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*Principal Somjit Rodruang,
Ban na fong deang School*

Name of school: Ban na fong deang School

Location: Located in the high mountain region of Tambon Nakornchum, Amphoe Nakornthai, Phitsanulok province.

It is far from the nearest main town being 140 Kilometres from Phitsanulok province and 40 kilometers from Amphoe Nakornthai

Number of students and staff: are 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

More than 20 kilometers on the Nakornthai-Namuang road, Phitsanulok province, led us on to the road leading to this small school. To get to the school meant traveling a further 20 Kilometers of rough road with bends which we could see ourselves would be susceptible to flooding and landslides in rainy season. After a long time on this road we reached Na fong deang village, where Ban na fong deang School is located.

“Water” appeared to be the main problem of the school due to the absence of a good water tank and water filter to make the water clean and suitable for

drinking by the school children. We were told that students drink hill water without any water filtration. During rain the water became brown color and turbid. Sometimes, the teachers and students would find slugs in the water. In addition the hill water usually ceased from November to April each year.



“Water is our main problem. We drink hill water. Students bring drinking water from their own homes and its rain water and not boiled” Somjit Rodruang, the principal of Ban na fong deang School said.

He stated that the school currently had several water tanks but they were broken. So the school had plans to buy 2 new water tanks which had a capacity of 1,500 liters and then then connect the tank with the water filter so that all the children could have clean water. Principal Somjit stated that because of its small size how ever the school also had a small budget. So the school had to rely on outside support.



He stated she was so happy that the Betterment of Life could fulfill their wish.

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We do hope that the Principal's good intentions will attract support from all parts of society.

