

## Facts

Name	Phu Lang
Type of facility	Lower Secondary School
No. of students	184 (109 boys, 75 girls)
No. of teachers	5 (4 males, 1 female)
Number of Classrooms	5
Size of building	280 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	USD 49,690
Construction period	April – September 2013
Project manager	Mr. Thanasak Thaweecho
Location (Province)	Huay Juang Sub-District, Hongsa District, Xaignabouli Province, Northern Laos

## Description

Phu Lang Lower Secondary School is located in Xaignabouli province in Northern Laos. While the majority of the villagers in this community depend on agriculture for subsistence, a few engage in manual labour. The ethnicity is mainly Prai and some Lao Lum (minorities).

Following the education policy which the Lao government has put in place to provide education for children in remote areas, this school was built during the academic year 2009-2010. Although the 3 villages of Baan Huay Juang, Baan Phu Lang Kang and Baan Phu Lang Tai cooperated, their budget could only afford to build a temporary building. During the first year, the school started with 1 classroom for 36 students and 1 teacher's room for the 4 male teachers. From last academic year, there were no students who needed to repeat classes. However, 11 students didn't continue with their studies and 5 students dropped out. During the present academic year 2012-13 the school offers the 4 lower grades of secondary school to 184 students.

The temporary school building is in very poor condition and because it's made of bamboo and grass, it needs yearly repairs. There are no toilets at the school ground. Also Phu Lang Huay Juang village, where the school lies, has no water itself – they get it from Baan Phu Lang Kang which is 5 km away. The government provides for teachers' salaries and teaching materials.

## Map



## Implementation

We will support Phu Lang Lower Secondary School by constructing a new building with five classrooms and toilets. Furniture will be provided for all classrooms. The communities will be contributing wood as well as provide unskilled labour to prepare the land for the construction. The government will continue to support the teachers' salaries and provide teaching materials. A professional contractor from Xaignabouli town will manage the actual construction work. All required construction materials can be sourced from various material shops in Hongsa 30 km away and transported to the construction site using trucks.

We consider this to be a low risk project as the school is located at the main road and although the project will commence in April 2013, at the start of the rainy season, the unpredictability of the weather should have minimal affect on transportation and the progress of the construction. We target to complete the construction by September 2013.

## Photos



Welcome to the Phu Lang Lower Secondary School

## Budget

1 USD = 30 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	955,508	31,850	64%
Labour	200,000	6,667	13%
Interior / Furniture	138,000	4,600	9%
Transportation	30,000	1,000	2%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	69,658	2,322	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	97,522	3,251	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,490,688</b>	<b>49,690</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Project manager

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Not only the building is temporary, the students sit squeezed together at their temporary desks.

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