

Dear Dave,

Firstly on behalf of BMWEC and Hsa Thoo Lei, I would like to say special thank to you and Global Neighbor Foundation. In the following issue about inside Burma/Myanmar trip, I present short report in this letter. I have traveled to Hta Law village, Myawaddy Township, Pa Ann District in Karen State in Southern east of Burma/Myanmar (the old area of Karen National Union (KNU) rebellion No.7) on 7 June 2013. At the same time, we allocated to the villagers and the students from Hta Law Learning Center the dry food, blankets and house equipment that Global Neighbor supported.



History of Hta Law Village

Hta Law village exists the old region of KNU rebellion No.7 or near Moie /Thaung Yin river side of Burma. Hta Law village was the civil war field and deep jungle in the past. During the civil wars, this happened between KNU soldiers and States Peace Development Council (SPDC) soldiers. Some local people run to the refugee camps in Thailand and some resettled to Thai rural area on the Thai-Burma border. And some of the villagers migrated to the Thai-Burma border as illegal migrant people. And the rest of the local people were hidden in the jungle.

However, after the cease fire process between KNU and Burmese government, the people , who hidden in the jungle cleared the exact place and they established a village as Hta Law with number of (200)families population in the recent year. Most villagers grow the seasonal grains and some raise animal-husbandry.



Transportation

The villagers use bicycle, motorbike, and tractor for their carrying. The roads are muddy in raining season and dusty in the hot season.



Health and Education

Healthy is the most vital for human life. So, the Hta Law became as a village the healthiness of the villagers are an important issue. As a recent village, if the villagers are sick often due to the weather condition, especially in wet season. When they feel sick or injured or worrier health issue, they have to go to Myawaddy or Pa-Ann towns because they haven't any doctor and treatment center. As we mentioned in above to travel place to place, the roads are bumpy, muddy, and dusty. Moreover, Hta Law village is in the center of the jungle so it is far from the towns to travel.

The village was rebuild only one year old. In following year, the villagers found a learning center with 170 students and 7 teachers. When we observed the school, it is built by wood and bamboo refract in shape. This school has not enough school furniture, and stationary. The teachers are kind volunteers without gaining any stipend. The related organization that works with Hta Law is no more than one organization; it is Burmese Migrant Workers' Education Committee (BMWEC) in present June 2013. Even thought the school is in the Hta law village, the students have to come on foot 5 miles in nearest and 10 miles is in the longest distance. Moreover, the way to come to school is near by the river and small streams. For earlier child hood day care children will be very difficult for them to come to school if their parent cannot bring them.



What can you help?

Due to the region condition, to be healthy for the Hta Law villagers including children, pregnant and old people, you and your friends can support ;

- Medical equipment, mosquito nets, blankets, clothes, umbrella, shoes, and the useful things for parents and children.
- Dry food for boarding house students and lunch for students.
- Stipends for very kind volunteer teachers.
- Tractor to bring the children safety and easily to travel to school.
- Extend a nursery school building in the middle of the village for little children.

Conclusion

Ultimately, we would like to say unique thank to Global Neighbor organization for your donation materials and things to Hta Law villagers and school in our trip. Even though these things and materials were not much enough for all villagers, we have distributed to the most villagers. When they received these things and materials, they were really happy and satisfied. And as we went there by ourselves, we knew about the village situation and what do they need and what problems they are facing with. We suggest and request to Global Neighbor to support more materials for Hta Law village and School. We would like to cooperate with Global Neighbor to get more achievements for our people safety . Lastly, we really thank to the Hta Law village authorized people, villagers and teachers for their awareness and let us know to get facilitate.



May God Bless You and Take Care Of you

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to NawPaw Ray.

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Thank You