

# Merry Christmas

From American Benefits Planning



Dear Friends,

December 1st, 2005

Merry Christmas! Thank you for your business. It's such a pleasure to do Business with friends. We will always honor your loyalty with loyalty.

In late January I will be traveling to Thailand to visit our orphanages, schools, and villages. From God it will take Two weeks to visit them all! Thankful of you so much for making it possible for us to help so many people. I hope to get you a better update after my trip.

The situation with the orphanages is about the same. The children are getting food, clothing, medicine, Love, and whenever possible an education. As we told you last time the Thai government has really cracked down on the Refugee camp, as it's very difficult to get in to see them, but through CBP's indignous staff we are kept up to date. If you are interested in the CBP newsletter, let us know and we'll get you on their list.

This year we are once again working in Northern Thailand. Last year we moved a village of 437 orphans to their own land for the first time in their lives. This year we are intending to do the same thing again. In helping these families stay intact it will keep many children from becoming orphaned or being sold into the sex trade. (as attached is an update on last years village, a description of this years project, and an AP article talking about how Asian children are the most deprived in the world.

As always we are making a donation on your behalf for Christmas. For those of you who want to make an additional contribution please make your checks payable to "Alpha Outreach Services" make a notation on the check that it is for the "Alpha Village project", and send them to us for processing.

Thank you again from all of us for your loyalty and friendship.

Sincerely,

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# Last Year

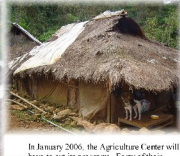
Your contribution last year made it possible for us to relocate 43 poor, Akha families. This has given them a new sense of dignity and a new outlook on life. They are each faithfully paying \$12 a month toward the ownership of their piece of land and the village has been able to build some more bathrooms and set-up more watering stations with the money that has been collected. Many of them have been able to get their children into school for the first time and put down some roots. They are slowly becoming financially stronger.



## This Year



On a different mountain range in the same area lies the largest Akha village in all of Thailand, Elephant Mountain. The plight of the poor field workers there is very similar. Elephant Mountain is the home to two tribal groups who migrated from Southern China, the Lisu and the Akha. Elephant Mountain is known for its rich soil and cooler weather. As a result, this village has become famous for coffee beans and other crops that can not grow in warmer climates. The Royal Thai Government Department of Agriculture also owns a portion of the mountain and has had a huge project there. Because of the success of coffee and the agricultural center, these two things have drawn the poorest of the Akha, who don't own any land of their own, to come and work. The agriculture center provides a small piece of land for each of those working for the center and other families will build small huts on a coffee field and take care of the coffee field for the owner.



In January 2006, the Agriculture Center will have to cut its programs. Forty of their workers are being released. They will also have to leave the land and housing where they have been living. Some have been there for over 15 years. Fortunately, the popularity of coffee has made things very profitable for the coffee owners and there are two coffee factories opening up in that area that many of these families can work for. Yet, financially these families and those working for the coffee owners only make enough to get by on and can not afford to purchase any land to settle their families on. Not having land to relocate to they will have to leave their community and try to find work that will provide some kind of housing, which is very difficult to find. They never seem to be able to get on their feet and always are being taken advantage of having to live on other people's land.

This  Year



Your contribution would be used to purchase a piece of land that would be used to resettle the first 27 families who will be in urgent need come Jan. Akha Outreach Foundation will be purchasing the land in the foundation's name and will oversee the setting up of the village. Relocating these families will give them their independence to work any coffee or fruit farm they would like to in the area and earn the going wage. The land could probably hold up to 60 families. Each family would be given a piece that they would have to pay for over a period of time. Of course they would never be able to afford the actual price of the land, but it would be an amount that would allow them to have the dignity of earning their own piece of land. The money they pay for their land will go into a fund that would be used to help develop the village (water projects and electricity).



God Bless

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Merry Christmas!