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## Rural Training Center-Thailand Ceases Operations



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## Applied Geography for Sustainable Living Forges Ahead

The Rural Training Center-Thailand (RTC-TH) effort suffered a 3 1/2-year disruption of operations starting in Aug 2014.

The RTC-TH co-founders parted ways. They no longer shared the vision of the RTC-TH. Their collaboration was essential to running the RTC-TH. It wasn't feasible to run it alone.



Greg returned to the US to re-invent his retirement and life. He realigned his former RTC-TH activities with the following organizations.



Applied Geography for Sustainable Living (alias Applied Geography or AppGeog4SL): Greg created Applied Geography as an RTC-TH program. It is now its own informal community-based education effort expanded to Sustainable Living. It covers the original RTC-TH mission of sustainable agriculture. Now it includes sustainable living in an urban setting.

To maintain continuity, the original RTC-TH website and the RTC-TH Tech website will be retained. That is the URLs remain unchanged so former website users can still access the materials. But the websites themselves have been re-named. When visiting the original RTC-TH website, the home page displays the title "Applied Geography formerly Rural Training Center, Thailand." The RTC-TH Tech website home page displays the title "Applied Geography 2 formerly RTC-TH Tech."



<u>Grassroots Emergency Communications Operations</u> (GECO): This is another program Greg created under the RTC-TH. It is now an independent informal community-based education effort focused on emergency preparedness (EmPrep) and emergency communications (EmComm). GECO will also be responsible to update and maintain the Mobile Emergency Weather Station

(MEWS) program. The Wanderers Amateur Radio Club (WARC) operates the KM6EON-R, a 440 MHz EchoLink repeater (node 717585). The WARC implements GECO programs locally.



Sustainable Early Education Development System (S.E.E.D.S.): After returning to Los Angeles, Greg was invited to be a Co-Founder of a new educational non-profit organization. It would incorporate his Community-based Education program and Geographic Systems Model which were the foundation of the RTC-TH. S.E.E.D.S. started as a California educational non-profit organization and recently received its official 501c3 non-profit status from the IRS. Visit the S.E.E.D.S. webiste to learn more.