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APPENDIXES

GLONATE
YOUR INSPIRING JOURNEY WITH IMPACT

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Experience report of Anaise S. from France

Role: Messenger
Country: Myanmar
Contribution: 20 EUR
Donated on behalf of Charlotte S.

"I was travelling in Myanmar when I have been told me about the project. At the very first sight, I was not sure how and where I would be able to accomplish the donation. Indeed it is not always easy when travelling to find perfect "situations" to donate to local people in need because it is an act of spontaneity. And I have to say that it was difficult to "choose" the right person among many others. Moreover, I was against the fact to give money directly to an individual or family because to my mind it can lead to develop mendacity with tourists.

So to resume my story, I asked my family if they wanted to participate to that project. My sister agreed to send me 10€ in my bank account and I agreed to donate also 10€ from my money, in total 20€. My sister was very happy to participate because this way she knew exactly where her money goes.

While I was visiting Hpa-An, I asked my guesthouse how I could contribute to help children or villages around. They told me about an orphan located in a monastery that receives children from 5 to 10 years old. I first went to the local market to purchase regular school utensils such as notebooks, pens, coloured pencils and comics, games and candies. Afterwards I have brought them to the orphan for distribution. I think it was a good contribution, supporting in one hand the local economy and on the other hand, helping the orphan children. Two other backpackers I met in Myanmar was interested with the project and decided to come with me to be part of it. The children were so happy and shared all goods among themselves. My sister was also very happy to see her contribution reaching the
hearts of the orphans. I spend a couple of hours still in the orphan house to play and socially interact with the children. It was definitely a unique and different experience for us.
Experience report of Cristian F. from UK

Role: Messenger
Country: Myanmar/Thailand
Contribution: 20 GBP
Donated on behalf of Tamara S.

"I had an instance where I felt like I was able to give back. In this moment where you had told me about the project, the idea itself has opened me up more to thinking about how to approach situations of those in need. We were driving along the very west boarder of Thailand the other week right up against Myanmar, we found out about the huge Burmese refugee camps there of people who can no longer go back to Myanmar and who can not be processed into Thailand, a limbo of sorts. We met many children in our brief time who came to their camp boarder to try and talk to us. Despite their situation they seemed positive and friendly. We wanted to do something for them but we were literally in the middle of nowhere unexpectedly. The camp is protected by guards and off limits. We continued on and we found a cave to visit. As we entered a young boy who said he was a guide approached us. Although we had spent a few hours in the cave already, he showed us parts we never would have seen normally. He talked about the Myanmar boarder; of parts of the cave he had named himself, and showed us paths, which had most likely been carved by him and his friends. He said he was Thai but being that close to boarder and knowing how integrated people of this region must be, there was no doubt he was also Burmese. At the end of our journey, we decided to give the money we have received from back home to him and his family even if it is not the exact idea of glonate. Unfortunately, we didn't have a physical gift or symbol to give them neither did we buy something before - only the money. And although he probably did this before for tourists as a means of living, we were definitely more willing to engage and help him out just as he helped us. Supporting the family was the best that could have happened that day, and I'm glad that the idea of glonating has been shared with me."
Experience report of Arzu G. from Turkey

Role: Messenger
Country: Thailand
Contribution: 15 EUR
Donated on behalf of Anil G.

"When I heard first of the idea of Glonate, I was excited. Because I always felt that I wanted to give something in return for all the good people I meet during my travels. We did an exchange semester in Bangkok at the Mahidol University. When travelling to the Northern regions of Thailand, Chiang Mai and Rai to do some trekking we came across a lot of new people who were always smiling and greetings us. As a result we including my student colleagues went to a shopping mall and bought some clothes and schoolbags and sweets for children.

During the trekking we have been very exhausted and came across a little village. In that village as someone would have sent a sign, we met three young boys. The clothes they were wearing sowed strong traces of usage and were ripped off at some parts. The young boys were already very interested in us before we gave any signals. Because of that it was very easy to communicate and pass on the clothes.

Afterwards we met also the father of the young boys who works for a plantation in the mountains. He was very thankful and invited all of us for a tea and also to meet his wife.

We felt very warm in this circle. It was as we were throwing energy balls at each other, when seeing all the
excitement, joy and happiness around us. Seeing the young boys wearing the previous bought shirts and shorts with a big smile and shining eyes showed us that all effort was worth. We liked the idea of glonate a lot it is like a social duty for backpackers. We would definitely do it again."
Experience report of Adrian B. and Orcun D.

Role: Messenger
Country: Myanmar
Contribution: 35 EUR
Donated on behalf of Uwe B. and Family Dursun

"Me and my friend were travelling through Myanmar and have sent truly in Myanmar some couchsurfing requests to local people. Couchsurfing is a website that connects travellers with local people and helps low-budget backpackers to find shelter. The website depends on give and take. And so did our journey begun, we have met our good friend monk Owen who lives in a village 10 km East from Mandalay called Mingun. He gave that name by himself - anyways. Owen offered us to stay a week at his village Mingun and kindly asked us in return to regularly speak with the young kinds around the village English so they could practice and improve. Owen is running a monk school in his village.

Surely and without thinking twice we welcomed the opportunity to be in a real local village. We knew that this was a true authentic experience that we could not get anywhere.

And so did the days pass, we played football with the young kids, a traditional ball game called Sepak Takraw, taught English twice a day and helped out with daily tasks. In only couple of days, the whole village has integrated us warmly.

At one day when teaching geography we realized that most pupil and children did not really know where their own country is located neither could
they visualise any city. The never heard about oceans, seas or animals. Truly convinced to help out on this ground, we have asked for some donation from our parents in order to overcome this situation. We also mobilised some money from our friends and shared our whole journey. Being very interested from both sides, we have created attention of our circle back home and came up with the idea to go to the mall in Mandalay to buy large maps of the world, of Asia, of Myanmar, of animals - anything that had value in our opinion.

The village nicely accepted the maps and tools and the kids showed good motivation to learn more about the geography. A little action in the past that set the ball running..."