

Follow-Up on Tsunami Aid: Ban Talae Nork Reconstruction Project

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On Friday, May 18, 2007, Tilleke & Gibbins staff together with three former officers of The Wild Animal Rescue Foundation of Thailand traveled to Ban Talae Nork in Ranong Province to follow up on the Tsunami Aid Project. They met with Mr. Sulaiman, the Toh Imam of Ban Talae Nork, and some villagers and inquired about their well-being and livelihood, and whether they needed any more assistance from T&G. The villagers replied that the 20 fishing boats donated to them by T&G almost 2 years ago were more than enough help already as the boats provided them with the means to regain their livelihood.

The last time T&G staff went to Ban Talae Nork in April 2005, they saw the damage to the mosque caused by the tsunami, but although T&G offered help to repair it, no request was ever received. The mosque is currently under repair but not yet finished because of lack of funds. The mosque still lacks a ceiling and a set of amplifiers. T&G will provide assistance in completing the mosque and providing the amplifiers.

T&G staff also met with the village chief during the visit, and he told them that the villagers were happy because with their fishing boats, they can earn a living by selling the fish they catch. They were also informed by the people that they met that T&G was the only firm that has returned to Ban Talae Nork to conduct a follow-up inspection.

Finally, T&G staff went around the village to look at projects supported by other parties and visited the school built from donations of German doctors. It is situated on high ground and although not yet completed, it is being used and currently attended by 34 schoolchildren.



