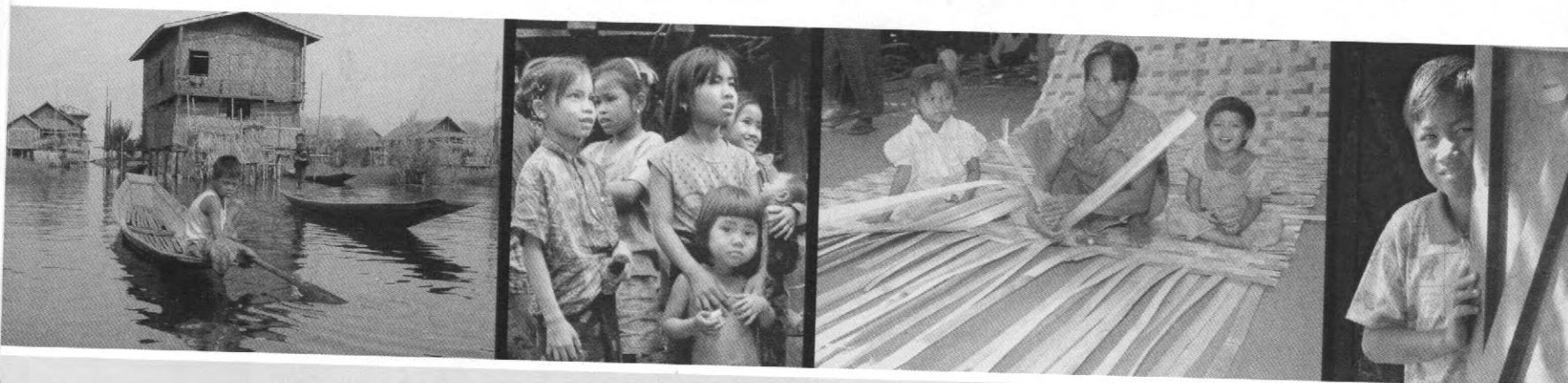
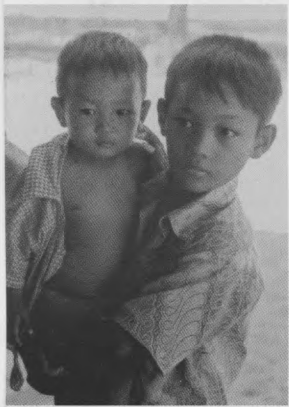
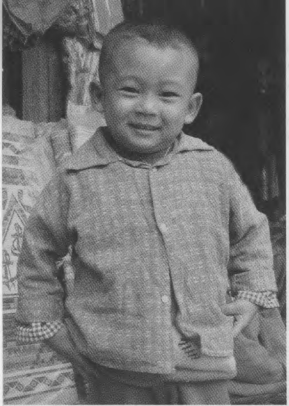


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ADOPT-A-VILLAGE PROGRAMS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA



**JOURNEYS OF HOPE... Helping to reduce poverty one community at a time.**



# Journeys of Hope...

*from poverty to self-sufficiency*

## Adopt-a-Village Program: A Focused Approach to Community Development

At Global Community Service Foundation, we work to help reduce poverty in Southeast Asia through the development and implementation of sustainable community-based projects. We accomplish this through our program in which communities throughout Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam are selected based on their needs. A range of supporting projects are undertaken within each community — attacking poverty on multiple levels to ensure that the manifold needs of each adopted village can be met.

With each Adopt-a-Village effort, we undertake a needs assessment — involving community leaders and government officials as well as our in-country managers — to craft projects that fulfill basic human necessities. Our community-driven programs begin with the provision of clean water, food, housing and clothing, and advance through the delivery of healthcare, education and vocational training. We also seek to provide the tools and training to develop micro-enterprise initiatives with the final goal of helping communities to achieve self-sufficiency.

A relatively small sum of money by American standards can transform the face of a village in these Third World communities.

### Journeys of Hope

In one Journey of Hope, our foundation's Adopt-a-Village initiatives resulted in the successful transition out of poverty to self-sufficiency for an impoverished family of seven who live in a fishing community. In their village, disease is rampant due to a lack of sanitation systems and resulting absence of a clean water supply for drinking and bathing. Healthcare is virtually non-existent.

The father of this family could not work due to a goiter with resulted from a Vitamin A-deficient diet, which eventually burst the blood vessels in one eye. A cataract also developed in his other eye. The mother of this family could not work, either, due to illness caused by inadequate nutrition and dismal living conditions. Through the generosity of our supporters and the hard work of our volunteers, our foundation built a new home and outhouse for the family. In addition, we worked with a village elder to see that the father was taken to a local physician, where he underwent eye surgery and received medication. We arranged to sponsor the family for one year.

After six months, when our volunteers returned to the village, the father's health had improved remarkably. He could see again. One of his sons had purchased a boat and garden through the foundation, and he was growing tomatoes as a source of income for the family. The father now had money to send his daughters to school and was able to return to work himself.

This is just one of many similar stories in our adopted communities. Through Global

Community Service Foundation's Adopt-a-Village initiatives, this family — along with countless others — have the opportunity to transition out of poverty to a place of self-sufficiency. Yet, there are numerous villages awaiting our help. Your generosity can help change the course of these lives forever.

### Adopt-a-Village Programs Helping to reduce poverty one community at a time

#### Clean Water

On a broader scale, our foundation initiates capacity-building projects to improve the infrastructure of our Adopt-a-Village communities. Working with local authorities and village inhabitants who provide construction and ongoing maintenance support, we address water purification and sanitation systems.

#### Healthcare

We also seek to ensure adequate healthcare — first through community awareness and education about safe hygiene, balanced nutrition and HIV/AIDS. Additionally, the construction of outpatient clinics is needed to provide pediatric, primary and geriatric healthcare to these largely rural communities where medical resources are largely unavailable.

#### Education

In the field of education, we work with villages to repair schools, if possible, and to construct facilities where they are absent. In addition to school supplies, tuition and uniforms, and teaching salaries, our foundation is working to build group "teachers houses," required to attract much-needed educators to poor, rural areas where living conditions are poor.

Another primary concern for these agrarian communities is that both parents and older children work in the fields and, oftentimes, children as young as six are left to care for younger siblings. Provision of pre-school and daycare services ensures that older children do not have to bring their younger siblings to school with them or, worse yet, compel families to leave the little ones at home unattended.

#### Micro-enterprise Initiatives

Finally, we seek to initiate grass-roots driven vocational training and micro-enterprise projects, to provide sustained income for our Adopt-a-Village communities. Given the severity of economic difficulties within these areas, such

enterprises would normally be beyond the reach of anyone attempting to go it alone. Yet, when start-up capital is provided — be it for a fish-breeding ponds, looms for weaving or tea processing machines — these revenue yielding programs enable our foundation to achieve its ultimate goal. We strive to depart from a healthier community and move on to help others.

### Participatory Philanthropy

At Global Community Service Foundation, our supporters participate financially through critically needed donations and personally through active volunteer efforts, both here at home and at our Adopt-a-Village sites.

A hallmark of our foundation is that we encourage supporters to visit the Adopt-a-Village communities. Unlike the typical tourist's experience, our volunteers' lives become integrated with those of the villagers, offering an unparalleled experience and cultural exchange. Whether by helping to build a school, dig a well, teach English language classes, or participate in village arts and crafts activities, our volunteers have the opportunity to forge personal relationships and gain an education that won't be found in any travel guide or classroom.

Perhaps you will become a hands-on volunteer participating in one of our regular missions to our adopted villages. However, even if you are unable to join us in person, your donation is essential to make these projects possible.

### Making the Most of Your Gift

As essential as our volunteers are to our mission, we can't do anything without your financial support. Our fundraising philosophy is simple: to realize the greatest possible impact from our donors' contributions.

By making a tax-deductible contribution to Global Community Service Foundation, you will make a real difference to the lives of many. Your support will help multiply these Journeys of Hope, bringing immediate relief, hope and, perhaps, joy to the impoverished throughout Southeast Asia.

To make a tax-deductible contribution or to find out more please contact:  
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### Global Community Service Foundation Adopt-a-Village Programs in Southeast Asia

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to support the work of GCSF through its "Adopt-a-Village" projects in communities throughout Southeast Asia. My tax-deductible contribution will be:

\_\_\_\_ \$50      \_\_\_\_ \$100      \_\_\_\_ \$250      \_\_\_\_ \$500      \_\_\_\_ \$1,000  
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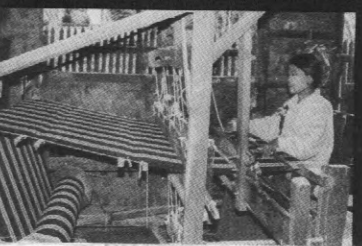
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#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check enclosed. (Please make payable to Global Community Service Foundation)

### Helping to reduce poverty one community at a time.

A relatively small sum of money can change the face of our Adopt-a-Village communities. As examples, an orphanage for some of the many homeless children throughout Southeast Asia costs about \$10,000. A sanitation system to provide safe, clean water for a community requires \$2,500. An electricity system for a small village, bringing with it the opportunity for



## Dear Friends,

I ask you to take part in a Journey of Hope—a journey from poverty to self-sufficiency made possible through Global Community Service Foundation's Adopt-a-Village programs in Southeast Asia and, ultimately, through the generosity of caring people like you.

Our journey begins with food, clean water, shelter and clothing brought to communities with the greatest needs throughout Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam—offering hope to the many in our adopted villages.

Hope grows among inhabitants of our Adopt-a-Village sites with the provision of essential healthcare and education. Finally, through the sustaining force of community-driven micro-enterprise initiatives, hope prevails—bringing stability and self-reliance to these once desperate villages.

Through Global Community Service Foundation's Adopt-a-Village programs in Southeast Asia, we take a grass-roots approach, collaborating with residents, to attack poverty on

multiple levels. Beginning with the provision of life's most basic needs, we undertake a series of community-driven, manageable projects that, in time, achieve self-reliance. This enables our foundation to meet our primary objective of moving on to help other communities in need.

As you read this brochure which gives just one example of the many families in our Adopt-a-Village communities who seek to make the journey from scarcity and sickness to a place of hope and self-sufficiency, please consider making the finest donation of which you are capable. Your generosity can help make possible this transition out of poverty and into hope for the many impoverished in our Adopt-a-Village sites—and, in so doing, help to reduce poverty one community at a time.

Gratefully yours,

*Marcia Selva*

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