

# Assistance Report 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019

**Quarter Total**                    \$    9,188.89  
**To Date Total**                    \$694,784.79

<b><u>Area of Operation</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>To Date</u></b>
Thailand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66.75	\$0.00	\$66.75
Laos	\$5,200.00	\$7,252.00	\$0.00	\$6,965.00	\$19,417.00
Student Aid - Thailand	\$2,327.92	\$2,121.27	\$2,197.13	\$2,223.89	\$8,870.21
Quarter Total	\$7,527.92	\$9,373.27	\$2,263.88	\$9,188.89	\$28,353.96
Total to Date	\$673,958.75	\$683,332.02	\$685,595.90	\$694,784.79	\$694,784.79

## **Motions and Actions 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019**

19-20 Approved  
19-21 Approved  
19-22 Approved  
19-23 Approved  
19-24 Not approved  
19-25 Approved

Note: Laos funding requirements exceeded the annual budget limit of \$14,000, a variance was requested from the Board of Directors. The variance was approved and the projects funded. The annual budget limit for Laos funding before requiring Board approval was raised to \$16,000 starting in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Thompson  
Chairman TLCSB Assistance Committee  
15 December 2019

**Motion details attached below:**

Motion 19-20 Student Assistance Program - October

Estimated Amount = \$720.00

Actual Amount = \$739.47

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 22,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for October 2019.

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

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|-----|-----------------------|--|
| 1)  | Juthathip Siriwong    | 4th Year English Teaching                              |
| 2)  | Wipada Phetsuwan      | 4th Year Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat U (Sakon Nakhon)        |
| 3)  | Nutchanat Niwongsa    | 4th Year NPU   |
| 4)  | Nantawee Chanapoch    | 4th Year NPU   |
| 5)  | Natsupha Pholman      | 4th Year Burapha University - Chonburi                 |
| 6)  | Darart Promarrak      | 3rd Year MCU   |
| 7)  | Thamonwan Thungnathad | 3rd Year NPU   |
| 8)  | Nittaya Manasen       | 3rd Year NPU   |
| 9)  | Matchima Khanda       | 2nd Year Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat U (Mathmatics Teaching) |
| 10) | Achiraya Thiauthit    | 1st Year NPU   |
| 11) | Sawini Manaonok       | 1st Year UBU   |

Total: 22,000thb

Exchange Rate on 24 September 2019 is 30.6THB per 1USD

**Motion 19-21 Laos Quality of Life Program  
Ban Soum Maen Lower Secondary School, Kham District, Xieng Khouang, Laos**

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<b>Estimated Amount =</b>	~\$4,974
<b>Actual Amount =</b>	\$4,947
<b>2019 Budget Current</b>	\$1,648 - \$4,974 = -\$3,326 remaining.

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**PROPOSED:** That the TLCB grant ~\$4,974 to buy tin and nails, cement, gravel, sand, rebar wire, and transport for repair of old and dilapidated buildings of Ban Soum Maen Lower Secondary School, Kham District, Xieng Khouang Province, Laos.

**BACKGROUND:** In a letter dated 30 September 2019, and signed by the Principal of the school, the village headman, and the chief of the Kham District Education office, the Xieng Khouang Provincial Office of Education and Sports provided the following information:

The Ban Soum Maen Lower High School is having great difficulty in raising funds to repair its old and dilapidated buildings.

The Ban Soum Maen Lower High school is located in a remote, mountainous area some 130 km northeast of Phonsavan city via Route 6 on the Xieng Khouang-Houa Phan road near the Nam Neun River. The school, built in 2001 of semi-permanent construction by the villagers themselves measures 8 x 38 m. The community cut forest trees for the lumber needed for school construction. Tin roofing came from the Government, but cement floors have yet to be laid.

The school needs replacement roofing tin and cement for floors in two buildings:

1. The classroom building which measures 8 x 36 m.
2. The student dormitory which measures 7 x 32 m.

Labor will be the responsibility of the villagers.

Now the tin roofing has rusted out and leaks in the rains.

In the dry season, the classrooms are full of dust as are the student dorm rooms.

The villagers have difficulty raising funds to buy roofing sheets: support for the school comes from four villages inhabited 95 % by ethnic Hmong and one village by ethnic Phong. Agriculture consists of upland, rain-fed farming with very little income from meager harvests. Homes are built on hillsides or in creek valleys. Support of livelihoods is difficult. Many families are unable to contribute to funds for helping repair and maintain the school and dorm.

Thus the school and villagers have conveyed their letter to the Provincial Education and Sports Office. They ask for help in submitting a request to the President of the Thailand-Laos-Cambodia Friendship Brotherhood to help with funding for re-roofing the classroom building and the dorm building, and funds for cement for floors in classrooms and in the dorm building so that these can continue to be used as intended.

At present, the school has 10 teachers of whom three are women, with 135 students of whom 37 are girls. Both teachers and students live at the dorm with a total of 62 people of whom 17 are women. The school serves 5 villages.

They are hopeful that the president of the Thailand-Laos-Cambodia Friendship Brotherhood will be able to assist in solving these problems if possible.

The labor needed will be the responsibility of the villagers.

They are grateful for any assistance that TLCB can provide.

**Motion 19-21 Continued.**

**Bill of Materials**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Cost / Pce.</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Tin for Class bldg.	360 sheets	36,000	12,960,000
2	Roofing nails	75 packs	8,000	600,000
3	Tin for Dorm bldg.	324 sheets	36,000	11,664,000
4	Roofing nails	60 packs	8,000	480,000
5	Cement for Class bldg.	6 ton	800,000	4,800,000
6	Cement for Dorm bldg.	4 ton	800,000	3,200,000
7	Sand for Class floors	50 m <sup>3</sup>	50,000	2,500,000
8	Gravel 3-4 for floors	40 m <sup>3</sup>	50,000	2,000,000
9	Sand for Dorm floors	40 m <sup>3</sup>	50,000	2,000,000
10	Gravel 3-4 for floors	40 m <sup>3</sup>	50,000	2,000,000
11	Rebar Wire for floors	10 kg.	12,000	120,000
12	Transport for tin & cement	1 trip	1,500,000	1,500,000
13	Community labor			
	<b>Total:</b>			<b>43,824,000 Kip</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the ~\$4,974 requested be approved. (The BCEL EFT Exchange buying rate for USD on 8 October 2019 was 8,810 kip/dollar.)

**Motion 19-22 Laos Quality of Life Program**  
**Sy Vieng Kham Primary School, Khoun District, Xieng Khouang, Laos**

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<b>Estimated Amount =</b>	~\$2,029
<b>Actual Amount =</b>	\$2,018
<b>2019 Budget Current</b>	\$-3,326 - \$2,029 = -\$5,355 remaining.

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**PROPOSED:** That the TLCB grant ~\$2,029 to buy tin and nails, and pay for transport to repair the old and dilapidated school building of Sy Vieng Kham Primary School, Khoun District, Xieng Khouang Province, Laos.

**BACKGROUND:** In a letter dated 2 October 2019, and signed by the Principal of the school, the village headman, and the chief of the Khoun District Education office, the Xieng Khouang Provincial Office of Education and Sports provided the following information:

The Ban Sy Vieng Kham Primary School is a remote school located on the Phonsavan-New Muang Mok road some 85 km from the Phonsavan District center.

The school, measuring 8 x 42 m., was built in 1987 using semi-permanent construction of concrete and rebar. The roof was severely damaged by a big storm that tore the tin sheets off. The villagers saved some and nailed them back on the roof. They collected money to buy more tin sheets.

The village is requesting funding to buy tin to re-roof the building. The villagers will provide all the labor required. It is very difficult for the villagers to raise more money or request labor for the new roofing as they are already involved in going to cut and saw trees for lumber and obtain materials to help build another smaller village school nearby.

The school and village leaders of Sy Vieng Kham, Muang Khoun have asked the Province Education Office to forward their request for funding to the President of the Thai-Lao-Cambodia Friendship Brotherhood to buy tin sheets for re-roofing the school.

At this time, the school has seven teachers of whom four are women and 107 students of whom 44 are girls. The school serves three villages with 178 families of whom 26 are Hmong. All in all, the population is 905 people.

They hope that the President of the Thai-Lao-Cambodia Friendship Brotherhood will have a way to help the community, no matter how long it might take.

The villagers will be responsible for the labor required.

They are grateful for any help that could be provided.

**Bill of Materials**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Cost / piece</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Tin Sheets	448 sheets	36,000	16,128,000
2	Roofing nails	106 packs	8,000	848,000
3	Transport	448 sheets	2,000	896,000
4	Village labor	--	--	--
	<b>Total</b>			<b>17,872,000 Kip</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the ~\$2,029 requested be approved. (the BCEL EFT Exchange buying rate for USD on 8 October 2019 was 8,810 kip/dollar.)

Motion 19-23 Student Assistance Program - November

Estimated Amount = \$730.00

Actual Amount = \$741.82

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 22,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for November 2019.

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

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Total: 22,000thb

Exchange Rate on 28 October 2019 is 30.2THB per 1USD

Motion 19-24 Thailand Quality of Life

Estimated Amount = \$9,505.00

Actual Amount = Did Not Pass

Proposed by Mike Cosenza, he has worked with Assistance on an earlier project in the Udorn area.

I and several other retired Americans have been volunteering our time to help Thai English teachers teach English in some rural schools around Udon Thani. This is a monumental task in itself and an uphill battle to say the least. We interact with students in the 1st through the 9th grade in hopes of developing their interest in school work and especially learning English.

The current school we're involved with has a proactive Director trying desperately to improve the school. The former Director was just the opposite. He was more into sitting back and lacked any interest in the school or it's pupils.

I think buying or at least helping to buy the band equipment will be a plus and boost the morale of the students and teachers. The typical class size of 40+ students really pushes the limits/abilities of the teachers to get much across to the students.

My plan is to dedicate this in Mac's name. I already have a TLCB banner. All I need to do is add a photo of Mac to it.

I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide as I view this as a worthwhile project.

I will provide a full accounting of all purchases I make in support of this project.

Best Regards

Michael Cosenza

Udon Thani

TLCB - 00354

Project: Establishment of Marching Band, Anuban Banpia Mitapap The 138School, Kut Chap District, Udon Thani Province

School Contact: Mr. Bunthom Keawarsa, School Director of Anuban Banpia Mitapap The 138 School

Purchase of instruments per provided list. Estimated cost 283,650 THB/9,505 USD.

1. Drum, 16 inch, quantity 1 ea. price 10,800 Baht.
2. Drum, 18 inch, quantity 1 ea. price 11,400 Baht.
3. Drum, 20 inch, quantity 1 ea. price 12,300 Baht.
4. Drum. 22 inch, quantity 1 ea. price 12,750 Baht.
5. Cymbal, 16 inch, quantity 1 ea. pnce 9,000 Baht.
6. Trumpet, Yamaha, quantity 2 ea. price 56,000 Baht.
7. Trumpet, Simphonia, quantity 6 ea. price 59,400 Baht.
8. Drum, Snare, quantity 3 ea. price of 75,000 Baht.
9. Drum Stick, quantity 10 ea. pnce 4,000 Baht.
10. Machine Care, quantity 6 ea. price 3,000 Baht.
11. Euphonium, quantity of 2 ea. price 30,000 Baht.

Exchange Rate on 20 November 2019 is 30.2THB per 1USD

Motion 19-25 Student Assistance Program - December

Estimated Amount = \$730.00

Actual Amount = \$742.60

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

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2)	Wipada Phetsuwan	4th Year Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat U (Sakon Nakhon)
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Total: 22,000thb

Exchange Rate on 25 November 2019 is 30.2THB per 1USD