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Dear Friends,

In a New York Times article in March of this year, David Leonhardt commented on Development Economist Charles Kenny's recent work, "Getting Better", that showed that "progress in health, education and human rights may ultimately bring economic progress as well. African growth has accelerated over the last decade, and the acceleration followed improvements in education and other basics." According to Charles Kenny, *"The biggest success of development (in Africa) has not been making people richer but, rather, has been making the things that really matter - things like health and education - cheaper and more widely available."*

In our mission to bring long term change in impoverished communities by providing education as well as nutrition and primary health care to children in need, we are also firmly convinced that access to education and health are not only inalienable rights of every child but also a major factor for development.

Over 30 students that we have been supporting in the past few years in scholarship programs in Cambodia and Thailand have graduated from professional schools in 2011, now holding a diploma and having acquired specific skills that qualify them for a fairly paid job. Most of these young adults are already employed and contributing to support their families at home and younger siblings in school. We hope that in the coming years many more students will reach this milestone and effectively break their families' cycle of poverty and be able to chose their destiny.

Help us to continue to make this a reality for the children we support! In this festive season that celebrates human values of compassion, justice, and giving, invest in the world's future and brighten the lives of children in need today.

Further our work by making a donation online at <http://www.pistoriofoundation.org/donate/index.html>
100% of your proceeds will go directly to scholarship programs for children who otherwise would not be able to attend school.
Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Pistorio Foundation

Update on the Chiang Rai Village Project, Thailand

Completion of School Dormitory and Teachers Accommodations in Huay Kuk



The Huay Kuk Village Primary School built by the Pistorio Foundation was inaugurated in March 2010.

To allow students from neighboring hill-tribe villages to attend the school, in 2010/2011 the Pistorio Foundation built a dormitory that now accommodates 29 children from other villages.

Teachers must come from far distances to teach at these remote hill tribe villages, and therefore need accommodations in the village. On the school campus, in addition to the dormitory for children, the Foundation also built a six rooms building to accommodate six teachers.



School dormitory building opposite the Primary School



Children planting crops outside the dormitory



Teachers' Accomodations Building opposite the school

Completion of Huay Kuk Library and Computer Room

Thanks to donors of the 2010 Gala Dinner in Singapore, earlier this year we were able to equip the Huay Kuk Village Primary School library with hundreds of bilingual Thai - English books as well as supply 10 computers for the Computer Lab.



Pakia Nursery School Renovation

Thanks to the Singapore Springtime Lunch proceeds, the Nursery School of the Akha village of Pakia has been renovated and a kitchen, canteen, and sanitation facilities have been built adjacent to the preschool.

The children can now have daily cooked meals as well as access to clean toilets. The Foundation has also added one more resource to the teaching staff to improve the level of preschool education.

Fortyeight preschool children attend this Nursery school.



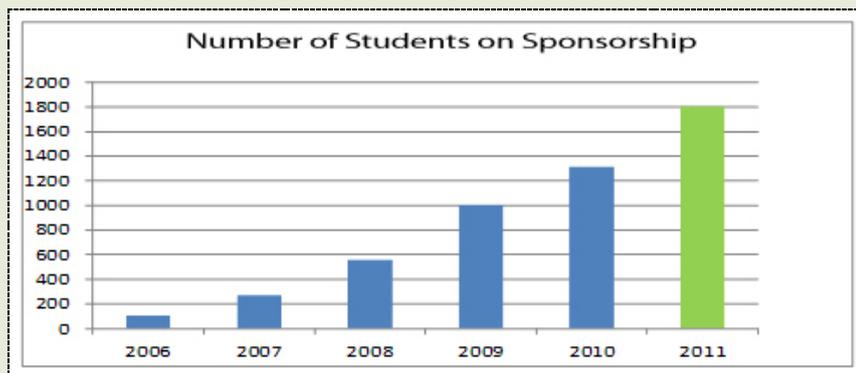
Water Project Huay Chareon

In Huay Chareon, (literally "Valley of development", a recently formed village after the hill-tribe community of Bothong was forced by the local authorities to relocate three years ago) the Foundation funded the construction of a water system that supplies clean water from the mountain to 60 households in the village.



Scholarship Program Expansion

The number of children we support every year in Chiang Rai has grown significantly over the past six years since the start of the program and we will have reached over 1800 children by the end of 2011.



Did you know that with only S\$ 300/year you can support an underprivileged minority hill tribe child's education in Chiang Rai?

Every scholarship covers school supplies, uniforms, meals in school, primary health care, as well as transport to school or boarding fees. We provide long-term scholarships from kindergarten to professional school to disadvantaged hill-tribe children.



Thank you to Bata and Bata Children's Foundation for the donation of 500 pairs of shoes to children of the villages of Ban Mhai Pattanà, Huay Kuk, and Huay Sud.

We are pleased to share with you the Photojournal 2010 of the Chiang Rai Village Project created by our volunteers that assemble photos taken by photographer Carolyn Strover, <http://www.pistoriofoundation.org>

Singapore Chapter News

Autium Jewellery to donate 5% of proceeds to Pistorio Foundation until January 2012

On October 28, Autium Jewellery launched its new collection at its Singapore Showroom and announced its commitment to donate 5 % of its proceeds to the Pistorio Foundation from the end of October to end of January 2012.



We are delighted that a long time sponsor has taken its commitment to philanthropy one step further by pledging its support over more months.

We hope other companies will follow Autium's example to make a firm stance in favor of helping the less privileged members of society by pledging ongoing and renewed giving over time.

To find out more about Autium and their support to the Foundation, please visit www.autium.sg. 5% of all jewellery items bought at Autium Jewellery, 10 Hoot Kiam Road, Singapore, will go to the Pistorio Foundation.

Thank you to Yang Loh and Autium Jewellery for this wonderful support!

Thank you also to all the guests who attended the Autium launch and to the Foundation volunteers who helped out at the event.



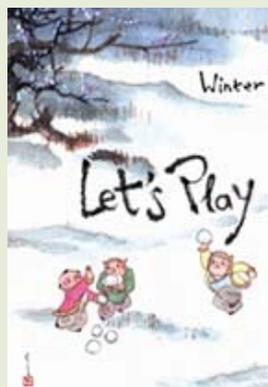
Franck Litzler Quentin Goh



Sarah Manson, Faye Handley,
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Gael Bomblain, Maryann Martinez

Sale of Huang Yao Foundation Children's Story Books

You can also support the Foundation by purchasing in Singapore the stunning children's story books donated by the Huang Yao Foundation, www.huangyao.org, portraying images of the stunning work of reknown artist Huang Yao.



For a full scroll of the artwork, see www.huangyao.org/868 100% of proceeds from the sale of these books will go to the Foundation.

The story books are on sale at FIFTH ELEMENT Showroom, 92 Taman Warna, 2nd floor, www.fifthelementhome.com.

Thank You to the Huang Yao Foundation and to FIFTH ELEMENT for their generous help!

We will also be selling postcards of our projects. To find out more about the children's story books and postcards, send us an email at: Email: contact@pistoriofoundation.org

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For the Springtime Lunch:

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Thank you also to all our donors and volunteers who make our activities possible.

We would like to thank Ee Lin Tan, Peggy Khoo, Kristin Lim and staff at Intel in Singapore for their fantastic toy and book drive collection and packaging of items to be shipped.

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