

Warm Heart What Ifs....

Improving the world, one good idea at a time.



Will she be a child of poverty or a child of prosperity?

This is Aom. She is eleven years old. She is homeless.

Aom was born in a Bangkok slum to a teenage mother who was the daughter of a teenage mother. She has been bounced from one distant relative to another her whole life. Two years ago, an elderly grandfather passed her off to a caring aunt. Aom thought she had found a home at last. Then the aunt, too, moved south to the big city - and left Aom behind. Alone.

Without family, she has no home.

Without money, she cannot stay in school.

Without nurturing, she will never recover from a lifetime of abandonment.

In Thailand, her options are few and frightening. But *what if....?*



What if we built a Children's Home and raised funds for her education?

In emergencies, we might as well be on the moon.

When discussing emergencies in America, we clock ambulance response time in minutes. But for the Hill Tribe peoples who live in the mountains of northern Thailand, geography is a powerful enemy. Even during the dry season, getting to a hospital means driving four hours down a steep dirt path in the back of a pick-up truck or, worse, on a motorbike. During the four months of the rainy season, there is no way down at all. Villages' health care resources shrink to the shaman and traditional midwife.



A little boy's broken leg gets set improperly and becomes a permanent disability.

A machete wound from cutting bamboo becomes infected, requiring amputation.

Complications during childbirth prove fatal.

In the mountains, life is precarious. But *what if...?*

What if we built a Clinic in the Cloud stocked with medical supplies? What if we trained villagers in first aid?

Can a \$100 loan be a lifeline out of poverty?

It was easier when you were younger, but even then it was hard. Twelve hours in a rice field under the hot sun earns you \$4. There is work only seven months of the year. It is a struggle to feed your grandchildren even if your kids send money from the city. You worry about the day when you will no longer be able to work. Who will support the family then? You dream of a way out, maybe a little business of your own. But you can barely read and don't know a thing about business. Where can you learn in Phrao? And if there were classes, how can you afford to lose your wages to attend? But *what if...?*



What if the Warm Heart Microfinance Project trained you to run a business? Compensated you for lost wages? Provided a start-up loan?



Am I the only one?

For HIV+ teenagers like 15 year old Nung **, living in rural Thailand with the disease sometimes seems worse than a death sentence. Some grew up knowing. Some weren't told until a crisis struck. Most of these teens are AIDS orphans, saved by drugs that came too late for their parents. Most live with elderly grandparents. Most don't know anyone else with the disease and all of them desperately fear being out'ed. If they are, they will be shunned, friendless and isolated. None of them know how to live positive. Most have no idea where they will go when their frail caregivers die. *But what if...?*

What if we created a secure online social networking site for HIV+ teens? What if we opened our Children's Homes to them when they had nowhere left to go?

Hello how are you I am fine thank you how are you?

For better or for worse, it is increasingly important to learn English to succeed in today's world. Unfortunately, English education in rural Thailand is very limited. If you say "hello" to a child here, you will be met with a bright smile, a long pause, and a breathless "Hello how are you I am fine thank you!" However you respond, the answer - complete with winning smile - is "Hello how are you I am fine thank you!" *But what if...?*

What if we turned the Children's Homes into the home for an extracurricular program for our kids and the kids from the surrounding villages? What if we taught English, math, Thai traditional dance, and sports?

We answered that question by creating the Children's Homes Educational Program.

But... What if 50 kids showed up on the first day?



About Us

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