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Ralph B. Brown, a professor of sociology and faculty coordinator for the international development minor at Brigham Young University, is also the executive director and treasurer of the Rural Sociological Society. Brown is a rural sociologist by training with expertise in rural, agricultural, and community development. He worked on two USAID projects upon completing his PhD, one in Kenya and another in Indonesia. For the past nine years he has led a BYU Study Abroad and Internship program in Thailand and for the past five years in Cambodia and Jordan. He speaks fluent Indonesian/Malay and is conversant in Thai

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