



HANDS OF HOPE FOUNDATION Thailand 2017 Outreach Overview

Hands of Hope Foundation has opened up a new front in the battle against human trafficking and is offering Hope with our new friends we have made in Pattaya, Thailand, over the last couple of years. **This June of 2017, we took a team to work in the heart of trafficking in Pattaya.** The Hands of Hope Foundation is about *offering hope in Christ* according to 1 Peter 3:15 by striving to be ambassadors of Christ in word and deed.

We have been nurturing and developing a partnership with 2 incredible ministries in Pattaya—**Tamar Center** (www.tamarcenter.org) and **Hand to Hand Foundation** (www.handtohandpattaya.com). **The Tamar Center** works to provide hope to over 30,000 bar girls and “ladyboys” that populate the human trafficking trade in Pattaya. **Hand to Hand Foundation** is offering the hand of Christ to those that are in prison and to those living in poverty in the various slums that surround Pattaya. Their ministry is impacting the lives of abandoned babies, children and elderly in amazing ways. Both of these incredible ministries have created an extremely credible foundation through the grace, mercy and love of Christ that is now crying for a Church to be built upon it. As a result, **Hands of Hope Foundation’s Operation Hope Initiative** has expanded our focus by partnering with these great ministries and taking their work to the next level by launching a series of new churches on a frontier that exhibits very little evidence of Christianity.



This year, highlights of the trip included passing out “Gifts of Hope” to the bargirls, giving Bibles to Chinese tourists out on the pier, renovating 3rd Road’s sanctuary, conducting medical training, developing our first training school for pastors/leaders, and intermixing our Community of Faith worship teams – some members from the U.S and others from our CoF Thailand Campuses. These worship teams took their talent and offered it to God in worship on the streets of prostitution, human trafficking, and sex slavery.



(Left): Chinese woman receiving a Bible from HOH team member and creative arts director, Lucas Winkler. Many lives were impacted greatly through this ministry. Multiple team members say this was the most rewarding activity on the trip for them because they were able to connect with hurting people and present them with hope - the written and living hope of Jesus Christ.

One of the goals this year was to continue to train and develop leaders and pastors in our CoF Thailand churches. A Thai worship leader shared her story with the team about how she grew up without any Christian influence and one day was in a difficult position and prayed to Jesus to simply ask that if he were real, he would intervene. That day, a missionary knocked on their door with food and a fan. She became a Christian that day, is now on scholarship with Hand to Hand, and is enrolled in a training school. This is only one of the many stories of how the Lord is using people with little to no background or education to be worship leaders, pastors, and teachers of the Word.

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We are seeing many souls won for Christ and have been blessed to be a part of training them to become *faithful followers of Christ!* We held an orientation to kick off the development for our first training school for Pastors and Leaders. We will meet again to further development and growth in January of 2018!



In addition to worship on the streets and seeing leaders rise up, our team had the opportunity to redesign and maximize spaces where our churches are meeting. This included renovating a sanctuary, painting in the slums, and restructuring some areas to claim for the Lord and his people.

The team bought party trays from Subway and invited people on Walking Street (red light district) to eat with them and experience live worship. While doing bar ministry and outreach, the women on our team gave out “gifts of hope” to bar workers. They made a special connection with. These bags are handmade by the students at the Tamar Center and stuffed with practical gifts such as toothpaste, travel size shampoo, and a free coffee at the Tamar bakery – another way to get them connected with people who can relate to them and share the love and truth of Christ! To find out how to sponsor a bag, please visit our website!

We are also blessed to be able to partner with Hand to Hand each year with a common mission of being a light to children of the slums and providing a safe place to get an education and experience God in many ways.



Lena Cowsert painting in the slums.

Sherrie ministering to Hand to Hand child.

Elizabeth with “Free Subway” sign on walking street.

Thank you for supporting us through prayer! You can see more about Hands of Hope Foundation and its work both here and abroad by going to our website at www.hohfoundation.org. We hope that you will seek God and pray about joining our next Thailand Team for an outreach experience of a life time, as we *Offer Hope in Christ.*



2017 TEAM: Pastor Troy Benitone, Caleb Jennings, Nathan McGee, Shelly Aly, Dr. Jeff Parks, Dr. Sherrie Parks, Elizabeth Parks, Lucas Winkler, Lacey McGee, Donna Kraniewski, Lena Cowsert

In the Grip of the Carpenter- Mark 6:3

Pastor Troy