

Paya Daung School, Mae Sot



Age between 5-15 years old
In Paya Daung village, Mae Sot district, Tak province, Thailand.

Location: In a village, 15km from Mae Sot town.

Students: 185 (155 dormitory students, 30 students from nearby village families).

Teachers: 12, including 1 English male teacher, Truman, our contact person.

Computers: 1

Internet: No.

Volunteer tasks: Teaching English classes with local English

Truman

teacher, improving English skills of both students and teacher.

Volunteer accommodation:

2 options:

- **In a home stay** in Mae Sot town. The volunteer stays in a separate bedroom.

Transportation to the school by motor bike.

- **In a guesthouse** in Mae Sot town: room prices range from 250 Baht (with fan) to 500 Baht (with air con).

We subsidize some transportation cost.

Motorbike taxi, from the school to Mae Sot: 150 THB return.

Volunteer meals: Karen style food. Basic vegetables, egg, meats and rice. Limited fruits

- Lunch at the school with the students and teachers. Meals are prepared by the dormitory cook.

- Breakfast and dinner at host family, and you may assist and learn how to prepare Karen food.

Drinking water:

- Bottled water provided.

Toilets/Showers:

- At the school and home stay: Thai style toilets/showers (cold water and bucket).

- At the guesthouse, Western toilet/shower.

Telephone:

- Limited mobile range available in sections of village for Thai SIM cards.

Internet:

- Not at the school.

- Wi-Fi at guesthouse and home stay.

- Internet cafes available in Mae Sot town.

Shops/ ATM Facilities:

- Small convenience stores with cool drinks and snacks.

- Many ATMs, restaurants, shops in Mae Sot town.

Dress standards:

- Underarms and knees should be covered to observe cultural practice (always dress neatly).

How to go to Mae Sot:

By bus:

Bus from Bangkok to Mae Sot takes 9 hours. As of February 2010, departs 9am or 9pm daily.

Bus from Nongkhai to Chiang Mai: daytime and overnight bus.

Bus from Chiang Mai to Mae Sot: 6 hours.

By flight:

1 hour plane from Bangkok to Sukhothai (historic capital, UNESCO listed).

From Sukhothai take a 3 hour bus/minivan to Mae Sot (via Tak).

From Udon Thani to Chiang Mai with Nok Air: 1h20.

