

If the stilts are tall enough, domestic animals like pigs and cows can be housed and sheltered under the houses if no barns are available.

See the rain barrel next to the house? There is no indoor plumbing in the villages so the barrel catches the rain and provides drinking water and water for bathing or washing clothes.

Sometimes a small stream of water nearby (see the ducks?) will also provide the water necessary for bathing or irrigating the farm crops.

All kinds of delicious fruit trees grow in this tropical climate. Coconut, orange, banana, pineapple and papaya trees are a few that are common in this land. Wouldn't it be fun to pick these luscious fruits yourself?

Most of the people in the villages or countryside are farmers and rice is the major food crop grown. One type of rice may be grown on dry land but another type of rice must be grown in water. This is called a rice paddy.

Notice the rice paddies in our picture and see that the outer shell of the rice, while growing, is yellow and the stalks are brown. The white rice is inside the shell and the shell must be removed before it can be eaten. Growing rice is very difficult work!