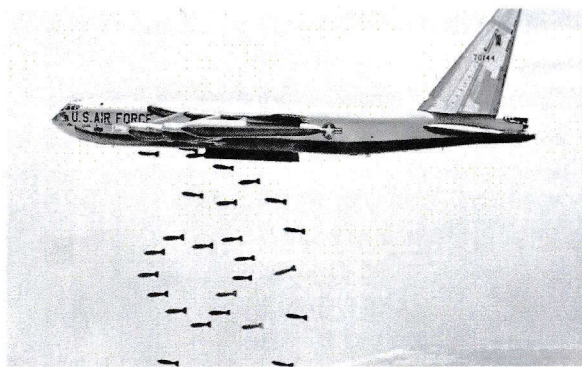


## ABOUT LAOS

Bounded by Myanmar and China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, Laos is a small landlocked country in Southeast Asia. With a population of about 7 million, the rural villages rely predominantly on subsistence farming.

During the 1960's, Laos lost 1/3 of its people during the 'Secret War' and became the most heavily bombed country per capita in the world. Over a 9-year period (1964-1973), a planeload of bombs was dropped every 8 minutes, 24 hours per day. It is estimated 30% of the 260 million bombs dropped (that's 78 MILLION!) never exploded and remain scattered all around the countryside, leaving a dark and deadly legacy.

Serving more than 65 villages (over 35,000 rural villagers), Adopt A Village in Laos continues to provide support with family water filters, permanent water supplies requiring dams, water tanks, taps and pipe, schools, toilets, student support and so much more for its residents, with new projects being announced each year.



B-52 dropping cluster bombs

*Designed by Roland Drake & Dawn Rutledge-Brennen,  
Canadian volunteers (v19c)*

## WHO ARE WE?

### ADOPT A VILLAGE IN LAOS

Our charity registration number is:

**83699 1000 RR0001**

Our primary mandate is to provide new water sources, clean water, education facilities and sponsorships, hygiene training and hygienic toilets in Laos, with greater focus in the rural regions.

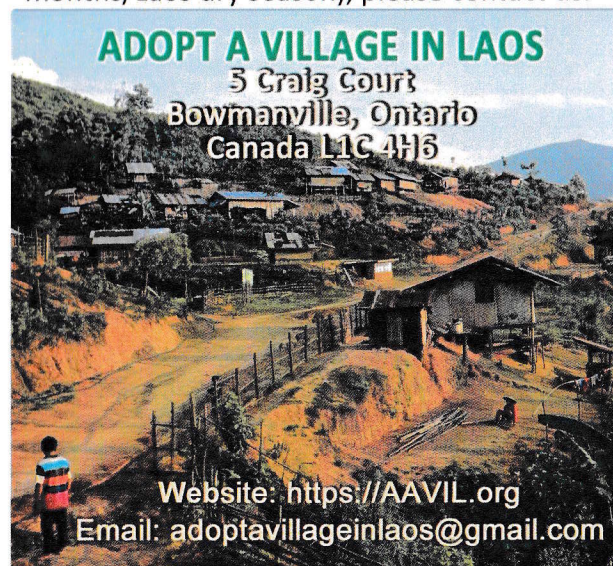
If you would like to know more about our other projects including schools, water and toilet projects, please contact Steve Rutledge at the email address below.

Tax receipts will be issued for Canadians.

Steve Rutledge	President
Kerry Mount	Treasurer
Faye Langmaid	Secretary
Hugh Parker	Director
Doug Byers	Director
Barry Mount	Director



If you are interested in joining us in Laos for a water filter distribution (winter months/Laos dry season), please contact us:

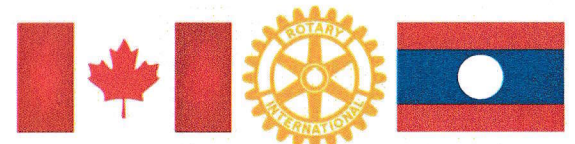


IN FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT  
**ADOPT A  
VILLAGE  
IN LAOS**  
WATER • HYGIENE • SCHOOLS

It is the right of every human being to have access to clean, purified water



Together We are Making a Difference!





## LAOS FAST FACTS



### Population

7.5 million,  
73% rural

### Geography

At 236,800 sq. km,  
83rd largest country  
in the world

85 % mountainous,  
with some plains  
and plateaus

Capital: Vientiane

### Infant mortality rate

4.84%

### Life expectancy

Male = 62.6 years  
Female = 66.7 years

### Average age

23 years

### Main Ethnic Groups

Lao  
Khmu  
Hmong

### Education/Literacy

Less than 1% of  
students attend  
university

Laos was ranked  
117th in the  
'Global  
Innovation Index'  
in 2021

## ANATOMY OF A WATER FILTER



### housing

- Costs \$125 CDN (\$100 US) each
- Services a family of up to 8
- Lasts for many years

### spigot

Made in Champasak province, Laos, these economical and durable gravity-fed water purification filters are highly effective at removing bacteria, protozoa, parasitic worms, turbidity and other suspended solids, all of which can contribute to major health issues such as liver and kidney failure. Additionally, the pores of the ceramic filter are "infused with anti-bacterial silver to provide a permanent secondary defense." (laowater.com)

Before each rural village family can receive a water filter, one member from each family must take a hygiene course to learn how to maintain it properly.



### How to Sponsor a Water Filter Family:

A photo of the receiving family with their filter, includes the label with donor's name (or a name of your choosing), city/town/village and province/state/territory, will be emailed to the donor. The label includes the country flag of the donor as a backdrop with the words, "In Friendship and Respect" in Lao language.

## DONATE A WATER FILTER

Please complete this form or email [adoptavillageinlaos@gmail.com](mailto:adoptavillageinlaos@gmail.com) and put "water filters" in the subject line to place your order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Label message: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity (\$125 CDN/\$100 US each): \_\_\_\_\_

Visa or MasterCard:

# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

eTransfer (preferred):

[adoptavillageinlaos@gmail.com](mailto:adoptavillageinlaos@gmail.com)

Cheque or money order may be written to **Adopt a Village in Laos.**

**Mail to:** c/o Kerry Mount  
5 Craig Court,  
Bowmanville,  
Ontario, Canada  
L1C 4H6

Note: We will not provide your personal information to anyone, except to the receiving family with the information you supply to us