

General questions

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. Thailand is a relatively prosperous country, yet the wealth gap between urban and rural areas is only growing. Why does an increase in national prosperity impact urban and rural areas differently?
2. One symptom of the wealth gap is an increasing amount of young people leaving the rural farms to work in the cities. How could this rural flight impact Thailand in the future?
3. What tactics is Mechai using to try to keep young people in their rural communities? Is economic incentive all that youth need to stay in the rural areas?