

OUR LAOS PROJECTS 2017



This faraway land captured Patti's and Barbara's hearts in 2012. Above, you will see villagers in a very remote village who have just received water filters for the first time. Until now, they have had to boil their water (did you know that even if you boil the water, it would have to be re-boiled later on in the day or it becomes contaminated again). A water filter is provided for every family in the village and a lesson on sanitation/hygiene. The filters last for over 20 years, with very little care and maintenance. Patti and Barbara go over every year (they take turns) visiting the projects and teaching English in several of the schools.

Laos is among the most impoverished countries in the world, still suffering from the bombing effects of the CIA backed 'secret' war of the 1960's and 70's. Millions of unexploded bombs still remain in the soils, especially throughout rural areas which is predominantly mountainous. It remains the most bombed nation (per capita) on this earth.

Adopt A Village in Laos, a registered Canadian charity (83699 1001 RR0001), has made a significant positive difference in the health of the lives of the rural villagers with financial support from so many amazing sponsors. To date, over 3,300 water filter systems (over 16,000 people) have been distributed, and received hygiene training. This means that 40 villages have received filters. The villagers are ecstatic and when speaking to the many villages we have supported, we are told that the percentage of those suffering from diarrhea and other illnesses caused by water borne bacteria, has dropped to almost zero. In fact we are told that diarrhea is no longer of any concern to the many families that have received these systems.

You can participate too! For just \$125.00 (Can \$ or \$100.00 USD) you can purchase a water filter system, including transportation (averaging 40% of the cost), bamboo stand, large water bottle and hygiene training to each receiving family will make a huge difference to their lives by extending lives and increasing productivity. That isn't all. We will send you an email and picture of the recipients with their filter system, for every water filter you donate. You will be able to zoom in on the label and see your name (or a name of your choosing), your country flag and the phrase 'In friendship and respect' (in Lao language). In addition, a tax receipt will be issued to you.

Adopt A Village also constructs schools, provides permanent water supplies to villages without, builds toilets for every school they build, sponsors school children who cannot afford to go to school and sponsors new teachers during their apprenticeship years, prior to receiving a government salary. Donations toward these projects is also tax receipted and emails with pictures and accountability will be sent to each donor.

100% of your donation goes towards the projects, not to overhead! Should you wish more information about Adopt A Village in Laos and the projects that we are helping with there, please browse our write-up at

<http://barbaraexploresasia.blogspot.ca/2015/02/laos-this-is-start-of-10-week-journey.html>

If you donate \$30.00 or more, you will receive a tax deductible receipt. If you donate \$125.00 Can (or \$100.00 USD), you will have purchased a much-needed water filter for a family in a remote village in Laos. Alternatively, you may choose to donate towards the building of a school. Know that all monies raised will go towards the cause.

Please give us your address, email address and tel no. so that we can process your tax receipt.

*Please make cheques out to **ADOPT A VILLAGE IN LAOS***

*Please mail this coupon with your cheque to: **Patti Lee, 8 South Kingslea Drive, Toronto, ON M8Y 2A3 Canada***

I enclose a cheque for \$ _____ I understand I will receive a tax deductible receipt if I donate \$30.00 or over.

NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TEL NO: () _____

CREDIT CARDS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED BUT CHECKS ARE PREFERRED. THANK YOU SO MUCH. *Barbara & Patti*

See below for more pictures!





This is the former school house which has been now rebuilt by Adopt A Village in Laos.



So many happy people in this village which is getting water for the first time. Prior to that, women had to walk for miles and carry the water on their back. Steve's Adopt A Village in Laos put in a dam and brought water to this village in 2017. There are also taps throughout the village where villagers can have showers. Imagine having a shower for the first time in your life.