

Water for the Kids of Bann A YO

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First, we would like to thank everyone involved for helping to make this shelter become a reality for the kids of the Bann A YO



area in northern Thailand.

Dogs get hungry, too.

Next, we would like to bring everyone up to date in the progress. Last October, Daeng, Chom-nom, the Waterman and Terry hiked into the jungle to locate a source for the water to the proposed shelter.

See that story with the title “Trip into the Jungle” 10-21-07, also.

We want to be careful of throwing stones but during our stay in this “Akha” village in October, we were told many times that the people of the village did not like the person that owned the land that the shelter was to be built on.

The people of the village wanted the children’s shelter to be built. They also knew that Chom-nom, the man that was in charge of making it happen, was a good man and trusted him with this project.



Chom-nom and 5 month old Daughter with Oreo on face.

To shorten this story, Chom-nom went out on his own, with help from friends of the children and the owner of a video company here in Thailand, and bought some land below the other proposed site. The land has been leveled, cleared and they are ready to start building.



Chom-nom & Terry on cleared land.

One catch, still no water. To solve the problem, a fine gentleman that has a water tank on his land about 2,800 feet from the new site and up the hill about 300 feet is donating the water to the project.



The man donating the water is in the middle. The fat guy is me. We are pointing to the water tank up on the hill.

We visited the site twice in the last two months and with the calculation sheets that my friends in California sent us we calculated that one inch (1") PVC pipe would work. Yep, that is 2800 feet of pipe.

We want to thank Paul and Cheryl in California for their help with the calculation.

We also want to thank ALL the people again that donated money for this project. It is not finished but we are headed in the right direction.

At his point we can only estimate the cost but at least 20,000 Thai Baht is needed to buy the pipe, fittings and valves needed. The piping would run from the tank across the road and down the hill thru the corn field just below the trees to the property.



I was happy to meet with Chom-nom and give him the money to start installing the piping to the new site. Once the piping is in and water running they can build a storage tank system about 30- 40 feet above the building site on the hill. The tank system is so that during water shortages they will still have some water to use.



Chom-nom wants me to thank everyone again for helping the children and he will keep taking pictures so we can report to you when we return to Thailand in the fall.

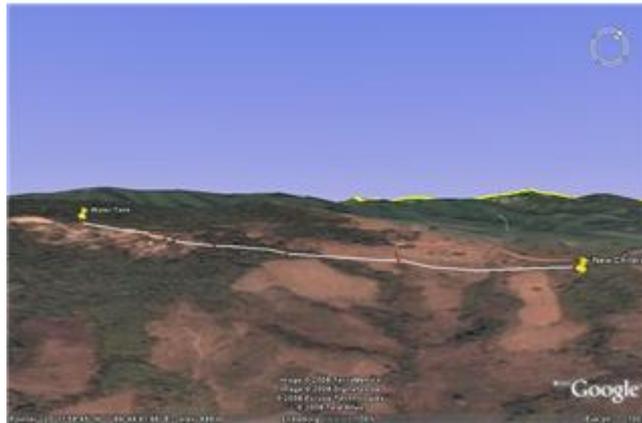
When we get to California we will install a video on www.FunnyPlumber.com about Chom-nom and the kids. We will title it "One Man and Some Kids". It is a really cool video, to say the least. It should be on the website by July 15th. I'll send everyone an email when that happens.

Love and peace to all!
Sincerely,
Terry and Daeng

P. S. Here a two other pictures, one of papaya growing wild and what the plumbing route looks like from the sky.



Papaya growing in the wild at this site.



The piping route looks like from the sky.