Ayui FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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

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Director



FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are near the end of the humid monsoon season and term break has begun. The students have gone home to their villages for their 3-week break. One of our college girls started her internship this term, and two will start next term. As usual, during the rainy season, it was a quiet period for us. At the Boys Home, we improved the chicken coop by replacing the old and dirty string netting with chicken wire. Our new batch of hens are already producing and - since the children are away - we are selling the eggs for some extra money. We bought a new batch of young fish for the fishpond, as well as more water plants to oxygenate the water.







Last month, the Prom Rak Foundation continued their trainings by holding an overnight workshop for hilltribe youth, where they got to learn about making good decisions for themselves and their futures.





AKHA CULTURE





On September 5th, the Annual Akha Swing Festival, or Lo Ching Cha, was held at Terd Thai sub-district. This is a huge event showcasing Akha culture – food, dress and traditional dance - set against a high mountainous backdrop and has now become a big social event for the youth. An 'Akha swing' - a rope on bamboo poles - is built in most villages at this time for the villagers to swing on and celebrate the end of the planting season. Another traditional attraction is the wooden Ferris wheel, completely made of wood, that rotates on momentum alone.



Thank You



To the owner of Akha Hill Café, located in town center, for giving us space to sell traditional Akha bags and necklaces made by the Ayui girls.



To a Taiwanese family who was leaving Chiang Rai and wanted to donate some of their clothes and blankets.

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