



**THAILAND**  
**Scholarships for Needy Children**  
**RAWCS#163-2000/2001**

*Description:-* The Rotary Club of Sawankalope seeks assistance to provide scholarships for the children of needy families. The higher Education standard attained will be an on-going benefit to their communities.

*Further Information:-* The Scholarship Programme is currently being conducted by the Rotary Club of Sawankalope but numbers awarded are restricted by lack of funding. All applicants for Scholarships are screened by the Rotary Club Committee, which includes visiting their homes to evaluate the financial status of each family. Each Scholarship recipient will be assisted until they finish Secondary School. A Rotarian councillor will be appointed to each recipient to monitor the education and conduct whilst at school.

*Cost:-* A\$200 will provide a Thai child with an opportunity to be educated.

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*Overseas Contact:-* PDG Dr. Lek Nana,  
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**THAILAND**  
**Scholarships to Enable Students to Become**  
**Self-Sufficient**  
**RAWCS#162-2000/2001**

*Description:-* The Rotary Club of Srisaket proposes to award Scholarships to enable students to start their own Agricultural Project whilst they are studying in the Agricultural College. The Product from the project will aid them with their Agricultural experience and to make them self-sufficient.

*Further Information:-* The Rotary club of Srisaket is already awarding this type of Scholarship but demand far outweighs their capabilities. The Club desires to award 20 scholarships of A\$300 each. Club members will select the scholar to receive the scholarship, assist with marketing of the produce and encourage students to use the new Farming Technology within their own Community. The Agricultural College will provide free tuition, boarding and counselling.

*Cost:-* A\$300, or parts thereof, will assist in awarding a Scholarship. Project target is 20 Scholarships @ A\$300 = A\$6,000.

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**THAILAND**  
**Self Financed School Lunch Programme**  
**RAWCS#165-2000/2001**

*Description:-* The Rotary Club of Dusit aims to encourage school teachers and children at various schools to raise fish, chickens and vegetables to aim to provide substantive lunches at school.

*Further Information:-* The project involves the marshalling of volunteers to build a fish pond and chicken pen at each school.

Rotarians then provide tuition on fish and chicken raising and vegetable growing together with tuition on budget procedures towards financial independence.

Expected costs of construction for each school in the first year before self financing are:

Construction	A\$3,500.00
Tuition	A\$ 200.00
Seeds & Tools	A\$ 500.00
Fish, Chicken & Fee	A\$1,800.00
	<u>A\$6,000.00</u>

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*Overseas Contact:-* PDG M.R. Ophas Kanchanavijaya,  
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**THAILAND  
Hill Tribes Development  
RAWCS #167-2000/2001**

*Description:-* **The Royal Project Foundation** is assisting Hill Tribes to grow alternate cash crops, other than narcotic plants.

*Further information:-* The Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand consist mainly of Karen people living in independent isolated villages. Until recently one of their main cash crops was the cultivation of opium poppies which were used in the production of opium and heroin.

The committee, which consists mainly of Rotarians, is introducing fruit and alternate cash crops and helping the Hill Tribes with cultivation techniques and developing markets. This program has already achieved significant results, with a large reduction in the amount of opium poppies grown in Thailand..

*Cost:-* A\$250 - A\$500 to whatever you can afford will assist these people to produce crops other than narcotics.

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**THAILAND  
Hill Tribes -  
Vocational Training for Young Women  
RAWCS #171-2000/2001**

*Description:-* **The New Life Center**, was founded by American Baptist missionaries in order that young tribal women in Northern Thailand could become literate and receive vocational training to escape exploitation.

*Further Information:-* Hill Tribe people in Thailand are living a precarious existence because of increased numbers. There is not enough land anymore to maintain their formerly agrarian lifestyle.

Often within these cultures, girls are seen as having an economic responsibility. Not being able to speak, read or write Thai, they are very often exploited.

Currently the Center has three houses in Chiang Mai and one in Chiang Rai with a total of 200 residents, most between the ages of 13 – 19. The Center also sponsors 65 young tribe girls, ages 6 – 14 to attend day schools in their villages and through other hostel programs. Some have older sisters who were sold by their parents into prostitution.

With the exception of the Director and Advisor (from the U.S.), all of the 21 staff members of NLC are hill tribe women, 16 of whom graduated from the Center. All of the residents attend adult school evening classes and during the day study Thai, Akha, Lahu and English, as well as sewing and tribal handicrafts.

*Cost:-* A\$100, A\$250 ... will help provide these young women and girls with *good* alternatives for their lives.

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*Overseas Contact:-* Rev Lauren Bethell,  
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**WORLDWIDE  
Sleeping Children Around the World  
RAWCS #191-2000/2001**

*Description:-* Slumber Kits for needy children around the world.

*Further Information:-* When Murray Dryden and his late wife Margaret, of Ontario, Canada, first started providing “Slumber Kits” they little knew what heaven they were to bring to thousands of young lives.

A Slumber Kit consists of:

- One roll-up mattress.
- One pillow.
- One rubber or plastic sheet.
- Two pillow cases.
- Two pairs of cotton sheets.
- Two pairs of pyjamas.
- Two thin blankets
- One mosquito net or an additional blanket.

All slumber kits are hand-made by local people in the country of distribution. Payment for labour and materials is provided by your donation.

Over recent years many thousands of these kits have been given to needy children, all because Murray and Margaret cared!

Slumber Kits are distributed by the Salvation Army, Jesuit Fathers, Rotary and other similar organisations, world wide. Volunteers from developing countries are full partners in the program. The only prerequisite is a deep compassion for children that are in need of a helping hand.

Rotarians and their families have been significant contributors towards the cost of the kits and more than 50% of the work in distributing these kits is achieved with the help of Rotarians.

In June 1987, Rotary International honoured Murray Dryden with the Presidential Citation for bringing hope to thousands of needy children. (The RI theme of 1986/87 - “Rotary Brings Hope”)

If desired your name can be sewn into the labels of the Slumber Kit. Could your club consider approaching schools in your community for support?

*Cost:-* A\$40 will provide one Slumber Kit to make a child happy and warm.

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PO Box 807, STRATHFIELDSAYE VIC 3551

*Overseas Contact:-* Murray Dryden, 28 Pinehurst Crescent,  
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**WORLDWIDE  
The Fred Hollows Foundation  
Treating Cataract Blindness  
RAWCS #192-2000/2001**

*Description:-* Since its launch in 1992, The Fred Hollows Foundation has helped train and equip eye health personal in 19 countries across three continents, restoring sight to thousands of cataract blind people each year.

Over 450 doctors have been trained in modern cataract surgery techniques using intraocular lenses, and to date The Foundation has restored sight to over 250,000 cataract blind people in Vietnam, Nepal, Eritrea and across Africa.

*Further Information:-* Cataract blindness is reversible, and in developing countries blindness is a veritable death sentence. It is estimated that there are currently 16 million people in the developing world who are blind due to cataracts.

The Foundation’s aim is to provide the training and equipment necessary for local eye surgeons to perform the 20-minute operation which restores sight. Once trained these surgeons can perform between 500 – 1000 sight restoring operations every year. The training programs allow those trained surgeons to go on and train other surgeons in their country as well as including education on cost-recovery systems to ensure sustainability of the programs.

*Cost:-* A donation of A\$25 can restore one person’s vision in a developing country. A\$550 will purchase one cataract surgical set. A\$3,800 will purchase a portable operating microscope. To totally equip a trainee surgeon costs A\$6,310. A training microscope costs upwards of \$8,200.

Donations of any amount will help to restore sight in a developing country. Donations of \$2,00 or more are tax deductible.

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**WORLDWIDE  
Vietnam – Baby Eden  
RAWCS #193-2001/2002**

*Description:-* Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Balmain as a programme of clean water provision for orphanages in Vietnam and other adjacent areas.

*Further Information:-* Promoted as a project because of an experience by a private person accepting an adopted child and the near death of that child due to the effects of dysentery the project is to provide micro filters to a variety of orphanages.

The central component of the project is the provision of filters with a reusable 0.2 micron filtration media. Treated water is to comply with W.H.O. standards. It is proposed that a chlorine tablet will be provided to the communities to add to treated water to ensure it is not contaminated.

The “Baby Eden” project has been approved by the Office of Charities in the Department of Gaming and Racing under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991.

*Cost:-* Any donation will be welcome and all monies received will be accumulated to provide the units progressively.

*Donations and Copies of Correspondence to:*  
Project Funding Contact, PDG Alex Sawyer,  
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*Dr Fitsum Ghebre Hannes looks at Fatna Omer, 65, in her village of Kegal. She has a mature cataract and could receive an intra-ocular lens to restore her sight. Her sister Halima is 56.*

