

# Lao Attached Field

## *Luang Prabang Center of Influence Project Proposal*

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### **II. Goal:**

Luang Prabang people have access to quality English Education, gospel message, and Adventist churches are planted in Luang Prabang City and other seven Northern provinces of Laos.

### **III. Objectives:**

1. A two-storey school building with 1 principal apartment and 6x8 m 3 classrooms built and completed.
2. At least 250 students have access to learning English language at our Language Centre in Luang Prabang taught by 4 teachers.
3. Two city churches established in Luang Prabang by 2020 and groups of believers established in other un-entered Northern provinces.

### **IV. Activities:**

1. To build a two-storey building with 3 classrooms and 1 teacher’s apartment at our Luang Prabang church property.
2. Appoint two international college graduates to teach English at the center by June 2016.
3. Apply for one native English speaking teacher to assist in teaching and improve the image and popularity of the center.
4. Teachers to teach English and actively cultivate relationships with students and, when appropriate, witness too students, give bible studies, and conduct worship services in the property.
5. Teachers to give pastoral care to members in Luang Prabang and neighboring provinces as appropriate.

#### V. Budget:

1	Build a 2 storey building (9.5 mx14m length x 2 floors = 266 SQM)	46,550.00
2	Tables, chairs, desks, boards (24 persons x 3 and furniture for apartment)	5,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>		<b>\$ 51,550.00</b>

#### VI. Rationale:

Luang Prabang Province is situated in the center of northern Laos. It is surrounded by other provinces such as Oudomxay, Luang Namtha, Bokeo, Phongsaly to the north, Hua Phan, Xieng Khouang, and Borikhamxay to the northeast, and Xayaboury and Vientiane to the south and southwest. With its World Heritage status and special role in northern trade and education hub, Luang Prabang is the most important strategic province of Laos. It has twelve districts and population of 450,000. The provincial capital city is Luang Prabang which is the former royal city and capital of the ancient Lanxang Kingdom established by King Fa-Ngoum between 13th and 16th centuries. In 1995 the city of Luang Prabang was listed as a World Heritage Site for unique architectural, religious, and cultural heritage.

Luang Prabang City is dubbed by many as the City of Temples in Laos. It is well-known for its picturesque Buddhist temples. The inner city of Luang Prabang has around 80,000 people with around 60 Buddhist temples, almost one temple per village. The tourists are drawn to Luang Prabang for its unique religious activities like monks' morning alms collections and other Buddhist festivals. Around 60 percent of the Lao people adhere to Buddhism and thus Buddhism has become the national religion and gains special favor from the government.



Laos is one of the least entered countries in Southern Asia Pacific Division (SSD) with Adventist/Population ration of 1/3100, second only to Brunei. Currently, the Lao Attached Field (LAF) has 257 members, worshipping in five house churches in Luang Prabang Province, mostly in rural areas. The ratio of Adventists and the population of Luang Prabang province is 1/3333 or a mere 0.03 percent. We have a little success in rural areas, but the City of Luang Prabang remains a challenge to us.

Let it be known that the government authority in Luang Prabang puts harsh restrictions on the spread of the gospel message. For us to start work in Luang Prabang we must have a “business.” And under the name of business we will be able to reach out to people, especially students, influential people, and young professionals. Thus, it is our intention to establish a center of influence in Luang Prabang in the form of an English Language Center.

Currently, the Adventist Church of Laos has about 257 members, worshipping in five house churches in Luang Prabang Province, mostly in rural areas. Based on the membership above, there is 1 Adventist in 3,333 people in Luang Prabang. Recently, LAF appointed a husband-wife Global Mission pioneer couple to work in Luang Prabang City. The couple started work among the Hmong people who live in there and had some success. As of November 2013, we had 17 members in the City of Luang Prabang, some live in the north but most in the south of the city. So, in the City of Luang Prabang there is only 1 Adventist among 4,705 people. Meanwhile, these members are worshipping in a house with limited freedom. And the current house is a rented property. It is too small to hold more worshippers and unsuitable for conducting English classes in it. For the work to expand in Luang Prabang we need to have a “business.” And under the banner of business we will be able to reach out to more people, especially students, business people, and young professionals. Thus, it is our intention to establish a center of influence in Luang Prabang in the form of an English Language Center.

Why English Language Center is our choice? As Luang Prabang is the most touristic city of Laos and English is in high demand for communicating with foreign tourists as well as advancing careers for Lao young people, especially city dwellers. Teaching English is already proven to be the best evangelistic approach elsewhere such as in Korea. Teaching English provides personal contacts between teacher and students. Thus, it helps establish friendships and improve relationships which will certainly lead to the sharing of spiritual matters. The location of our choice is next to two major tertiary educational institutions that have several thousands of students coming from seven Northern provinces. Thus, as Luang Prabang is a strategic city of northern Laos, the English Language Center in Luang Prabang will also serve as a regional headquarters caring for the other seven northern provinces of Laos.

## **VI. Action Plan:**

### **1. To build a two-storey building with 3 classrooms and 1 teacher’s apartment at our Luang Prabang church property.**

- 1.1 A 2-storey building with a total space of 266SQM, being 2 classrooms sized 6mx8m, 1 classroom of 6mx9.5m, an apartment of 6mx9.5m, and a 1.5m corridor/balcony, and a toilet block to be built on the Luang Prabang church property.
- 1.2 Furnish the 3 classrooms with 72 sets of student tables and chairs, 3 sets of teachers’ desks, 3 sets of white boards, and furnish the teacher’s apartment.

**2. Appoint two international college graduates to teach English at the center.**

- 2.1 Assign 2 Lao nationals English major graduates from Asia-Pacific International University, Thailand, to teach at the center, effective 1 June 2016.
- 2.2 Appoint a Theology graduate from Mountain View College, Philippines, to be the center pastor, effective 1 March 2015.

**3. Apply for one native English speaking teacher to assist in teaching and improve the image and popularity of the center.**

- 3.1 Apply through Church channels for a volunteer native English speaking teacher to come to teach at the center. A retired Australian couple, former professors at AIU, have expressed their interest and will be available by end of 20116.
- 3.2 The native English speaking teacher will serve as the main English teacher to secure confidence of students.

**4. Teachers to teach English and actively cultivate relationships with students and, when appropriate, witness to students, give bible studies, and conduct worship services in the property.**

- 4.1 Both Lao and foreign teachers will teach English in classes and actively care for their students and make visits to their families.
- 4.2 Both Lao and foreign teachers will seek to involve themselves with community social, cultural, and sport programs to acquaint themselves with local community and authority.

**5. Teachers to give pastoral care to members in Luang Prabang and neighboring provinces as appropriate.**

- 5.1 As interests grow the pastor/teacher will spent more time in pastoral ministry, caring for members and conduct worship programs.
- 5.2 The other two teachers will also assist in pastoral ministry as per their talents and skills.

**VII. Justification and Sustainability:**

***Justification:***

Luang Prabang is a World Heritage City. Therefore, the government is very keen to weed out culture or anything that is not of Lao origin. The government here sees Christianity as a threat to Lao culture. Therefore, we cannot use conventional approach to evangelism here in Luang Prabang, as well as in most parts of Laos. Like I mentioned above, other Christian organizations already used other businesses like restaurants, hotels, and schools to reach out to people in Luang Prabang. We need to have a center of influence in Luang Prabang City. By teaching English to Luang Prabang people we hope to make friends with them and lead them to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

People of Luang Prabang would like to learn English. Other Christian organizations have sent teachers to teach in government schools and set up their own English Language centers. The center of influence will provide much needed English teaching to university students who have come from different Northern provinces by a qualified teacher who has studied the entire Bachelor degree in English medium and a native English speaking teacher. It is expected that the center popularity will soar once established.

***Sustainability:***

Once the school building is built, we plan to charge a small and affordable tuition fee to students, only \$20 per month per student. It is expected that in the first year of operation, 2017, the income will cover most operational expenses of the center. By the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> year of operation or by the end of 2020 the center will become fully self-sufficient.

With the popularity of English language it is expected that the center will surge in popularity with its native English speaking and caring teachers. Thus, the center will become a place where students from seven Northern provinces can acquire English proficiency and then return to develop their provinces. The impact of the center will not limit to Luang Prabang, but will go beyond its borders to seven other Northern provinces as well. It is believed that some students will embrace the Christian faith and thus carry with them back to their respective provinces the gospel to establish churches there.

### VIII. Log Frame (Evaluation Plan)

	Project Description	Objectively Verifiable Indicators of Achievement	Source and means of Verification	Assumptions
<b>Goal</b>	Luang Prabang people have access to quality English Education, gospel message, and Adventist churches are planted in Luang Prabang City and other seven Northern provinces of Laos.	Luang Prabang people study at the center and Adventist churches planted in Luang Prabang.	School records, bible studies, spiritual visits, worship services conducted in Luang Prabang and other provinces.	Center operates uninterrupted and freedom of expressing one's faith respected.
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A two-storey school building with 1 principal apartment and 6x8 m 3 classrooms built and completed.</li> <li>2. At least 250 students have access to learning English language at our Language Centre in Luang Prabang taught by 4 teachers.</li> <li>3. Two city churches established in Luang Prabang by 2020 and groups of believers established in other un-entered Northern provinces.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School building and apartment completed.</li> <li>2. School operates and students study regularly.</li> <li>3. Churches operate and members come to worship regularly.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building expense record and report.</li> <li>2. Teachers, students, curriculum in place, grade reports.</li> <li>3. Church buildings, membership record, worship records.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School permitted to operate.</li> <li>2. Teachers employed and students registered continually.</li> <li>3. Religious freedom granted and freedom to practice one's faith is honored.</li> </ol>
<b>Outputs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Center of Influence (English Language School) equipped with three teachers and English language being taught to Luang Prabang people.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School operates and students study at center.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enrollment record, grade reports, and evaluation reports.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School receives permission to operate continuously.</li> </ol>
<b>Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To build a two-storey building with 3 classrooms and 1 teacher's apartment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School building constructed.</li> <li>2. Two English</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expense report and building related</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building permit obtained and contractors</li> </ol>

	<p>at our Luang Prabang church property.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Appoint two international college graduates to teach English at the center.</li> <li>3. Apply for one native English speaking teacher to assist in teaching and improve the image and popularity of the center.</li> <li>4. Teachers to actively cultivate relationships with students and, when appropriate, witness to students, give bible studies, and conduct worship services in the property.</li> <li>5. Give pastoral care to members in Luang Prabang and neighboring provinces as appropriate.</li> </ol>	<p>teachers appointed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Action taken by LAF to request to GC for a native English speaking teacher.</li> <li>4. Teachers actively teach English, visit students, and conduct workshops.</li> <li>5. Teachers conduct spiritual activities regularly.</li> </ol>	<p>documents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Contracts and LAF action on employment.</li> <li>3. LAF minutes and correspondence with GC.</li> <li>4. Teachers' reports and onsite assessment reports.</li> <li>5. Teachers' reports and onsite assessment reports.</li> </ol>	<p>assigned.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Teachers teach regularly.</li> <li>3. Native English speaking teacher comes to teach at center.</li> <li>4. Teachers conduct visitation effectively.</li> <li>5. Teachers conduct worship services and care for members spiritually effectively.</li> </ol>
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#### IX. Timeline

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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Approved by LAF Executive Committee:

**2013-079: ສູນກາງປະກາດຂ່າວປະເສີດ ທີ່ແຂວງຫລວງພະບາງ**

- ເຜີ້ນໄດ້ຄວາມຈຳເປັນໃນການຂະຫຍາຍງານການປະກາດຂ່າວປະເສີດໄປທີ່ແຂວງຫລວງພະບາງ ເພື່ອໃຫ້ເປັນສູນກາງປະກາດຂ່າວປະເສີດໃນຂອບເຂດ 7 ແຂວງພາກເໜືອ.

ມະຕິຕົກລົງ: ຂໍການຊ່ວຍເຫລືອຈາກສຳນັກງານພາກພື້ນອາຊີຕະເວັນຊຽງໃຕ້ ໂດຍຜ່ານໄປຍັງສຳນັກງານໃຫຍ່ ເພື່ອການສະໜັບສະໜູນໂຄງການເປີດສູນກາງປະກາດຂ່າວປະເສີດທີ່ແຂວງຫລວງພະບາງ, ໃນມູນຄ່າໂຄງການທັງໝົດຈຳນວນ \$226,062.87. ໃນນີ້ສູນລວມອອກເງິນສົມທົບໂຄງການຈຳນວນ \$10,000, ຈະໄດ້ລາຍຮັບຈາກການສອນພາສາອັງກິດໃນ 4 ປີ ຈຳນວນທັງໝົດ \$120,300, ຈຶ່ງຕ້ອງຂົ່ງບປະມານສົມທົບຈາກສຳນັກງານສະຫະມິດຊັ້ນ SAUM \$22,606, ຈາກສຳນັກງານໃຫຍ່ SSD \$36,587.29, ແລະຈາກ GC \$36,587.29. ໂດຍມີລາຍລະອຽດໂຄງການຕິດຄັດເພື່ອການພິຈາລະນາອານຸມັດ.

**2013-079 CENTER OF INFLUENCE IN LUANG PRABANG CITY**

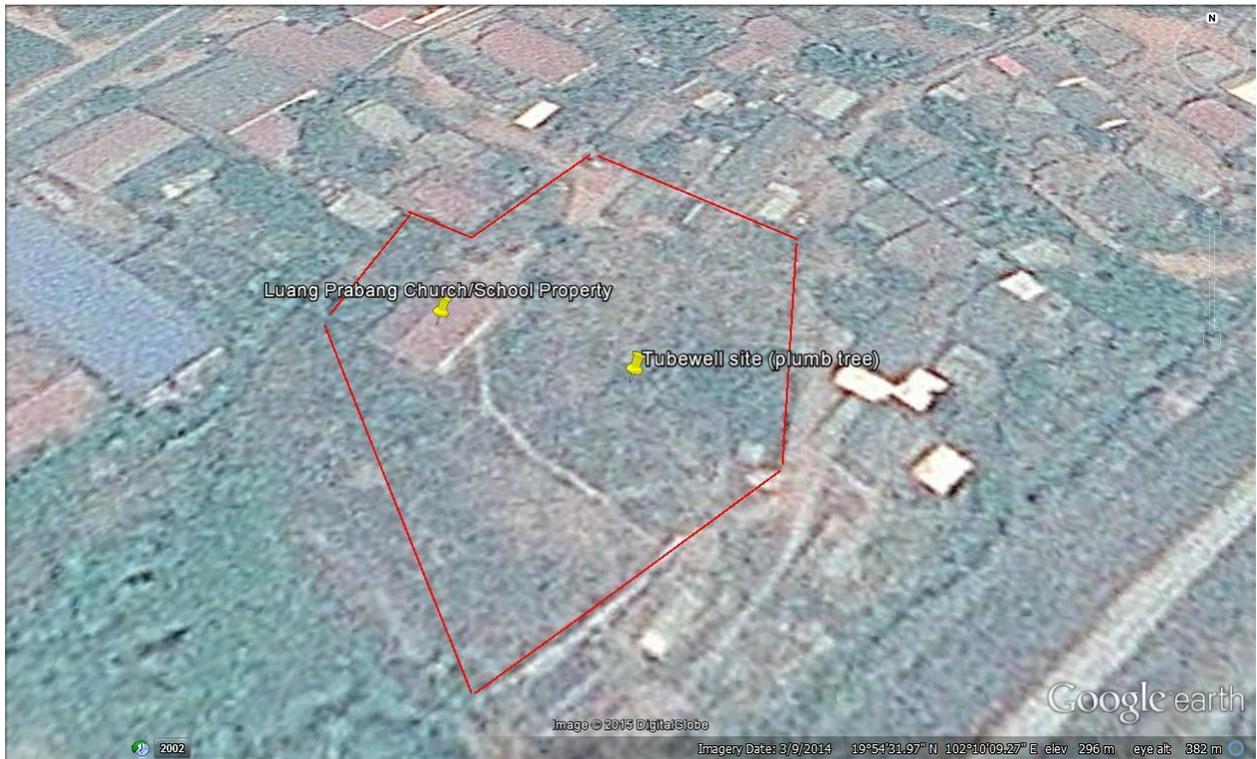
Whereas there is a need to expand the work of the preaching the gospel in Luang Prabang and other seven northern provinces of Laos, it was:

**VOTED** to request financial assistance from Southern Asia Pacific Division (SSD) and the General Conference to establish a center of influence in Luang Prabang as follows. Total project budget \$226,062.87. LAF will contribute \$10,000, expected income from fees from 2015-2018 amount of \$120,300, to request financial assistance from SAUM \$22,606, from SSD \$36,587.29, and from GC \$36,587.29. For details please refer to the proposal above.

**Note:**

This is the original action taken by LAF to apply for the unusual opportunity fund at the General Conference. The original proposal went into hiding somewhere and has become untraceable. The new project proposal is a minor step-by-step establishment of the school in Luang Prabang and is proposing to private donors, those who believe in advancing the Lord's work in this landlocked and forgotten country of Laos. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Appendix:



The aerial view of Luang Prabang School Property



The current School building from the front



It is at this space that we will build a 2-storey school building of 9.5mx14m  
Including 2x6mx8m classrooms, a 6mx9.5m classroom downstairs (also serves as a worship hall),  
A 6mx9.5m apartment, and a toilet block  
(Please see designs below)



There is still more land available for future development



The land is also situated in a prime area, next to the Luang Prabang International Airport

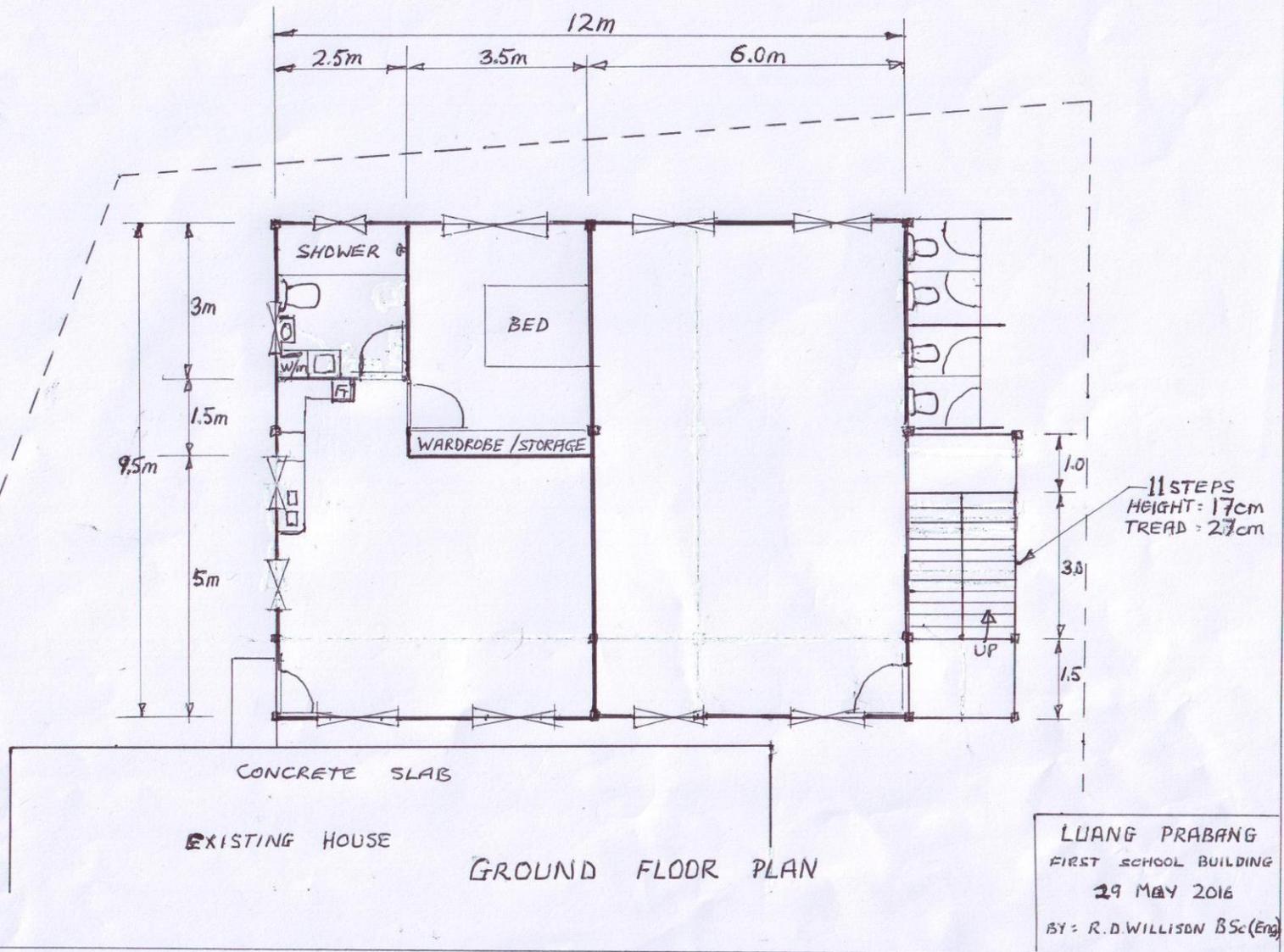


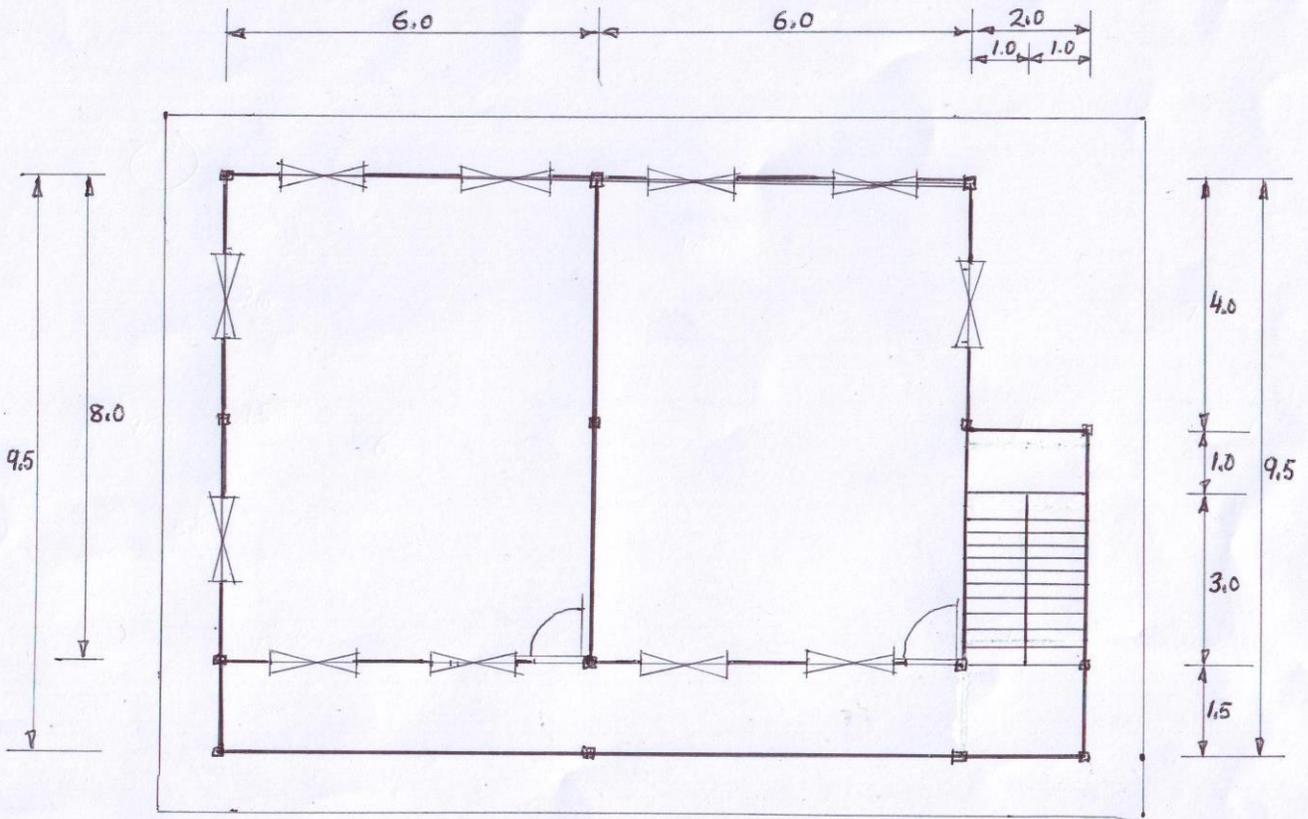
The Current School building Design



FRONT ELEVATION

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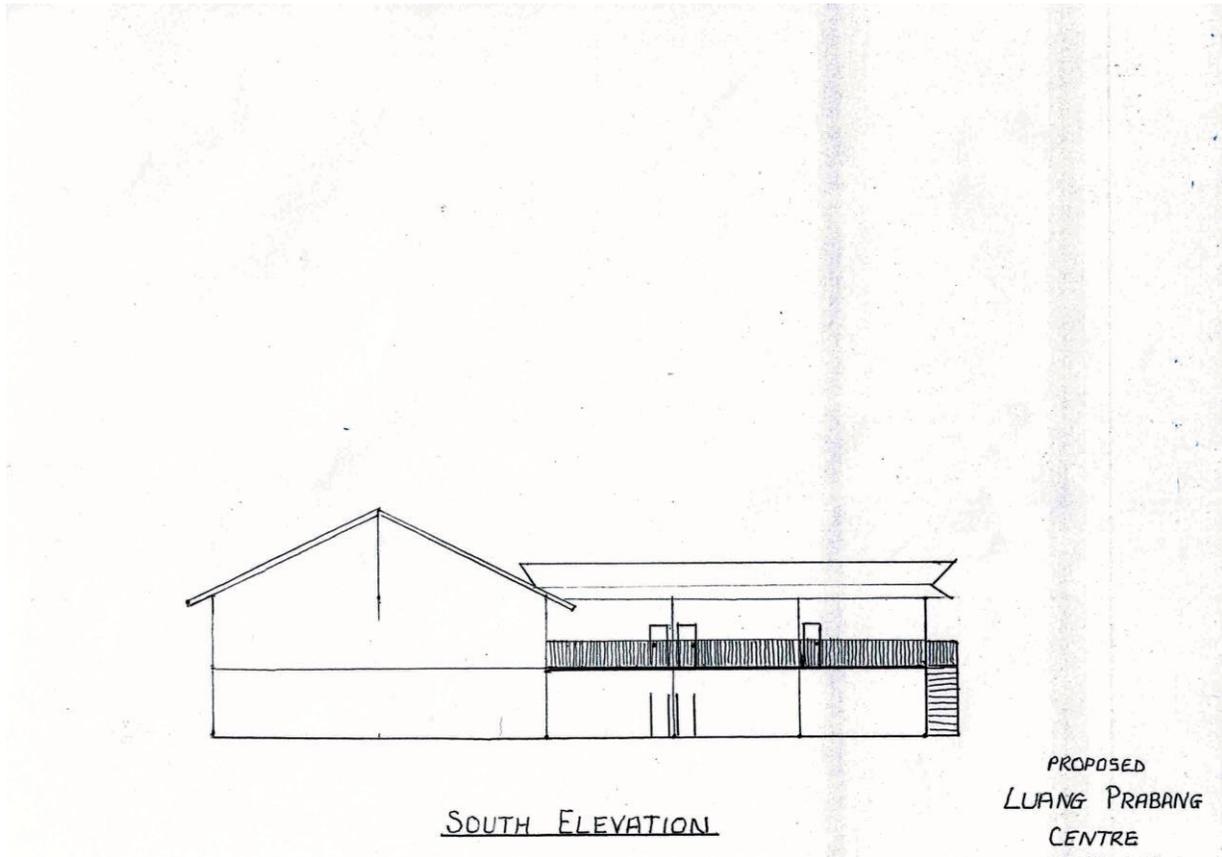


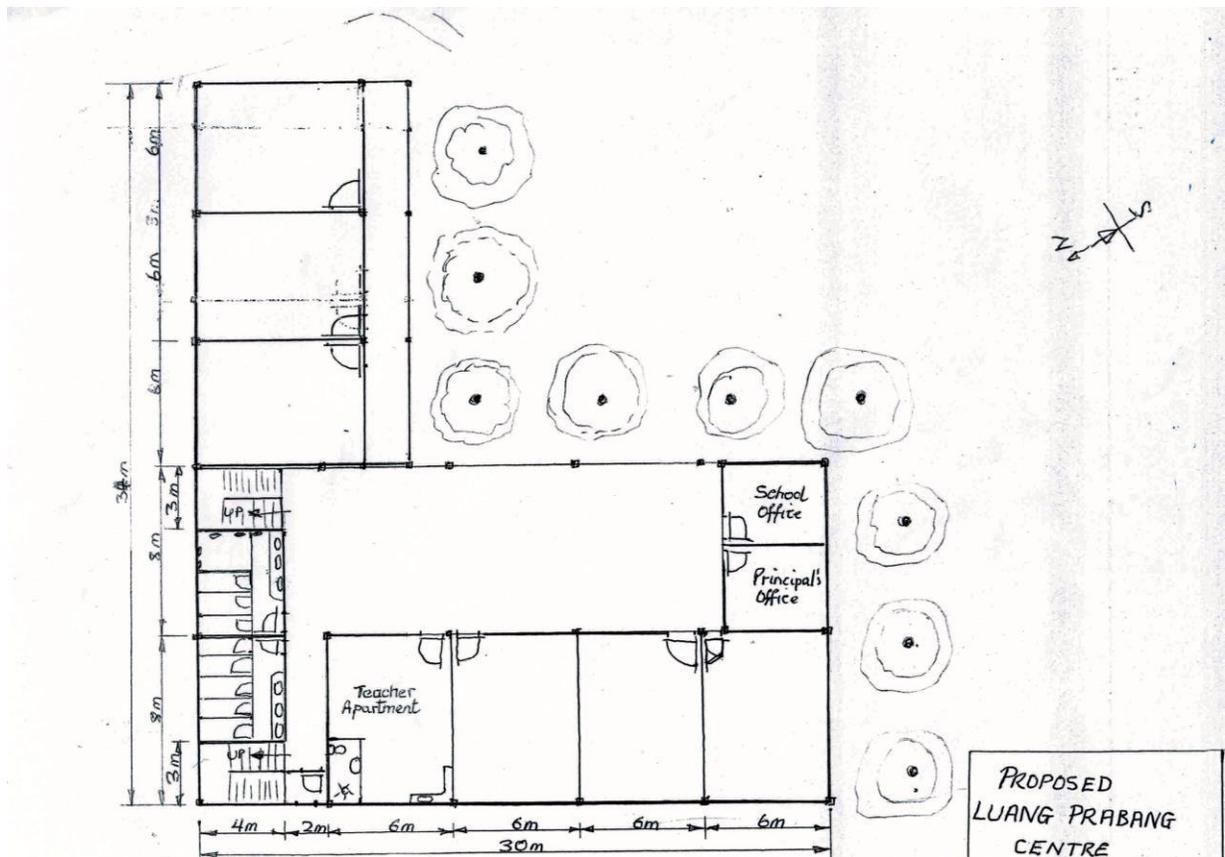
UPPER FLOOR PLAN

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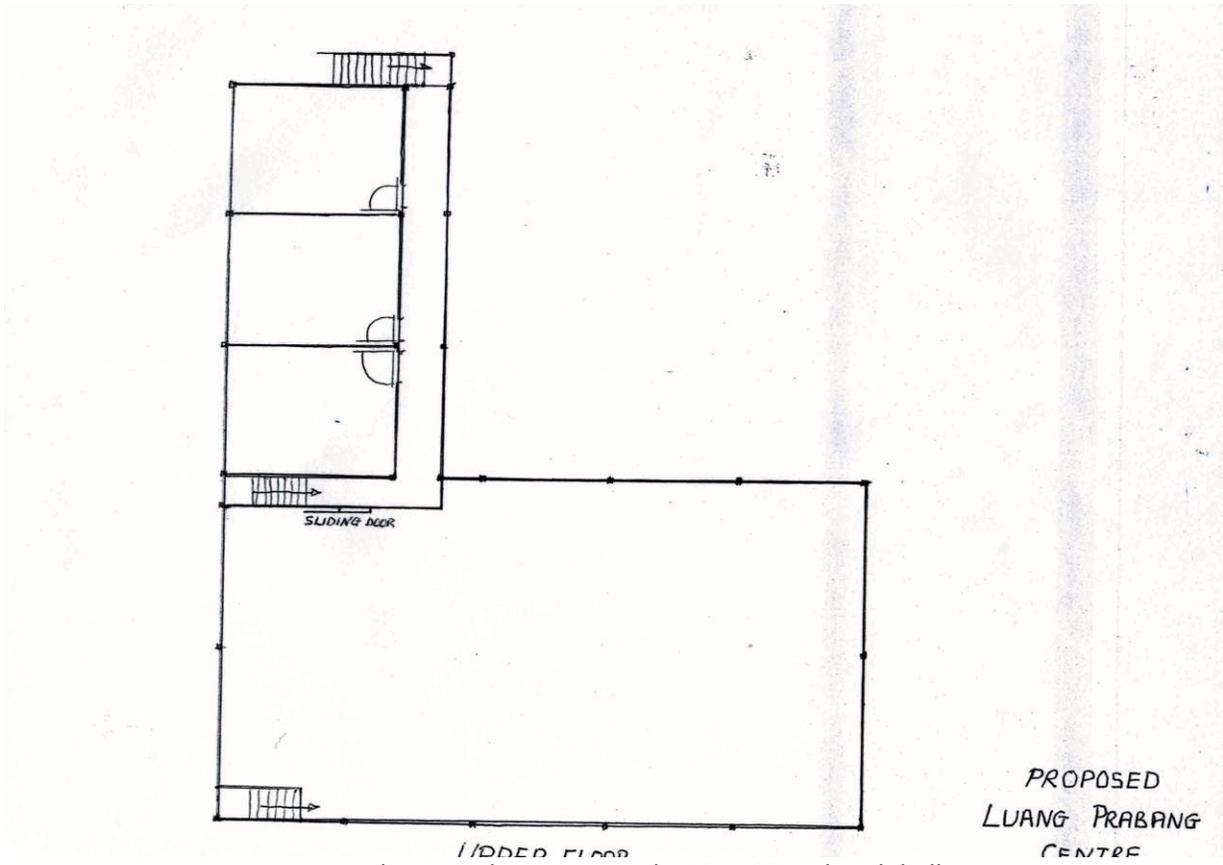
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The original School Building design





It's a 30mx34m school building with a 300 seating capacity church hall on the upper floor



Upper Floor – 3 classrooms and a 16mx30m church hall