

THE CLINIC

The clinic is Phra Vichien's (Phra is a monk's honorific prefix) creation and combines western medicinal, eastern medicinal, and spiritual support. The clinic provides minor first aid, detoxification treatments, addiction withdrawal protocols, herbal treatments for a wide variety of serious conditions, some Chinese medicine modalities, and spiritual development. Whether a



person comes for an hour or stays for several months, whether a person receives spiritual advice or requires ongoing medicinal treatment, whether a person is self sufficient or is in need of long term room and board, there is never a cost for services at the clinic. While many types of treatments are available at the clinic; most cases deal with treating addictions, HIV, diabetes, cancer, and other serious illnesses. The clinic is also a resource for several local villages that are served spiritually by Phra Vichien.

While most of the patients that seek help are local (or from adjacent provinces), many



come from long distances. The clinic trades botanicals with nearby herbal shops and sends medicines made at the clinic to both healers and patients as far as Bangkok, and even the United States. Phra Vichien and the clinic are also involved with local and national groups to address issues like addiction and HIV throughout Thailand.

The clinic is funded completely through donations made to Phra Vichien. These include food donations as he makes his morning visitations to local villages and nearby towns. The clinic has also received generous donations from individuals who have found medical and spiritual help at the clinic. In addition, the Thai government, in part due to the recognition of the clinic's work, has recently installed a paved road part of the way up the mountain to the clinic. In addition, the government has recently included the Wat and clinic in a royal project to help disseminate traditional Thai healing techniques throughout the country and has also promised some additional financial help in the future. Many government officials visit the clinic for medical treatment and to discuss issues with Phra Vichien.