

Dear Bamboo Schoolers,

The past week was surely a busy and exciting one.

After having visited Ban Phonsana , Muang Ngoi and Nong Khiaw Dr. Lung and I prepared ourselves to travel to Luang Prabang in order to operate on 6 patients that needed to have eye surgery.

Fun fact: the driver who was hired to drive us all to Luang Prabang was blind on one eye and therefore was also driving to his own operation. No risk, no fun! (He actually was used to the road since he drives it often and therefore the ride was safe-kind of).

Here we also met the top ophthalmologist of Laos, Dr.Khampua. He thanked us kindly for our continuous cooperation with them and for being able to work with Dr. Lung throughout the past years until now.

In Luang Prabang we were greeted at the new eye clinic which was donated by the Fred Hollows Foundation in Australia. It was very pleasant to see how fully equipped and modern the facility is.

During surgery I was allowed to watch and take pictures of the procedures. Dr.Lung struggled a bit with 2 cases that had very hard lenses which turned out to be challenging to operate on. Nonetheless, every surgery became a success and the patients were able to return to their homes on the following day - with much better eyes than ever!

On behalf of the entire foundation we kindly thank Dr. Lung for his outstanding work in these past couple of weeks. Even though he wasn't able to bring as many glasses as in the past, we managed to see in total 136 patients and he operated on 6.

We look forward to welcome him again next year and wish him all the best in the meantime.

May you all enjoy a happy remaining week!

Isabel Montano



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