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#### **EXCITING NEWS FOR SKL IN 2023**

### Dear donors and supporters:

After the past couple of years, it was good to be able to celebrate with our friends and family in person this past holiday season. We hope you were able to do so, too!

As we begin 2023, we have good news to share. Ken was fortunate enough to travel to Laos in mid-October, 2022, which turned out to be a very fruitful visit. We are <u>so</u> close to building both schools this year!

#### MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT

We are thrilled to let you know that, working with the local community including local businessmen, we have successfully raised 90% of the funds needed to commence building Project 10.

Project 10 is in Xaysomboun province and Khonevat village is located within the Longxan district approximately 250km northwest of Vientiane. With a population of almost 3,000, the primary school currently has 381 students from Grade 1 to 5. The school is in such bad repair that 201 students have to travel to neighbouring villages to attend school. We will work with the local community to build a new 5 classroom school along with furniture, clean water supply, electricity and sanitary washrooms.

We have almost reached our goal of CAD \$85,000 with help from you, our donors, along with the community members, local businesses and stakeholders. THANK YOU!

## THE FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

We continue to connect with the businessmen for Project No. 11 and remain positive of their support and commitment to the new school. Ken was able to meet with the community in person when they confirmed they wish to help.

Project 11 is a secondary school located in the village of Phaxaykhoun which is 600km southeast of Vientiane in one of the most underserved regions of Lao.

They are in desperate need of a 7-classroom school serving 9 villages with a combined population of 7,873. This is an extremely poor area of Laos. Again, working collaboratively with local professionals and businesses, we have managed to raise close to 90% of funds needed to build this secondary school. Children need a school where they can learn in a conducive setting.



# Your donation can help us achieve our goal of building two schools in 2023!

We wish you and your loved ones all the best for 2023.

Warm regards,

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