



Rotary Club of Phang-Nga District 3330



USS Nimitz Phuket COMREL #1 & #2 at Bang Klong Sai School

Introduction: Welcome to Phuket USS Nimitz, I am Brad Kenny, an American citizen living in Phuket Thailand and the designated COMREL coordinator through the Naval Attaché Office, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok, for all visiting US Navy ships to Phuket. I have been made aware of your visit and have put together your COMREL(s) and/or Handclasp as outlined below.

I am a Rotary Club of Patong Beach (RCoPB) Rotarian and US Navy League member and want to do everything I can to make your visit the best port call you all have every had! I try to make all COMREL's a cultural experience for your volunteers along with doing some good work for the local community. Through the Navy League and the RCoPB we search out likely foundations and NGO's that could use the benefit of a US Navy programs call ComRel (Community Relationship), in which the US Navy/US Marines volunteers give assistance to the local community and Handclasp, in which visiting ships have goods and commodities in which they donate to needy organizations.

COMREL Participants and Point of Contacts: USS Nimitz: Chaplain Jaisen E. Fuson, LT, CHC, USN Staff Chaplain [Jaisen.Fuson@cvn68.navy.mil].



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Dates and Times:

COMREL #1 : Confirmed 1 February 2010, 07:30 – 14:00.

COMREL #2 : Confirmed 2 February 2010, 07:30 – 14:00





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Proposed Project Details and Objectives: The Rotary Club of Phang Nga has now supported a local Thai public school that is located just off Phuket Island over the land bridge in Phang Nga Province called Baan Klong Sai School. This school is about a 1.5 hour bus drive (around 90 kilometers from the Liberty Landing point) through some wonderful scenery north from the Phuket Deep Sea Port.

The school is in a beautiful jungle area remote from any city and therefore is lacking in many aspects. Several past COMREL's have taken place at this school and the whole community has really opened up to the US Navy/US Marines in the past. Through the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and a Utah based Rotary Club, a humanitarian group called "YouthLINC" < www.YouthLINC.com >, based out of Salt Lake City has visited the school over the past 2 years and upgraded many items in the school including: tiling classrooms and kitchen floors, kitchen and bathroom renovations and equipment, install white boards and teachers desks, and many other needed projects. These activities have added a lot of bare essentials needed for the education and life of the 97 children aged 4 – 12 years old that attend Baan Klong Sai School. A project requested from the school director, Khun Charloem (081-5360947) is to put in paving blocks to finish the school driveway and parking area. All supplies are on hand so there is no cost or materials or supplies. It is estimated to complete this COMREL we will need 2 COMREL's one on each day (February 1st and 2nd) each with 20-40 volunteers and the typical bus for transportation will hold up to 40. If there are many volunteers (30-40), there are some other odd jobs we can do at the school and/or just have extra time to interface with the children and parents.



Pre-ComRel Prep Work – Between Rotary and other school volunteers I hope to accomplish the following before the ComRel dates.

1. Level the areas to put down the paving blocks.
2. Have sand on hand to do the job.





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Work to be accomplished ComRel Day - Some sand leveling and then lay down the paving blocks on the driveway and some extra parking areas.

Budget: None, all materials are on hand and from the school director.

Additional Information: COMREL volunteers will get a free Thai lunch made by the children's parents and served with the children and the school will also provide some entertainment from the children with some singing and/or Thai Traditional Dancing after the painting is completed. There will also be volleyball nets set up and there is a soccer field and the children are looking forward to some fun games. The local parents have volleyball teams and the women's team will challenge a USS Navy team from the volunteers.

It is suggested that the USS Nimitz bring a couple cases of drinking water or enough for the number of volunteers during the work period, the tropical heat is always a concern and plenty of water is advisable. Suggest all ComRel participants bring sun screen and cameras; you may also want to bring some work gloves for this project.

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