



## 2020 Laos Update:

Hi there,

Patti Lee and I are so grateful for your generous donation to our Laos water filter programme. Steve Rutledge is the Founder, President and CEO of Adopt A Village in Laos and has received many awards for his humanitarian work done in Laos and also many projects in Canada. He writes the following:

*'While this year has been an extremely challenging year for international charities, Adopt A Village in Laos has been no exception of course. There has been one very big, bright, shining light, however...The water filter fundraiser for Laos with Barbara and Patti was exceptional and well beyond expectations. Funds for 330 water filters serving 330 rural families were raised. That can be summarized as providing clean water to 1650 rural villagers in Laos for the next 10-12 years, giving them healthier, longer lives with no more diarrhea and water borne diseases in their drinking water. We are so proud of your very generous support over the many years. Thousands and thousands of villagers now spend more time in their rice fields or going to school for an education, and are able to support their families, instead of paying for healthcare.*

*Over the years Adopt A Village in Laos has provided water filtration for well over 30,000 villagers. That is not all, however. By March 2021, we will have completed 24 water projects, providing a permanent source of water to villages, schools and hospitals. Add to that, 12 school projects, over 2 dozen toilets with running water, an arts centre, feminine hygiene kits for hundreds of students and support for dozens of primary, secondary and university/college students.*

*With your help, we have shown each of these villagers that there are so many others on the other side of the world that really do care about them, and most importantly, have given them hope for a better future. Barbara, Patti and their volunteers have been instrumental throughout, and are our shining light.'*

We thank Steve for his dedication to the people in remote villages in Laos. And we also thank all of you for all you have done to make these deeds possible.

ALL monies raised go to the cause. All volunteers pay their own accommodation, meals and airfare so there are no administration fees.

You should by now have received your receipt (donations of \$100.00 or more) from Adopt A Village in Laos (Kerry Mount) and those of you who donated one water filter or more will receive a picture of your family receiving the water filter with your name on it (or designated name). That will come from Steve Rutledge.

Endless thanks to all of you from us for what you have allowed us to accomplish in this crazy year. We raised over \$41,000.00 this year for Laos which is a record. We are thrilled.

Thank you for caring and thank you for your generosity. You have been amazing. The children and the people of Laos thank you too.

Happy Holidays to all of you and we shall hope to see you in person next year.

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