

Volunteering at Philanthropy Connections

At the first meeting with Sallo Polak we discussed about the possibilities and needs of PC. What could I do in a short time with no knowledge about the organization?

PC had the need to arrange the digital and also the paper documents in a conveniently way. It was a real good start, because quickly I got an overview of PC and the projects they manage and already had managed. Of course I had to ask a lot, why is it like this, why you choose like that. After three weeks the result of my work was there and also visible: at the computer but also at the office.

The tasks I did where very divergent: from reorganizing the digital documents till advising the right cupboard to store the folders, bringing coffee and sweets to the hardworking Sallo, giving ideas and advices for the website and project proposals. I also visited one of the projects, a refugee camp at the Burmese border.

I spend some days at this refugee camp. Talking with the camp leader about the poor conditions of the people who already lived there for 9 years...no having prospects, no future plans, but still living by the day's givings. I spend some time with the women, with weaving and wrote several project proposals for financial needs for coming donors. This experience brought me also back to reality: so happy I to grow up in a country with peace and in freedom, with possibilities to study and much more!

Although it was a short time at PC it was a pleasant time and felt quickly at home. Sallo gave me the full confidence to do my work. I felt really happy to do some work for PC because I saw they doing a real good job for the Thai, Burmese and Cambodian people who are in a vulnerable position. With a big and great local and international network, PC helps the local organizations by finding donors, professionals and other needs. In general: PC brings people together and I was happy to add a little bit at this fantastic organization.

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