

Dear friends,

We are proud to announce that we have completed our 16th family style safe home on the Promise Land! And we will be breaking ground this year on our first ever Girl's Vocational Training Center complete with facilities for coffee & smoothie making, baking, soap making, sewing and handicrafts. One of our very own children that graduated a culinary program will be running it and we couldn't be more excited!



Also, with the new boys property nearly complete, we will soon be able to move the older girls to the Promise Land once and for all! If you would have told us that the picture above is what the Promise Land would look like one day, we would never have believed it! Thank you to every partner, visitor, supporter and friend for your part in this. We've done the impossible together and have given a generation of children a place to call home!

FUN FACT: The picture to the right was the vision of the previous owners: the Indian, Chinese, Burmese Mafia. It was supposed to be a brothel/casino resort but God placed it into our hands to do the exact opposite! **Nowit's a place of freedom, hope, love and peace! What the enemy meant for the destruction of a generation has now changed into a landmark of rescue, restoration, hope and healing!** Here's to a new year of changing lives and changing the world together!

With Love,

Lana and your ever-growing Life Impact family!

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PREVENTION PROJECT

HIGHLIGHT: Kilo 20

We originally started this school when a village pastor came to us saying that he had 10 poor children in a very at-risk migrant farming community. These children would attend school until 10 years old and then work in the fields until they were 14. At 14, many of them would



then get sent "down south." Traffickers and teachers promise them an opportunity to become house maids, work in the factories or live in "boarding houses." Some are tricked, while others are sold out of desperation to Bangkok's bustling Red Light District.

After investigating the situation and seeing the need (actual child slaves in the fields), our hearts were broken! Since our partnership, the school has grown to 100 children! We continually have conversations with the parents about the importance of education and prevention from child trafficking. There has been transformation in this community and it is no longer a pool for the traffickers. Every month, we spend thousands of dollars on prevention and keeping families together, and it's working! Together, we are preventing child exploitation in at-risk communities along the Thai/Myanmar (Burma) border!

SECURITY TRAINING

Many of our staff completed anti-trafficking security training with self-defense tactics as a measure to step up our security on the Promise Land, the Emergency Shelter and in preparation for the opening of the ASEAN highway, as well as creating our community watch task force! As soon as the new ASEAN highway opens, we will be ready to set up our own border monitoring task force to intervene on behalf of children being trafficked in Southeast Asia! Thank you, Global Alms, for making this training possible, and our supporters for propelling the prevention of child trafficking on our border!



rescue

140 Rescued Children 65 CHILD CASES IN TWO YEARS

140 rescued children safe in our homes in Thailand and Myanmar to date! During the past 2 years, 65 child cases have come to and through Life Impact! Recently, we rescued twin girls sold down to Bangkok for 10,000Baht, \$300USD! Precious baby girls being sold to the highest bidder until we intervened. We don't know what evil intentions awaited these baby girls in Bangkok, but we know this: they are now free. Free to laugh and smile. Free to have a future. These babies have been lifted out of a life of slavery and placed into a life of certainty in the love of the One that rescued them!

Dedicating

VICTORY EMERGENCY SHELTER & TRANSITION HOME

This past year, history was made as we opened our very first emergency shelter/transition home! This will be the first stop after a child is rescued on the border. Here, rescued children will come to find protection and healing, as well as counseling, medical attention and the legal services that they need. Most of all, they will find hope in the knowledge that they are now safe and loved. They will live here for three months to one year, at which time we will find a permanent place for them with one of our incredible forever families on our Promise Land or at a partner home.

We are especially thankful for Caleb and Sarah Wehrli, Victory Church Tulsa, Victory Orlando, Pastor Colleen Rouse and Victory World Church Atlanta! You have forever changed the lives of children not only in Thailand but in Southeast Asia!







Violence, destruction and ruin will never again be heard of within your borders. "Victory" will be the name you give to your walls; "praise" will be the name you give to your gates. ISAIAH 60:18

Rescue HIGHLIGHT

Our very first rescue case to come to the new emergency shelter and transition home is one of the worst cases that we have ever seen. A six-year-old boy who could not speak and only barely started walking after having been in our care for a few days. To say he was malnourished is an understatement!

His mother was put in jail after his father was murdered. So at six years old, this little boy was left alone in one of the most notoriously dangerous places on our border, No Man's Land! He was passed around, starved and beaten to the point where he had cauliflower ear. In the dictionary, "cauliflower ear" is listed as occurring when there is blunt trauma to the head. As a result of this trauma, this little one spent two weeks in the hospital.

The redeeming part about this story is this boy is now running, laughing, going to school, playing and loving his new life at the Promise Land!

He is now safe with his forever family and his life is eternally changed!



heal

Arrows LAUNCHING OUT

2019 will open a new chapter for two of our precious kids! 17 years ago, we came to Thailand with the promise, "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth, they will not be ashamed but will speak (subdue and conquer) the enemy at the gate!" Our border is known as the gateway to Southeast Asia!

The promise is that we would raise a generation

to know HIM and make HIM known. Now, it is time for two of our "arrows" to be launched out! Both will be moving to Oklahoma to attend Bible school and ultimately come back to be missionaries throughout Southeast Asia. From a young age, they knew they were supposed to change the world and now their dreams are becoming a reality!

Our sweet girl said, "I've never forgotten when I was eight years old and you had me draw my dream on a paper. I drew many people coming into a church and myself calling them to come to Jesus and telling them about Jesus. I have never forgotten my dream and now I'm ready to give up anything to see it happen..."

Last year, our first three arrows were sent out. These three were the first to officially graduate from Life Impact! Our boy is thriving in a famous vocational soccer training camp. The second is now in her internship in a prestigious vocational culinary program with a French chef and upon gradating will head up our Culinary Vocational Training Program. Bella, who was the SECOND person in all of the nation of Thailand ever to receive a special education passport,

is currently attending a Christian international school in the United States! This is unheard of and truly a miracle since she is a stateless child! Her dream is to come back and also be a missionary along the new Southeast Asia highway!









Expanding THE VISION

We are excited to have acquired a 17-acre piece of property that will become a vocational training program for our older boys! Our vision is to create a place where they can further grow into young men, giving them the skills needed to create a future for themselves. This program will include training in; computers, motorcycle repair, agriculture and raising livestock. Thanks to some very generous friends & supporters, we have two homes fully built and two more under construction! This year we will finish development and move the boys in to their forever home!