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## Travellers' Reflection 18th Chiang Rai Charity Trip - Dec 10th - 12th 2015



My company has been contributing to STCC charity projects for a few years now, as I always believe in giving back to the local community, but this is the first time I got the opportunity to travel with the team to Phayao & Wieng Kaen, Northern Thailand to see with my own eyes what these little contributions mean to the beneficiaries.

Seeing is believing. There are really forgotten people in our midst, and entire villages left behind. I also experienced the enthusiasm of stalwarts (STCC & SCOT) like Pansy, Aileen and Lock Soon who are spearheading these efforts. It is certainly not easy to continuously coordinate such projects year after year, but they have done it. I am just happy that I can be of some help this time round.

More importantly, there was a recurring theme during every distribution, a theme of hope. We are telling these villagers that they are not alone, not forgotten. There is only so much we can do, but if we are giving them genuine hope for a better tomorrow, our work cannot stop. **Eddie Yii**



I am thankful that I had the chance to travel with STCC and SCOT to Chiang Rai to oversee the progress of our projects as well as distribute necessities to the villagers.

It has certainly been a very rewarding experience and timely reminder.

*Soloveitchik said there are two sides of our natures, which he called Adam I and Adam II. Adam I is the worldly, ambitious, external side of our nature. He wants to build, create, create companies, create innovation. Adam II is the humble side of our nature. Adam II wants not only to do good but to be good, to live in a way internally that honors God, creation and our possibilities. Adam I wants to conquer the world. Adam II wants to hear a calling and obey the world. **Adam I's motto is "success" Adam II's motto is "love, redemption and return"***

Timely reminder that while nurturing the Adam I in our daily lives. Time and commitment should be spent to develop Adam II. Efforts should be made to give back to society and help those less fortunate than us. It was certainly very rewarding to see our contributions improve the lives of so many villagers.

Pioneers like Pansy, Lock Soon and Aileen were exemplary examples too, dedicating time and money over the years. I do hope that with time to come, we would all be able to follow their footsteps too. **Ong Huiqi**

