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Editor's Note

December is a time for celebration for many, a time to look back on the year that has past and be thankful for the things achieved.

Projects Abroad community volunteers of 2014 have done a lot to be proud of! One of the ways volunteers have made an impact on the lives of children here in Thailand has been through their monthly outreach activities; from English days, to teaching children about the importance of having sharks in our ocean.

For this edition of the newsletter, we take a walk down memory lane, through the outreaches of 2014.

Everyone at Projects Abroad Thailand would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who came to make a difference in Thailand during 2014. All your hard work is appreciated!

If there is anything you would like to contribute to next month's newsletter, let me know by emailing me at paularabeling@project-abroad.org

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2014 Outreach Highlights from throughout the Year

Every month, Projects Abroad Thailand organises an outreach activity where volunteers would normally travel to a local school to have a fun, educational day with the children. This year's activities were great and a lot was accomplished. Thank you to everyone who participated!

January - Children's Day

700 children joined us on this day. Fun, educational games were played and arts and crafts were done and the children learnt about diving!

February - Global Shark Campaign

One of the missions of the Projects Abroad Global Shark Campaign is to educate children about the important role that sharks play in maintaining a healthy ocean. Shark awareness activities were done for February's outreach with the children of Baan Khao Thang School.

March - Dirty Day

March's outreach activity didn't involve education, but it still made a positive impact on the local community. Volunteers worked on improving Phang Nga Shelter by painting the building, maintaining the garden, and creating a vegetable garden for the abused women and children of the shelter.

April - Song Kran Festival

Volunteers got the opportunity to celebrate the Buddhist festival of Song Kran during April. All the volunteers went to a temple to be blessed by monks, and then joined in on the water fights in Ao Nang.

May - Say NO to coal

In light of the plan to build a coal power plant in Pakasai, volunteers made posters and signs against this for their Anti-Coal Power Plant Campaign.

June - Mini Word Cup

To celebrate the football world cup, volunteers went to Baan Khao Glom School to hold a football tournament for the children.

July - Multicultural Friendship Outreach

One of the best things about becoming a volunteer and travelling to a different country is that you get to meet many new people that you would not have met otherwise. Not only do you get to immerse into the Thai culture while living with a host family, you also get to meet other volunteers from all around the world. With meeting new people, one cultivates great friendships. In celebration of this, the outreach for July was held at Krabi Noi School and the day celebrated friendship.

August - Circle of Friends

For International Friendship Day, Youth Day, and Mother's Day (in Thailand, Mother's Day is also on the Queen's birthday) volunteers brought games, and arts and crafts activities to the children of Baan Rai Yai School.

September - International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

200 trees were planted by volunteers during this month in Klong Thom to honour International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, as well as for World Gratitude Day.

October - Coal is Not Cool

For October's outreach activity, volunteers made educational booklets to distribute to local schools to teach the children how coal power plants are bad for the environment.

November - Loy Krathong Festival

A cultural workshop was organised to teach volunteers how to make traditional flower lanterns for the Loy Krathong Festival.

December - Christmas

Even though the majority of the people in Krabi, Thailand are either Muslim or Buddhist, volunteers still had a fun-filled Christmas themed outreach for the children of a local school. Conservation volunteers played a memory, ocean centred game with the children, and taught them about diving. Community volunteers held an English lesson with the children and had an arts and crafts station where the children made mini Christmas trees and snowflakes. Afterwards, the children received a small gift.



Volunteers in Action – 2014 Outreaches

