

## Report on the “Payap in Unity with Flood Victims” Project

The Department of Student Development of Payap University has seen the urgency to respond to the flood disaster that inundated wide areas, particularly in the Central Plains region of Thailand. The people living in those flooded areas lost crops and livelihoods, homes and commodities. The department hurried to set up collection centers to accumulate donations of money, food, commodities, and necessities beginning in October. Donations were made by faculties, departments, service and support units of the university, as well as collections from outside the university, which included the provincial health department and the PHJ organization. There was a good response of these items with a total of 159,581 baht (about US \$5320). This included a generous donation from the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia of 100,000 baht, 20,000 baht from the Payap University Alumni Association, and 39,581 baht from individuals and groups in the university.

22 donors including faculty members and officials of the university, representatives of the Alumni Association, representatives of the PHJ organization, and representatives from various student groups traveled by 3 vans leaving from the university in Chiang Mai on November 14, 2011 at 4 a.m. and arrived 9 hours later at the Ruam Klao Church, Ban Pom Sub-district, in Ayuthaya Province. They were met by the pastor Somsak Saeng-payom. Based on direct observation it was evident that the church and the environs all around were deep in water. Our conversations concluded that the residents had been heavily distressed, and their means of living had been wiped out. The things that we provided included such things as long boats and medical necessities, food, and commodities.

The 100,000 baht donation from ACUCA was spent as follows:

1. To purchase additional items to add to donations	33,001 baht
2. Medicine and medical supplies	14,148 baht
3. 2 boats	<u>18,000</u> baht
Total	<u>65,149</u> baht

The remaining 34,851 baht is being held in reserve for providing assistance in the recovery period now under way. The other money collected from other sources was spent on other flood relief projects including sending a mobile clinic and team to the affected areas for direct assistance.

Payap University was in unity with the flood victims, but we felt a sense of unity with our brothers and sisters in the ACUCA institutions as well. Please accept this report as an expression of our appreciation.



Picture 1 : Making organic stagnant water balls



Picture 2 : 2 boats Payap and ACUCA donated



Picture 3 : The flood at Ruam Klao Church



Picture 4 : The team from Payap delivering the relief supplies



Picture 5 : The volunteers at Payap