A Groundbreaking Ceremony is planned for the Multi-Purpose Community Learning Center on December 1. All members of the Suk Samran community will be able to use this Center once it is completed, and all are invited to join on Dec. 1 to celebrate the beginning of its construction.

In Village 3, Khampuan, villagers cleaned out the sewer line, which runs directly past the village market. The sewer line was full of trash, and as a result the area would flood following a heavy downpour. After workers removed most of the larger items that were beginning to clog up the sewer, the line was flushed out with a high-pressure hose provided by the district administration.

In the Hat Sai Khao community of Village 7, villagers collected garbage and leftover debris in the area where temporary shelters had been set up after the Tsunami. Part of the area can now be used as a sport field for the village’s children.

In the Ta Klang community of Village 4, villagers helped improve sanitary conditions and build community awareness of garbage management by collecting rubbish along the sewer system to the individual homes in the community. The villagers donated their earnings from the Cash for Work project to buy the materials needed to install the supply lines.

In Village 2, the Working in conjunction with the American Refugees Committee (ARC), a Cash for Work project helped provide a permanent source of household water to 100 homes in the Hat Prapat community of Village 2. ARC donated the water system to the community. Villagers dug the trenches and laid the PVC pipes that were needed to ensure that water could be piped from the system to the individual homes in the community. The villagers donated their earnings from the Cash for Work project to buy the materials needed to install the supply lines.

During November, several staff members of the USAID Post Tsunami Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods Program will be visiting Suk Samran.

Walter Dudley from the University of Hawaii will visit from Nov. 12 - 19 to determine how to integrate the local community into the Indian Ocean Tsunami (continued on Page 2)
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Warning System (IOTWS) and develop a disaster management plan.

Brian Crawford, Senior Coastal Manager for the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center, will conduct a workshop which includes the Department of National Parks, Department of Fisheries, Department of Coastal Marine Resources and World Wildlife Fund to develop a strategy for resource co-management in the project area.

Pam Rubinoff, Coastal Manager for the URI CRC, and Dr. Thammarat Koottatep, Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering and Management at the Asian Institute of Technology School of Environment, Resources and Development, will visit twice. On the first visit they will identify several villagers and other people to form a study team regarding solid waste management. On the second visit, they will lead the team on a study tour to another Thai province that has a successful waste management facility.

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Cash For Work (cont.)

road and around houses. This village is striving to develop eco-tourism as a post-tsunami sustainable enterprise, so the activity was also important in helping improve the scenic aspects of the road and village.

In Village 1, Baan Talay Nok, villagers removed the waste, soil and garbage that had accumulated in the drainage canal along the main road in the village. They also removed overgrown bushes and tree branches along the road.

Meet The Staff of North Andaman Tsunami Relief (NATR)

Villagers dig trenches for water pipes in Hat Prapat, Village 2

Bodhi Garrett

Founder and director of NATR, Bodhi has been living in the area since 2003. His duties include program management, development, fundraising and spending too much time on the phone. Bodhi is passionate about coalition building and cross NGO cooperation.

On-anong Thongrong

On-anong is NATR’s programs coordinator and manager. She has sales, marketing and hospitality experience. Her current projects include construction of a well, bridge and community centre.

Taweesuk Chaipan

Taweesuk is NATR’s Bak Jok Community Centre Coordinator. He has experience in hospitality, environment, tourism and entrepreneurial training. He currently works with a soap project and a village beautification and waste management program in Bann Talay Nok.

Yaowalak Meesuk

Yaowalak is NATR’s program coordinator for long term education scholarships and community empowerment. Her extensive knowledge allows for community driven tourism development.