

ABOUT LAOS

Bounded by Myanmar and China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, Laos is a small landlocked country in Southeast Asia. With a population of about 7 million, the rural villages rely predominantly on subsistence farming.

During the 1960's, Laos lost 1/3 of its people during the 'Secret War' and became the most heavily bombed country per capita in the world. Over a 9-year period (1964-1973), a planeload of bombs was dropped every 8 minutes, 24 hours per day. It is estimated 30% of the 260 million bombs dropped (that's 78 MILLION!) never exploded and remain scattered all around the countryside, leaving a dark and deadly legacy.

As of June 2019, we have provided 44 villages, schools and hospitals with almost 5,000 water filters, serving about 25,000 rural villagers. Where rural villages do not have access to a reliable water source, we augment our water filter program with the provision of permanent water supplies. This is usually done with dam construction, several kms of pipe, water tanks and taps throughout the villages.



B-52 dropping cluster bombs

Designed by Roland Drake & Dawn Rutledge-Brennen, Canadian volunteers (v19c)

WHO ARE WE? ADOPT A VILLAGE IN LAOS

Our charity registration number is:
83699 1000 RR0001

Our primary mandate is to provide new water sources, clean water, education facilities and sponsorships, hygiene training and hygienic toilets in Laos, with greater focus in the rural regions.

If you would like to know more about our other projects including schools, water and toilet projects, please contact Steve Rutledge at the email address below.

Tax receipts will be issued for Canadians.

Steve Rutledge	President
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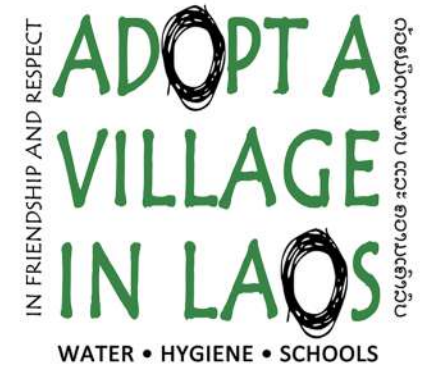
If you are interested in joining us in Laos for a water filter distribution (winter months/Laos dry season), please contact us:

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It is the right of every human being to have access to clean, purified water



Together We are Making a Difference!



LAOS FAST FACTS



Population
6.9 million,
73% rural

Geography
At 236,800 sq. km,
83rd largest country
in the world

85 % mountainous,
with some plains
and plateaus

Capital: Vientiane

**Infant mortality
rate**
4.44%

Life expectancy
Male = 62.6 years
Female = 66.7 years

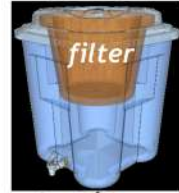
Average age
23 years

Average income
\$247 (much less in
rural villages) per
annum

Education
Less than 15% of
students attend
secondary school
(grades 6 - 9)

Less than 1% of
students attend
university

ANATOMY OF A WATER FILTER



housing

- Costs \$125 CDN (\$100 US) each
- Services a family of up to 8
- Lasts for many years

spigot/tap

Made in Champasak province, Laos, these economical and durable gravity-fed water purification filters are highly effective at removing bacteria, protozoa, parasitic worms, turbidity and other suspended solids, all of which can contribute to major health issues such as liver and kidney failure. Additionally, the pores of the ceramic filter are "infused with anti-bacterial silver to provide a permanent secondary defense." (laowater.com)

Before each rural village family can receive a water filter, one member from each family must take a hygiene course to learn how to maintain it properly.



How to Sponsor a Water Filter Family:

You will receive an emailed photo of the Laos family that has received your water filter. It includes your name (or a name of your choice), city/town plus province/state/territory. As a donor, your label includes your country flag as a backdrop with the words in Lao Language:

"With Friendship and Respect"

DONATE A WATER FILTER

Please complete this form or email adoptavillageinlaos@gmail.com and put "water filters" in the subject line to place your order.

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Label message: _____

Quantity (\$125 CDN/\$100 US each): _____

Visa or MasterCard:

Expiry date ____/____

eTransfer:

adoptavillageinlaos@gmail.com

Cheque or money order may be written to **Adopt a Village in Laos.**

Mail to: c/o Steve Rutledge
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Note: We will not provide your personal information to anyone, except to the receiving family with the content on the label.