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Dear Friend of Thailand,

Many thanks to all of you who have written with information about RPCVs safe in Thailand, tsunami- or relief-related web sites and the Crisis Corps. All new information has been added to the FoT site at <http://www.friendsofthailand.org/friendsofthailand/FoTNews/fotnews.html>.

As a matter of fact, I encourage you to read the page for the **Crisis Corps**. Carrie Miller has written to say that Peace Corps has set up a special fund to assist in the Crisis Corps effort in South and Southeast Asia. If you are interested in learning more and possibly donating, access that page for the phone number.

Carrie has also written that the response in the last day to the call for Crisis Corps volunteers has been great. Messages from several people who have sent in their applications are included on the Messages page.

The special FoT News pages will be updated daily for the duration.

Though the news from Thailand and the rest of the region has been of the highest priority, there is other FoT news to share.

First, I received notification today that the IRS has granted Friends of Thailand 501(c)(3) (non-profit) status. This is good news and I will post more information about that on the web site shortly.

Second, the FoT PCV Project Proposal Review Board is currently reviewing three projects for possible funding. The projects are

- **"Clean Hands, Strong Teeth for Good Health Project,"** written by Cullen Hughes of Thai 115 and Buriram in the amount \$300
- **"English Room,"** submitted by **Jason Springer** of **Thai 116** and Lomsak, Petchabun in the amount of \$300
- **Astronomy English Camp** submitted by **Todd Aydelott** of **Thai 116** and Prachuab Kiri Khan in the amount of \$274.54

You can read the proposals for these projects by going to <http://www.friendsofthailand.org/projectsponsorship/mainpage/projectsponsorship.html> and clicking on the Current Proposals button.

The review period will end on January 10th and a message will be sent announcing which projects the Review Board has decided to fund.

Thank you again to everyone.

Carolyn