



## Thank you for giving the gift of **galangal growing**.

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World Renew has worked in Laos since 1999 and one of our efforts there has been strengthening agriculture. Over the last decade, income-supplementing projects involving coffee and cardamom growing have met with initial resistance, then gradual and sustained success. Farmers like Por Ner have been early adopters of alternate crops and, with support and training from World Renew, have shown their fellow villagers that increasing their income without reliance on growing opium is possible. Por Ner has shared cardamom shoots with over 40 of his neighbors and, with earned extra income, has added fruit trees, ducks, a pig, and a fishpond to his farm.

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