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Dear Friend of Thailand,

In the next few days, I will have uploaded a series of photos that tell just part of the story of the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps Thailand from July 11-18. It was quite a time, and we have so many people to thank, not the least of which is the entire Peace Corps Thailand staff for their dedication to RPCVs and the Peace Corps program. I know they worked tirelessly on the 50th for months, and that was in addition to their full-time jobs. So, a huge thanks to all those wonderful people!

But, as the Subject of this message indicates, I am sending an announcement for three open positions at an international school in Vientiane. It comes from Ted Chase, an FoT Board member of Thai 24, who has recently relocated to Luang Prabang and is in contact with the school in Vientiane. Following is what Ted sent today about the positions and how to inquire for more information.

Thanks, Carolyn

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS, KIETTISACK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN VIENTIANE, LAOS

Kiettisack is a Lao international school, founded in 1997. The school has grown from 7 students to over 1000 in 15 short years and will be adding a campus in Luang Prabang this coming fall. 80% of the students are Lao; the other 20% are children of expats or foreign nationals working in Laos. The school in Vientiane offers the Lao curriculum in an immersion environment; classes are taught in English (teachers come from UK, Philippines, Australia, the States and Canada). No age limit on candidates, though being able to keep up with young children may suggest an energy level.

The positions are:

- 1) 5TH GRADE TEACHER - Basic 5th grade skills and competencies. A knowledge of how to teach (EFL, ESL, ESOL) in the classroom would be good but is not required. An appreciation for teaching in another, Asian, culture is helpful.
- 2) EARLY CHILDHOOD - Can you sing, dance, fingerpaint, hum the alphabet song in your sleep? If so, this just might be the job for you.
- 3) PRE-PRIMARY - This just became available. There is a curriculum in place with materials and resources, as well as a very supportive team of teachers. We just need GOOD people, and a PC heart is a great place to which to start.

Those with certification in these areas would have preference, as well as experience in an international environment and familiarity with the primary level skills.

COMPENSATION - Visa costs will be picked up by the school, as well as the roundtrip

cost of a plane ticket to and from Vientiane. Monthly compensation is \$1,100 USDollars. While this may seem a trifle if you're teaching out of Asia, I can assure you that it will cover costs of meals, a place to stay and incidentals. There are also opportunities to teach and earn more out of the classroom.Expected commitment of 2 years ... think of it as a Peace Corps assignment in a great school with real benefits. Unfortunately, the school cannot cover the cost of a spouse or other family members.

For further information, please contact Lance Anderson, Deputy Director of Kiettisack International School, Vientiane - lanceand64@yahoo.com - and mention Ted Chase/Peace Corps in the reply.