

# The Abbott's

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CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

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*A branch can't bear fruit by itself but only by being joined to the vine*

## TRUE VINE

### Vegetables

Our farming project in the village is under way and we are beginning to see our first fruits. Six rai of tomatoes, two rai of japanese pumpkin and some jalapenos (over three acres total). The farmers are doing a very good job growing and if we can sell then there will be room to grow next planting season at the end of May.



**Irrigation Reservoir** We waited six months for an excavating machine operator crazy enough to dig us a reservoir. Finally it has happened. We had to pay for it, but it looks like we may

have a lot of water to irrigate farmland in the village. At the moment the water is still rising and we aren't sure how much water we will have. But it's already head high. We are already using the water to irrigate our crops and have plans to raise fish in it as well. We are also looking into the possibility of bringing the water all the way to the village. This would include more pipe, a tank, pump and a lot of electrical wire. This would be vital for the village as they ran out of water near the end of February and won't have any until the rains hit at the end of June.

**Visitors** We have had many visitors come and go in the last few months. Adam's parents were here for a few weeks as well as Emmet Blue. Emmet was able to join us in the village and help out with some of the work in the coffee field as well as helping us build a new balcony off our house. Then in January our good friend Andre Kempton

came and stayed a month. He taught Prang and the kids how to bake sourdough bread and croissants. He too



also joined us in the village and we were able to go camping and explore many villages on dirt bikes.

**True Vine** We have decided on a name for our work. The name comes from my friend JJ's landscaping business in the states. The name sums up so much of who we are and the kind of work we do. So we are officially calling ourselves True Vine.



### Reminder:

Abigail's birthday is on April 9th and Rachael's in on May 30th.

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