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Teacher Inthat Chumpoosom, Ban Whai School

Name of school: Ban Whai School

Location: Amphoe Chiangkhomg, Chiangrai province

Students and teachers: 221 students from grade 9 to grade 12 and 16 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



Behind the pink fence in moo 13, Tambon Sridonchai is Ban whai School. *“I have been here for 4 years. I renovated the old building, paved the tile, improved the school facilities step by step”* said Mrs. Yupin Yanaprasert, principal of Ban whai School



Poor quality drinking water is one of the main problems of Ban whai School. The water source of the school is ground water. When

the water was placed in a container for a while, it became yellow, thick, and turbid and had a strong smell especially during the rainy season. This means that students and teachers have to bring drinking water from home. Sometimes, this water was not enough so students had to drink the school's ground water.

“Our students bring their own bottle of drinking water because the school's water is not clean. But it's not enough because sometimes the weather is very hot, it's very sticky or the students playing games or sport and very thirsty, so, they run into the water tab and drink the water quickly”



To solve this problem, the school set up The School's "Water Quality Developing Project" in partnership with the Betterment of Life Foundation. Mr. Inthat Chumpoosom, English and computer teacher was placed in charge of this project.

“Water is very significant because health and sanitation is the most importance. Previously, we can drink water even in the rice field because it's clean. But now we can't do that because of pollution and contamination” teacher Inthat commented.

Principal Yupin added that she was very glad that Ban whai School received funds from the Drinking Water for School Children programme being implemented by The Betterment of Life Foundation. She is happy for her students. Now, students can conveniently drink clean water.



The School's "Water Quality Developing Project" has been sponsored by Local Administration, villager's donation and The Betterment of Life Foundation. The school's staffs had installed water filtration consist of water tank, water filter and water supply equipment. Currently, students and teachers have hygienic drinking water. In addition, they can bottle it and take the water home as well.

"Now I want to develop the old shop to be a cloister for students to do calming meditation. I really want to do this" Principal Yupin said.

The Principal and the teachers of the school are committed towards development and willing to take put in their own time for the benefit of the students "It's about collectivism and rapport between the students and the teachers. *When I became a teacher and when I teach and spend time with students, I have a bond with them. I want them to attain prominence. During the school holidays when I can stop working and take a break, I invited and expert to conduct computer training course for the students. I have done this for my students"* Mr. Inthat Chumpoosom said finally.