

Tutorial Learning Center Update

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Dear Sponsoring Friends of Tutorial Learning Center,

Christmas-tide greetings to you! I want to thank you for your active involvement in making a difference in Thailand through the Sustainable development Research Foundation-Global Development Network (SDRF/GDN) partnership. I have some great news to share with you regarding the community in which your sponsored student lives, the Tutorial Learning Center (TLC).*

A Good Showing for TLC

The TLC provides a productive environment for at-risk youth to acquire additional skills which enable them to be more academically competitive. Recently eight TLC students competed in a district-wide competition. *Five received first place categories and others placed second and third (see photo gallery on next page).*

Expanding TLC's Vision

In addition to striving for academic excellence, we have some exciting plans for the future of the TLC which will help it to train local at-risk youth in various areas of technology (computer repair, electricity, appropriate technology, etc.) that will enable them to have a vocation that will be in high demand for the Nan area. The vision is to keep students close to home and bless the local community.

Thanks to the generosity of several ministry partners, a new multi-purpose center is being constructed. The foundations have been poured, columns raised, and walls are starting to go up (see photo gallery). When completed, the facility will provide space for a classroom, computer lab, communications center, and a shop for appropriate technology.

In addition, we just doubled the size of our "cricket" farm and are now working on expanding the black chicken system as well. TLC students participate in raising crickets, black chickens, and pigs which help sponsor the work of SDRF. In exchange students acquire useful agricultural skills. (see photo gallery).

TLC Scholarship Program

We're pleased to report that we currently have sponsorships for 9 of our 18 students. What a blessing! We pray that others will come forward to support the remaining students. The scholarships allow at-risk youth to pursue life-changing choices. A \$45.00 a month sponsorship provides specialized education, room and board, and medical care for a student. Please invite others to participate by contacting TLC Sponsorship Coordinator, David Stockamp at Stockamp@gdnc.org. Contributions to this sponsorship program are tax deductible.

Final Word

This is our first quarterly update for TLC since the fall of 2012 commencement of the scholarship program. We will be posting the updates on our Global Development Network site at gdnc.org Please feel free to direct others to the site or pass on this update directly. Thank you!



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Sponsorship Coordinator

*TLC is located at SDRF's Center for Sustainable Development in the remote and isolated Nan Province of Thailand in the Baw Klua district of northern Thailand.

Photo Gallery



TLC student win 5 first place prizes in district academic competition



New multi-purpose building under construction



Raising crickets produces income for TLC



TLC class session



Students in front of their dormitory