

Welcome back home Dream Catcher Alumni!

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After 10 years of being graduated at School for Life this boy came back to School and immediately he felt like home. Phut is the name of the boy and now he is 27 years old. I call him Dream Catcher Phut, because... after reading this story you will now why. He moved to Thailand with his family because of war in Burma nearby the border to Thailand. We started to take care of him when he was already 15 years old. At this time he felt too old to learn, too study in school and to finish his degree in many more years.

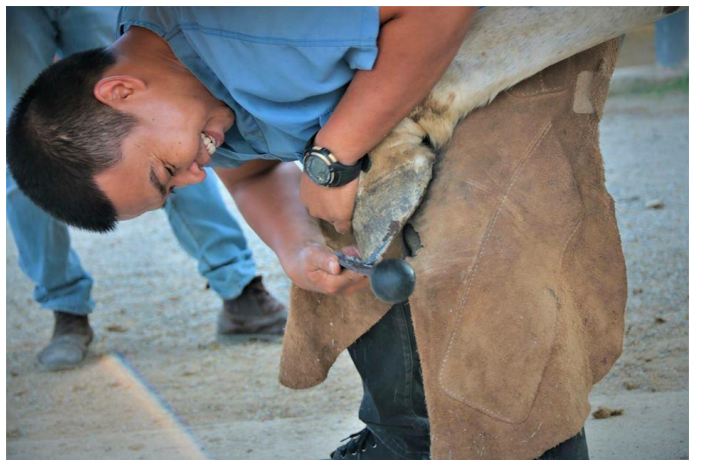
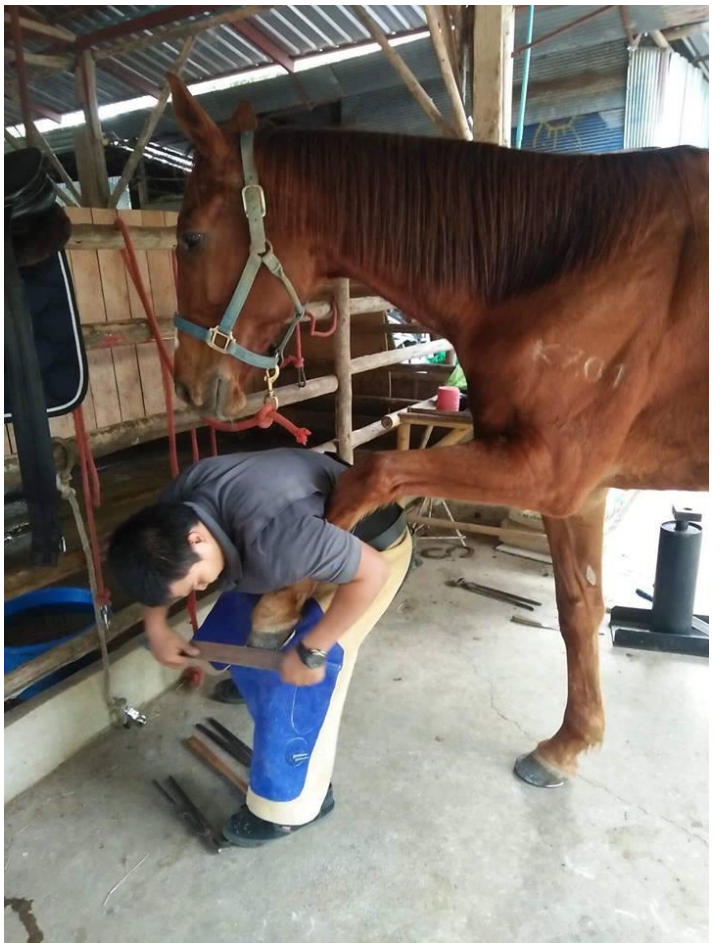
As a child he always had a lack of support, but one day he got the opportunity to go a different way, a new and uncertain way. He dared to be different from the others, he believed into himself and into the way he chose, while other people laughed at him. At this moment he promised his parents that he won't turn home without making his dream come true.

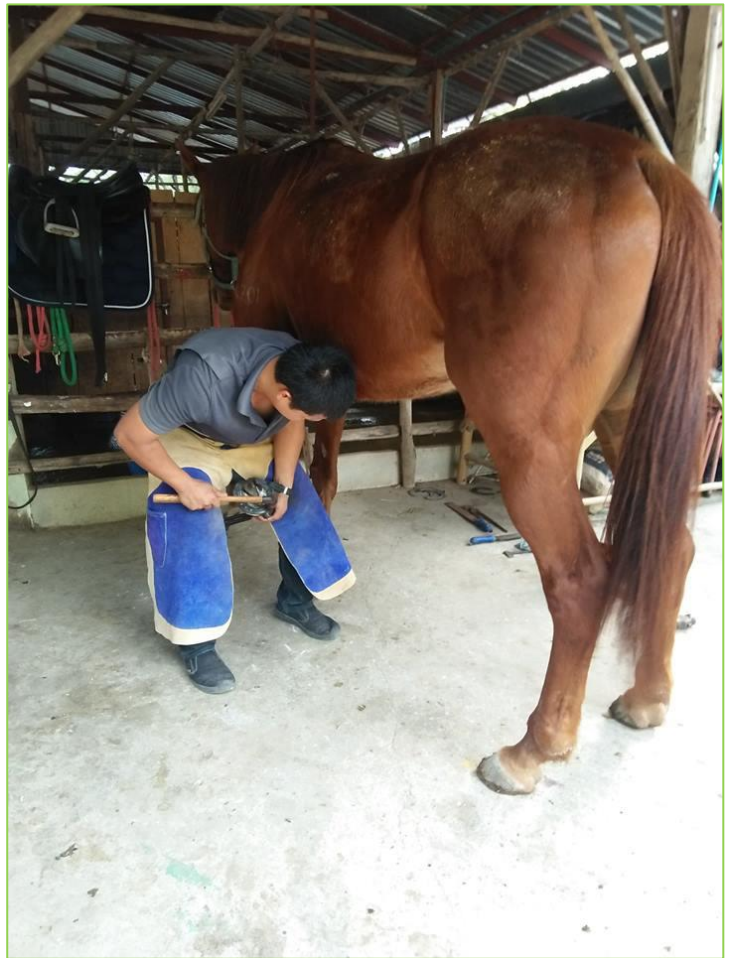
So what was his dream? He wanted to change his future, breaking the circle of poorness. He got an amazing opportunity to work in the area of equestrian and to learn everything about horses. Today he is 1 of 3 most wanted horse shoes makers in Chiang Mai. He is very happy taking care of the horses and he can also get a good income in 1 hour from the owner of the horses when he make horse shoes grooming. He even use to take care of a horse from the president of the horse association (the value of the horse is 30 million baht / 811.000 Euro) in Pattaya. He works at the Animals Care Center as a Veterinary's Assistant as well and gets a very good salary.

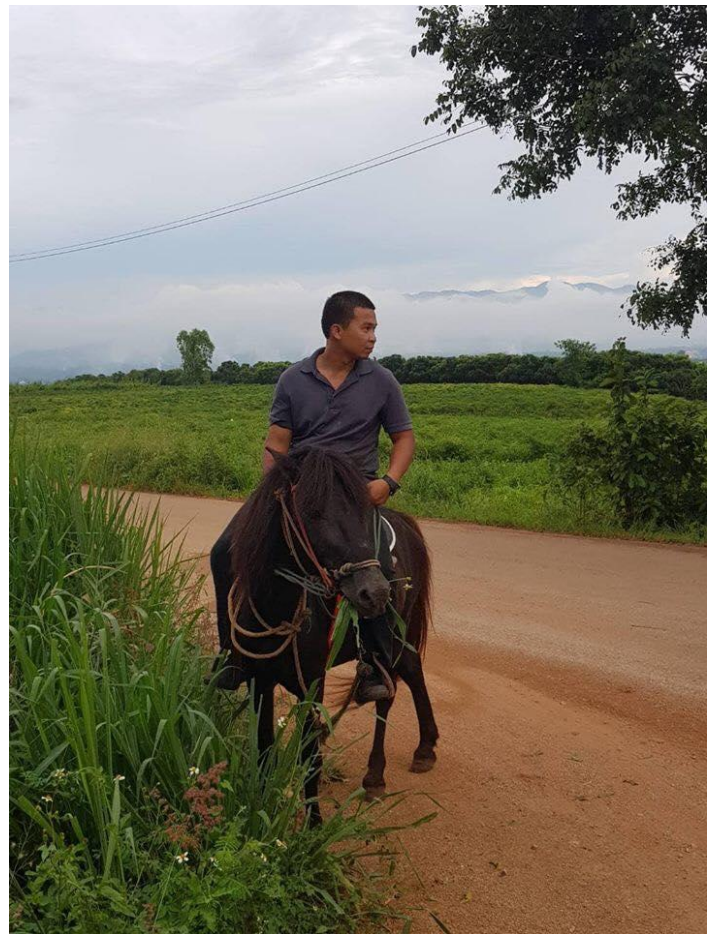
After many years of hard work he could buy land and build a little house from his own proudly earned money. He made his dream come true, than he is very successful and nobody could imagine him having this future. Now he has a new dream: One day he would like to be a legend as Horse Shoes Maker. Me being his teacher, I really appreciate that he never forget our school and that he always thanks SfL for everything that we gave him. I'm very proud of him, because he always comes back to provides a special food to our students, and he try to inspire other students with his story, to give them hope, self-esteem and self confidence.

After listening to his story again three days ago, I decided to start “a horse riding trip” with the “Skill Center Chiang Mai” and to show the students the work of Phut, so that they can imagine better and experience by themselves what his work is about. And maybe one day, some of our students will go a similar way as Phut: Believe into yourself, respect each other and dare to change your future. I will coordinate also with Mr. Lukas from the Equestrian Education Center in Chiang Mai to visit it next school semester with my students.











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