



## **Agro-forestry or Permaculture Volunteer**

BGET is developing the Grace Garden Sustainable for the various appropriate technologies that are suitable for life along the Thailand-Burma border. One of the focus areas of this site will be renewable energy technology currently utilized by BGET including solar electric, solar hot water, biogas, and solar cooking. Additional focus is placed on sustainable building and agriculture. The agro-forestry volunteer will work with BGET staff to establish a functioning food forest with emphasis on techniques applicable to migrant schools, refugee camps, and Thai/Karen villages. This volunteer may be asked to live part time or full time at the learning center.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assist with the development of a food forest to promote food crops, reforestation techniques, and marketable forest products.
- Research and experiment with multiple use plants suitable for this tropical environment.
- Additional duties may include: establishing a tree nursery, working in the vegetable garden, participating in earthen building, assisting with a wide variety of appropriate technology installations, and leading small groups of short-term volunteers.

### **Desired qualifications:**

- Educational/Work background with an emphasis in agriculture, forestry, horticulture, or permaculture.
- Hands-on experience working on farms or living in sustainable communities.
- Previous experience traveling or living in developing countries.
- Basic understanding of renewable energy systems and appropriate technologies is helpful but not required.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to [salinee@bget.org](mailto:salineeb@bget.org) along with available dates for volunteering in Thailand. Preference will be given to applicants able to stay at least 6 months. In addition, BGET supports diversity and encourages women and men, as well as members of all races and religions to apply.



## **Grant Writing Volunteer**

BGET is seeking a volunteer with experience and desire to assist with grant writing. While one of BGET's goals is to function independently financially, the success of many of our current projects are dependent on generous donations from local, national, and international sources.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Research available grant sources for their applicability to BGET projects.
- Maintain a funding source database/calendar to prioritize the writing and submission of grants.
- Compose grant proposals with necessary supporting documentation.
- Maintain contact with funding agencies to ensure proper documentation is delivered in a timely manner.

### **Desired qualifications:**

- Excellent written and verbal skills in the English language.
- Previous experience with grant writing/fund raising in non-profit or academic settings.
- Experience with a variety of computer programs including Microsoft office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc.).
- Previous experience traveling or living in developing countries.
- Basic understanding of renewable energy systems and appropriate technologies.
- Thai, Karen, or Burmese language desirable, but not required.
- Relevant degree or training related to volunteer position.

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## **Business/Social Enterprise Volunteer**

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. BGET is looking for business/social enterprise volunteer interested in assisting the development of sound financials for a new social venture promoting solar energy access to remote areas along the Thai-Burmese border. We are looking for a passionate, dedicated and adventurous volunteer who is looking to experience life on the border while offering their business/financial skills to promote economic development in this region.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assist with the coordination of fiscal reporting activities including: organizational revenue/expense and balance sheet reports, and reports to funding agencies.
- Assist with the development and oversight of the operating budget.
- Work with our investors to develop sound financial plans for payment options and schedules- should be familiar with project finance and concepts such as preference shares/equity, convertible debt, and loans.
- Participate in on the ground direct service work such as the installation, repair and support of the team servicing our solar home systems.

### **Desired Qualifications:**

- Strong background in finance, business and economic structures
- Previous experience traveling or living in developing countries.
- Basic understanding of renewable energy systems and appropriate technologies.
- Passion for working with a mission driven organization founded on business principles.
- Proactive individual looking to develop his or her own initiatives and ways to improve the organization.
- Thai, Karen, or Burmese language desirable, but not required.
- MBA or relevant business degree desirable, but not required.

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