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Nam of School: Ban samran School

Location: Moo7, Tambon Huarua, Amphoe Muang, Ubon ratchathanee province. (far form the town- 22 kilometers from Amphoe)

Number of students and teachers: 73 students from kindergarten to grade 6 and 7 teachers and staff.

Status of project: Completed

The Coordinator of the Betterment of Life Foundation visited the school and below is her experience. The images tell their own story

When school is starts the children will be glad, or they will be amazed, I’m not sure” laughed Mrs. Wannee Yangdeaw, the teacher of grade 5 students at Ban samran School said as she thought of her students and their reaction.

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Previously, students had drunk water from the shallow well and Teacher Wannee and her husband who was a retired teacher had bought the water pump from their own money because they were so concerned about the children. *“Sometimes, I came here to teach students. Sometimes, I made a donation to school” said Mr. Pichet*



Answering our questions about the difficulties faced by the school, teacher Wannee said *“Apart from school facilities the main problem is the social problem - children’s poverty and being away from their parents. The parents go to work in Bangkok and leave the children with grandparents or relatives. The other problem is the incidence of divorce which causes disruption in their lives. When children have difficulties the “teacher” is the one who irons out the problem for them.*



Currently Ban samran School wishes to build a new library, but do not have enough money. So at present it’s just a medium sized tent. Teacher Wannee said *“We would like to have a new library, but we have no money. So now we want to merge grade 4 and grade 5 classrooms together, and use grade 4 classroom as a library for a while”*



The Betterment of Life Foundation is proud to support Ban samran’s teachers who are working hard and are devoted to the children who will be the real manpower of the country in the future.