

*The Ayui Foundation is a non-religious, non-government organisation that provides a home, educational opportunities and future pathways for disadvantaged Akha hilltribe teenagers.*

# **Ayui Foundation**

## **NEWSLETTER**



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### **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

The first school term is finally drawing to a close...and what a term it has been. Like everywhere else around the world, our lives have been up-turned by Covid19. Following their Covid protocols, the vocational college, technical college and high school our students attend closed every now and then whenever Covid cases were found among students or their parents. On days they did not attend school, the students had to learn online. Meanwhile, the technical college have had classes come in on alternating weeks. So, it has been very disruptive. Kudos to the houseparents for keeping tabs on all that. Thailand has just started vaccinating 12-18 year-olds so (with their parents' signed permission forms) these students will be vaccinated soon. Our college students and staff are fully vaccinated. I hope our friends, supporters and sponsors are all staying safe, too.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WATER SUPPLY**

When we opened the Boys Home, we dug 2 wells for our water supply and, in the rainy season, we also store rainwater from the roof gutters. However, when the dry season starts (a few weeks before the end of school year), water use has to be rationed until the kids go home. Last year, the wells dried up a few months earlier than usual so the boys had to shower at the Girls Home after school and filled up a 1,000 litre water tank to take back for their daily needs. Without government water supply in this hilly, semi-rural village we need to hire a company to drill a deeper well of 80 metres.

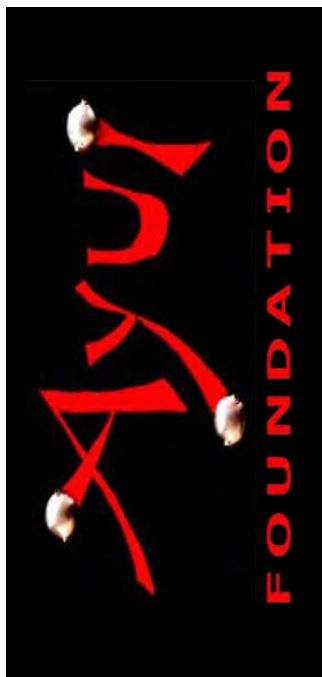
The cost is *230,000 Baht*. So far we have B30,000 in our Well Fund and need to raise **B200,000**. If you or your school/company/office is able to make a donation towards the Well Fund, you may contact me at [ayui.foundation@gmail.com](mailto:ayui.foundation@gmail.com) or please see [www.ayuifoundation.org](http://www.ayuifoundation.org) for how to donate.



*Rainwater storage*



*Two wells*



# Donation to Akha Village In Lockdown

In August, we got news that Baan Rung Jaroen village was in lockdown after a Covid breakout there. Villagers were not even allowed out to tend to their nearby fields or gather food in the forest so word soon spread that the 158 households needed food supplies, and a donation drop-off point was set up at the village entrance. The Ayui Foundation planned to donate food and when other Akha people found out, they started donating money to add to our Food Fund, including small amounts from current and former Ayui students. From a total of 17 donors, we raised over B13,000. Then the staff contacted the village Headman to see what they needed. He said that they already had many donations of bottled water and dried/canned foods but the villagers were desperate for fresh vegetables. So, we went to the vegetable market, and delivered what they needed.



THANK YOU

In July, after finding out the kids now had to study online, long-time supporter and child-sponsor Kok Hiang Tan (Singapore), donated funds for 1 laptop and 1 computer.



Yvonne Ziegler (Chiang Mai) for her generous donation, Amy and Zack Page (USA), PRD Real Estate in Tasmania, and regular donors Chris Payne and Laurel Dowell, also in Australia. Thank you for thinking of us during this time.

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