

# Rural Training Center – Thailand (RTC-TH)

## REEEPP FOCUS

An innovative, non-traditional community-based environmental education program integrating math, science, geography, English language, and technology lessons for environmental stewardship using interactive experiential learning in outdoor settings at Ban Na Fa Elementary School, Nan Province, Thailand.

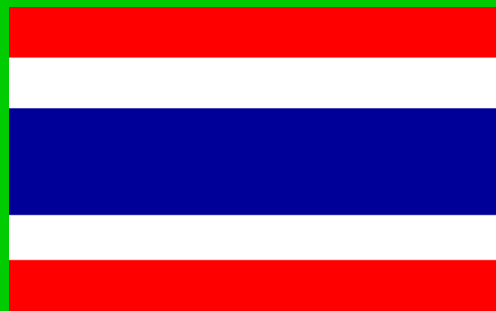


# WE WENT ON A HIKE



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# Today Mr. Tanawat and our teachers took us for a hike.



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# We walked east through Na Fa Village.



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# Then we turn south leaving Na Fa Village.



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# We walked on a bridge across the Nam Yang.



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# The easy part of the hike is about the end.



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# We started hiking uphill on a dirt road.



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# We turned away from the dirt road on to a trail.



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The trees and  
the bamboo  
shaded the  
trail.



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We followed the trail out of the shade and into the sunlight.





# We got hot walking in the sunlight.



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Soon we were  
hiking in the  
shade again.





# Margarita, our American friend, hiked with us.



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# There were small farms along the trail.



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This farmer saved rainwater from the roof of his saladang.



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We saw some  
banana trees.



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# One farmer was growing pineapples.



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Some of us  
saw a small  
pineapple.



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The trail came to a dirt road that led to Mr. Tanawat's farm house.



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We rested at Mr. Tanawat's farm house.



It was a good time to drink some water and eat some snacks.



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# Mr. Tanawat also saved rainwater.



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# Some students took notes during the hike.





# We got ready to hike along the road.



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# Sometimes we stepped aside for motorcycles.



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# We had to watch out for trucks, too.



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After  
walking  
along the  
road, we  
went on a  
steep trail.



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# Some people needed help going up.



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# Our teacher took photos.





The girls  
climbed the  
steep hill,  
too.



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# Hiking is fun when you go with friends.



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# The forest is a habitat for many different things.



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# Here the forest was cleared to make a farm.



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Some boys  
found food to  
eat in the  
forest.



This is called Roselle  
or Red Sorrel  
(*Hibiscus sabdariffa*).



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There were  
wild flowers  
growing  
along the  
trail.



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It was good  
to see  
beautiful  
flowers on  
the hike.



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It was fun to  
pick wild  
flowers.



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Mr.  
Tanawat  
watched the  
trail  
carefully.



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# He saw a snake's trail in the dust.



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# We hiked through an old corn field.





# Do you know what these came from?



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# They are left over from harvesting corn.



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# The trail led to an orchard.



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# It was a longan orchard.



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# Some boys rested in the shade of a small tree.



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# Others gathered by the saladang.





# What are these holes?



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# These are homes for Ant lions.



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Ant lions hide in the bottom of the hole. Ants fall in and cannot get out. Then the Ant lion eats them.



A tamarind tree was next to the saladang.



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This is a  
Paega tree.



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This fruit is  
called



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# It is rich in vitamin C.



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# We passed some newly planted fields.



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# Some fields were plowed and ready to be planted.



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We hiked  
along  
another dirt  
road.



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# A stream flowed next to the road.



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We hiked by  
a field of  
green  
beans.



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We saw a dead snake at the edge of a field.



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# One farmer was growing cabbages.



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# This is a Chinese vegetable called “Gai Choy.”



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Many  
farmers  
grew chili  
peppers.



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# There were many spider webs in the fields and forest.



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# We found snails near the river.



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The Thai name for this plant is  
“Rahoong.”



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# We got to the Nam Yang.





We crossed the Nam Yang using another a bridge. Can you see the yellow plant growing on the tree?



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The yellow plant growing on the tree is called “Dodder.” It is a parasite.



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This plant does not make its own food. *Cuscuta chinensis* it lives on the tree by taking nutrients from the tree.



We saw this  
coconut  
tree.



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# Tuyen is another American friend who hiked with us.



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There was a  
water pump  
for a well at  
this house.



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# Pumping water is hard work.



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These girls waited to make sure everyone got back safely.



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# This was the last group.





# Everyone got back to the school.



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# Everyone had fun hiking.



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# RTC-TH

## Rural Training Center-Thailand



is dedicated to providing  
community-based  
environmental education  
for the self-sufficiency  
and sustainability of  
small rural family farms







**The RTC-TH was created to honor the memory of Mr. Tang Suttisan, a father, a farmer, and a man who valued education and used it in starting his family farm**





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# The End



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