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Akha Alert!

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Who Are The Akha?

The Akha are mountain people living in five countries in SE Asia. Their population is nearly 500,000 with 70,000 living in Thailand. The Akha are excellent farmers in the mountain environment where they grow their rice and raise their families. Colorfully dressed, the Akha are a warm and friendly people.

The Case in Thailand

The Akha in Thailand face many obstacles. Only part of the Akha in Thailand have been given ID cards. Land that the Akha have lived on for many years is being taken away from them. In the case of **Hooh Yoh Akha** in Chiangrai Province, the **Queen of Thailand** took the land of these five villages without compensation, putting a complete stop to the food production of 1500 Akha. We appeal to the Queen to do what is right and return the land.

The Akha Heritage Foundation

The Akha Heritage Foundation is a non profit 501-c(3) humanitarian organization set up in 1991 to assist the Akha people of SE Asia and educate the public about their needs.

What We Do - Achievements

The focus of our work with the Akha is **human rights protection**, giving the Akha support and training. Support includes international "**Results Based Activism**". We campaign continuously for the Akha at the UN, both in Geneva and New York, working to protect **Akha land, families and language**. Currently we work to prevent the removal of Akha children from their villages and culture. **Medical projects** provide bednets for the Akha in Laos to protect against life threatening cerebral malaria. The **Human Rights Network Project** helps train the Akha in Human Rights action and law. Our successes can be noted in newspapers like the **Bangkok Post** and magazines such as the **Economist**. We have worked on numerous documentaries shown around the world over 15 years.

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Contact the Thai Embassy or Consul with your concerns. Assist with **publicity, campaigns and fundraising**. Volunteer in the **Phoenix** area. If you are going to Thailand or Laos you can work with us on the project there. We work closely with all participants. You can sponsor a **presentation** at your school, church, civic club, place of work or at your home.

Contact - Raise Funds - Donate

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Follow Up - Make A Difference - Join Together

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Direct Action! - Results Based Activism!

VOLUNTEER!

- Activism
- Fundraising
- Host a Presentation
- Help with a Video
- Photographers
- Writers
- Teachers
- Observers
- Researchers
- Publishing

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