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Serving Those Who Serve



PROPOSAL: Thailand Community Impact Stage 1

Location: Chai Rai, Thailand

Timeframe: Financial years 2017 to 2018

Support Required: AU \$30,000

Summary:

In Chai Rai Thailand, children are seen as problems, violence and alcoholism are rife, and so many empty hearts are waiting to hear the good news of Jesus. Resources are problematic and lack of facilities hinder Christian NGO's reaching communities. MMM have worked extensively in Chai Rai and now have the opportunity to increase impacting communities by creating a permanent presence. \$30,000 is required to purchase land in a key location to service Christian NGO headquarters.

Thailand Environment Details:

Thailand has a population of 69.89 million people with only 1.2% Christians. Thailand's tropical climate and cheap activities make it an ideal tourist stop when in Asia. Out of the tourist areas the local populations often struggle with simple amenities like clean drinking water. Other issues faced by local communities include a lack of sanitation, education and opportunities for legal paid work. To complicate the challenges of residing in a developing nation, safety is now the number one issue for women and children.

Program Objectives:

The objective of the Capital Investment is to purchase land and build a Headquarters for MMM in Thailand. The site will contain two staff residences, multi use offices and workshop facilities.

Specific Objectives include the following:

- Creating a permanent presence in Chang Rai Thailand
- Adding support to the existing Christian Community in Chang Rai
- Providing care and support for MMM Thai Workers
- Creating a reliable interface between MMM Australia and MMM Thailand.

MMM in Thailand



Since 2003, MMM has been working with NGO's to impact local communities for Christ. Loyal volunteers from Australia have travelled and fulfilled requests from local expressions of International Aid agencies such as YWAM, Destiny Rescue and many Christian schools and Church Plants.

60% of the work required in Thailand is Child Safe Houses. These houses are a last resort to keep children from cruel slavery and prevention of child trafficking. Available figures estimate that currently some 30,000 to 40,000 children, not including foreign children, are exploited as prostitutes. Sexual exploitation of children in Thailand, as in many other countries, is tremendously influenced by tourism.



Other NGO's work hard to bring the Gospel of Jesus through relief of poverty, education, safe houses, and many other outreach activities. MMM's work is critical to increasing the number of men, women and children having access to safety, dignity and the Hope of Jesus.

The Issue:

- MMM have been working in Chai Rai Thailand since 2003 without facilities.
- Work to support current demand cannot be completed without a permanent site.
- Australian workers travelling to Thailand have to 'make do' with substandard facilities in which to provide assistance.
- Local Thai staff are hindered in fulfilling the planning and administration of project work.
- Working without permanent facilities is costly to operate
- Renting facilities is volatile and subject to constant rent rises, and relocations.

The Solution

MMM is committed to making a difference in the lives of those who need the Hope of Christ. To meet demand a new building has been designed to include staff residences, office space, meeting rooms and accommodation for short term missions. The facilities will provide security of tenure for the Thai staff as well as a strong community presence.



Stage 1: Land Acquisition

The neighborhood of Chang Rai is congested and land is highly sort after. Favor has been given to MMM Thailand to purchase this land for significantly below average land prices.

This opportunity came about by sowing into local relationships and serving the community.



Success Story from Thailand

Ray and Patty Mc Connell moved to Thailand in late 1999 where they founded the missions organisation Shoulder to Shoulder Ministries Inc. (S2S). Shoulder to Shoulder provide Discipleship/Scholarship Students, HIV/Aids and Hunger Relief, and Community development. MMM in partnership with S2S have provided buildings for the Ministry to house workers, and provide care for the community.

Shoulder to Shoulder work amongst the community to reach local individuals. Palita was found by the ministry and where she was counselled, discipled and taught biblical leadership skills. Opportunities for locals in Chai Rai are limited and often depend on cheap labour, or illegal activities.

As a result of Palita’s persistence and God’s master plan for her life, she is now one of MMM Thailand’s team. She manages the office as well as teaching English for other locals who have limited opportunities, ministering and showing the love of Jesus.

Program Cost:

Stage 1: Land Cost	AU\$30,000
Stage 2: Staff Accommodation, office facilities	AU \$60,000 - 80,000
Stage 3: Workshop maintenance and training facilities Accommodation for visiting project teams	AU\$20,000 - 40,000
Total Thailand Project	AU\$110,000 - 150,000

The Solution:

You have seen the enormity of the task for Christian NGO's in Chang Rai Thailand. There are countless examples of NGO's who have benefited from MMM's capital works who have ultimately reached the local community. Here is an opportunity to help change a culture and bring the Hope of Jesus to a desperate community.

We invite you to support MMM with a gift towards this project to ensure Thai communities continue to be supported and hear of Christ's Good News.

What we will give you:

If you decide to give to this essential program MMM will provide you with:

- ✓ Receipt of gift
- ✓ Annual Report
- ✓ Progress and completion reports until completion in 2020-2023

MMM thanks you for considering this proposal and invite you to contact us if you have any questions about the information or how to donate to MMM.



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