

## Weekly Newsletter

Dear Bamboo Schoolers,

My last weeks in Laos are slowly coming to an end and there is still a lot to organize before introducing Michael (new GM) to the work procedures of our organization and get him to know the authorities of the district and the Naibans (head of villages) in our remote project villages.

On Wednesday I will meet Michael in Luang Prabang and get him with to know the staff of our partner firm (Lao Adventure Tours - former Lao Youth Travel). Also he will meet the director of the Technical College and our 3 sponsored students (studying accounting).

Furthermore, we had the pleasure to welcome Katja, and her partner Harald. Katja is a midwife from Germany and will help to implement a midwife training ) in the villages. We will also implement a refresher course on child delivery and emphasize the importance of using our donated sterile birth kits.

- Siehe Fotos unten! -

Before starting the village trip, Katja and Harald set out to repaint the bottom of our clinic in Muang Ngoi, where the paint has faded due to heavy rainy seasons. Since nothing comes without a surprise in Laos here was this task's challenge: These days were the coldest I have ever witnessed in Laos so far (about 8 degrees Celsius). Being tough Germans, Katja and Harald didn't let the cold bother them and got the painting done in three days. Well done!

Katja and Harald also brought a lot of midwifery equipment with them (e. g. a dummy to demonstrate the best birth position of the newborn and books with cartoons to enhance the training). Apart from that they also brought a mobile sterilizer. That will be very useful within our next project: We are looking for a dentist volunteer, will equip him with a mobile dental unit and send him out into the villages. There he will give the accompanying Lao staff a training on the job.

Katja was also introduced to Dr. Kiallee, who gave us a tour of the hospital's neonatal unit. Dr. Kiallee was impressed by Katja's skills and invited her to witness a delivery in the hospital when such event will occur.

We wish you all a happy week!

Greetings from Nong Khiaw!

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