



Child's Dream Foundation

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supporting children in need in
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Job Title:	Two English Teachers	Position Type:	volunteer
Duration :	1-2 semesters (2-5 months)	Start Date :	negotiable
Location:	Baan Maepong School, Baan Maepong , Chiang Rai Province, Thailand	Travel Required:	no
Date posted:	10 th June 2010		

Job Description

Baan Saanrak Child Center

Baan Saanrak was established in May 2002 by Ms. Phimphan Kaewsrinuan who has many years of professional experience in working with vulnerable children. The objectives of Baan Saanrak are to provide support and assistance to underprivileged children in the Chiang Rai area who lack education, come from poor family backgrounds, orphans and/or homeless children, etc., and to protect them from child abuse and child trafficking. The center is located in Baan Maepong, about 30 km away from Chiang Rai (about 270 km North of Chiang Mai).

The activities of the centre include providing shelter, helping the children to get access to education from kindergarten to secondary level, giving moral support and, in general, improving their quality of life. The target group consists of 25 children, aged 5 to 15. Of them, 18 are from ethnic minorities, five are child-trafficking cases. All come from broken families or are orphans. Support is also given by the village leader and the village council. All in all the community's involvement is great, with the children's parents/caretakers and other villagers very often joining the centre's activities, lending a hand to renovate the shelter and in general by just being good neighbours. Local villagers also provide vocational training in agriculture, fish and frog breeding, art work, handicrafts, baking, etc...

Child's Dream constructed a building for life skills trainings. This building includes two training rooms, one office room and one store room. Child's Dream also provided eight round fish ponds and four square frog ponds. The objectives of this project are to teach vocational skills, to ensure that the children get enough protein in their meals and to create minor income for the center. The construction was completed in June 2009. For more information about this project please check our website www.childsdream.org and search for "Baan Saanrak Child Center" under the "Project" tab. You can also read the reports by our former volunteers and find out more practical information about living in Thailand in general on the "Volunteer/Jobs" tab on our website (<http://www.childsdream.org/index.php?id=53>)

About the Assignment

The children of the Saanrak Child Center attend school at Baan Mae Phong school, five days a week, from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Your assignment is to support the teachers at Baan Mae Phong to teach English (you can stay at Saanrak Child Center though). Your target group for teaching are primary school students aged 6-12 who come to school on a regular basis. The most effective teaching methods are those that are fun, involve games and student interaction appropriate for the targeted age group. It is very useful if volunteers prepare some teaching materials/ideas before arrival. Saanrak Child Center provides accommodation, the school provides lunch, a mobile phone signal available.

Required Qualifications

- **English Proficiency** (reading, writing and speaking): You will need to provide evidence of formal English language qualifications, or, where no formal qualification is held, a confirmation letter from your employer or former school indicating your English language proficiency
- **Teaching experience:** This is NOT essential but nice to have. The position requires teaching classes of around ten to twenty students
- **Ability to drive a motorbike:** This is NOT essential but will make life easier for you. The ride between the provincial capital Chiang Rai and Baan Saanrak takes about 30-45 minutes by car or motorbike. Most people travel by motorbike. To drive a motorbike in Thailand, an international driving license or a driving license from an ASEAN country is required

Other Desired Attributes

- Able to live in very basic conditions, be flexible, self motivated and able to fill the days with activities in rather remote surroundings where English is not widely spoken
- Sensitive to foreign cultures and good listening skills

Application Procedure

To apply for this volunteer position, please complete the “volunteer application form” available on the volunteer section of our webpage, add the other required documents and send them to arm@childsdream.org, indicating your desired **date of arrival and your length of stay**. For additional information please see <http://www.childsdream.org/index.php?id=53>. **Only complete applications will be considered.**