



BUSINESS VOLUNTEER

The Border Green Energy Team (BGET) provides hands-on appropriate technology training and financial support to village innovators in ethnic minority areas on both sides of the Thai/Burma border.

BGET volunteers are typically involved with assisting in all aspects of primary project areas including:

- Working with villagers to improve the sustainability of village micro-hydro projects.
- Continuing BGET's work in bringing biogas digesters to the Burma/Thai border area.
- Addressing sustainability issues of roughly 15,000 solar home systems installed in remote villages by the government through village trainings, awareness campaigns about warranty, rights, and technical solutions repair/replace failing parts.
- Expanding sustainable deployment of solar electric systems for remote medical clinics, schools, and other essential community services in ethnic minority areas inside Burma.
- Follow up sustainability training on hybrid diesel/solar electric systems BGET built to power computer training centers in seven refugee camps.
- Teaching and working with refugee camp Engineering Studies Program (ESP) students, and helping develop renewable energy technical skills and English language skills with staff from BGET and partner organizations.

Business Intern:

BGET seeks methods to become more independent of outside funding sources while still providing the same level of commitment to humanitarian assistance through appropriate technology solutions. A creative minded individual is sought to assist in this transition.

The business volunteer will:

- Research and assist the development of economic structures suitable for the employment of renewable energy projects in rural communities in the developing world.
- Perform market research in Mae Sot, surrounding communities, and rural villages to assess needs and financial abilities of consumers to invest in appropriate technologies.

- Assist in business plan preparation for the possible transition of BGET to a for-profit/non-profit hybrid social enterprise.
- Develop marketing tools to be employed in BGET project areas.

Desired Qualifications:

- Strong background in business and economic structures.
- Excellent written and verbal skills in the English language.
- Experience with a variety of computer programs including Microsoft office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc.).
- Previous experience travelling or living in developing countries.
- Basic understanding of renewable energy systems and appropriate technologies.
- Thai, Karen, or Burmese language desirable, but not required.
- MBA or relevant business degree desirable, but not required.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to salinie@gmail.com along with available dates for volunteering in Thailand. Preference will be given to applicants able to stay more than 6 months. In addition, BGET supports diversity and encourages women and men, as well as members of all races and religions to apply.

For more information on BGET and volunteering, please visit www.bget.org.