following motion:

PROPOSAL: That \$1400 USD be used to purchase school and sports supplies for the Lang Khang Campus which consists of four schools (Preschool, Primary, Jr High and High School) comprising of 692 students and teachers.

BACKGROUND: TLCB has done work on various schools in the past (Oct 2009 and Oct 2010).

See attached supporting document with breakdown of supplies and equipment to be purchased.

**Motion 13-16 Discretionary Funds**

**Budget Amount = \$300.00**

**Actual Amount = \$**

Jeff Hudgens has made the following motion:

PROPOSAL: A non-Assistance allocation of up to \$300 for the following:

Transportation and fuel, in support of Motion 13-15 activities, in Laos.