

CONCLUSION

The significance of this work certainly should emphasize the need for cultural changes in the sanitary habits of some of the people of Northern Thailand. Since the water jar is almost a necessity in most homes, strict sanitary safeguards are required.

These should include:

- a. Washing hands with soap and water after using the water closet (hong suam).
- b. Use of dip pans with long handles.
- c. Provision of toilet paper for the water closet (hong suam).
- d. Chlorination or iodination of water in the jars at the time of each filling.

Such simple practices would do much to reduce the endemicity of enteric infection in Northern Thailand where such diseases still rank as the number one cause of infant mortality (15, 16).