



**What You Can Do!  
VOLUNTEER**

2-3 Days  
1-2 Weeks  
1-3 Months

Come to Chiangrai, join an observer camp. Sleep in an Akha village.

Help spread the word internationally  
Write up a report - press release.

Do internet research - write emails  
Contact your friends in Thailand.

Write letters to your home paper  
Contact your Congressman or MP  
Write a letter to your Embassy.

Help make T-Shirts for villagers  
Help print stickers and posters  
Donate vitamins or food.

Make New Friends  
Teach English  
Learn Akha.

Photography work  
Video work

See part of Thailand you never saw  
Enjoy the mountain air.

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To The Akha Center  
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# OBSERVERS WANTED!

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Hot!

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Human Rights Observers Wanted! You Can Make A Difference!  
Hooh Yoh Akha Villagers Are LOOSING All Their Land!

**Ampur Mae Faluang, Chiangrai**  
**1019 People - 250 Families**  
**No Food!**

The Akha village of Hooh Yoh has been told by government personnel that it can no longer farm land that it has farmed for nearly 40 years. The villagers have been given no say in this process. They are being forced into starvation by the Forestry Department.

They can stop this process but they need your help. They need observers to come and stay at Hooh Yoh Akha village.

Surely you are aware of how much the hill tribe are advertised and promoted for tourism in Thailand? Seldom getting any money for how their images are exploited, these villagers deserve better than this.

The village of Hooh Yoh is totally dependent on farming rice, corn and other food crops. Villagers are told they will not be compensated for lost land, that if they don't like it they can "get the hell out!"

Large numbers of Akha women can be seen selling wares on the streets around the Chiangmai night market. These Akha women come from villages in the same region as Hooh Yoh village and have also lost their land. Instead of being home with their families at night, they have traveled

to Chiangmai, living in shacks, trying to make enough money to send back to their children.

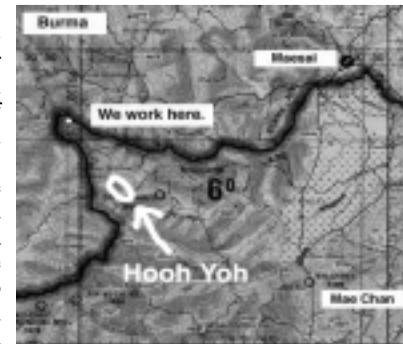
Trekkers and buyers of artwork know little of what is befalling these people while they continue to struggle for survival.

Please do your part to help protect their lives.

Your presence and donation can make a world of difference to the villagers of Hooh Yoh Akha.

### Getting There:

Bus to Chiangrai, then Mae Chan. At Pasang, take Mae Salong Rd to Som Yaek. From there to Haen Taek, to Bpah Mah Hahn. Check In.



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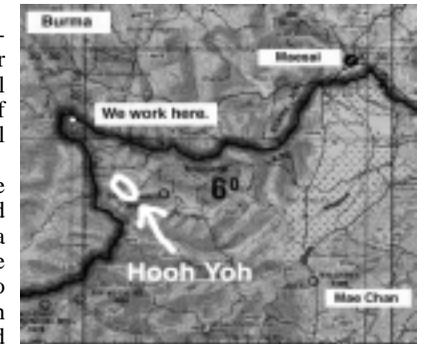
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