

SHE

Self Help and Empower

Greetings from Thailand here is some of our latest news from the SHE project.



The past few months have been very busy and only last week we took over a building in the heart of Patong. This building is the SHE drop-in / training centre for the women and girls who work the streets and bars at night. It is a place where they can come and receive help and advice or just simply relax in a safe environment. We have made many friends now who work in Patong and we visit them twice a week in the night time and now they can come to meet us out side of their normal environment. We also know that there is something very powerful about having a physical presence there in the middle of all the madness that is Patong. The SHE drop-in centre will also be used to host teams who wish to put their hand to the plough with the work here. We have a team of 10 from the USA with us at the moment and they will stay for 3 weeks.



Jewellery Programme; We have started the jewellery making programme and at the moment 4 girls join us every day to make great products using pearl, silver, shells etc. This programme was started to help the many girls who work in the bars and clubs giving alternative employment and retraining. Girls such as these are trapped by poverty and have no alternative but to take to the streets at night. They all have to send money home to their families. SHE employs the girls and we hope the number will continue to grow. The girls also receive teaching and discipleship all 4 recently became Christians and help us with outreach projects in their spare time. You can see a video about this programme by following this link to Google video <http://video.google.co.uk/videoplay?docid=6717386311627966822>



Jewellery; The finished jewellery is being sold in the UK and US and we hope to have an on-line store available soon. By purchasing our products not only do you have a piece of beautiful jewellery but you are directly helping the girls who made it.

Bartimaeus projects: these are special community based projects where SHE has encountered families at risk and are able to help in practical ways.

Baby Moses, We continue to work in the migrant workers camp where we first met baby Moses (or Aey as he was known then) we share a meal and have a time of sharing and fellowship afterwards. This time has blessed us all and we now have over a dozen new believers within the community. Baby Moses is much stronger now and much more mobile and we take milk powder for him each week. We had a great day recently when Moses was dedicated during one of our Sunday services. We also visit the camp 2 mornings a week to hold creative play times with the children who live there. These children are unable to attend school as they are not Thai citizens and they can't afford a private education. Some of the parents have joined in with these times and we have found one thing that bridges ages and cultures, play-dough.





Add lives with 2 children, they have no money or food and they lived in terrible conditions. We thought about trying to repair their home but in the end felt it was best to demolish it and start again.

Mark designed and managed the project we hired a few local building labourers for the work to the structure and we all pitched in with finishing it off. The family was so pleased when we finished work and they now have a clean, dry, safe place to live with running water and electricity. It is such a pleasure to see them now they are so happy with the way things have worked out and the project was a great witness to the wider community. We will continue to help Add, Bee and Nom Nem as they move towards being free from the bondage of poverty and ill health. You can see a short video of the project at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5219473334848690812&q=add%27s+new+home&total=1&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=0>



Baby July; Mum was heavily pregnant and just about to give birth to baby July. The family is Burmese and lived in a workers camp just like Moses. They had no money as work had been scarce and dad earns 150 Thai Baht per day (£2.30). They had no way to meet the hospital bill of 8000 THB (£125) for the imminent birth and this would have led to the family being arrested and deported. SHE was able to meet this need and Baby July entered the world without any complications.

SHE products; Part of the vision of SHE is to market the goods we make in our programmes in the UK and the US. We aim to sell these products through Churches and cell groups in a home party format. Please contact us if you think this is something you could help with from your home.

Video; You can also see many of the above projects in a video of our work here by following this link to Google video <http://video.google.co.uk/videoplay?docid=-7606785849512093102> we hope you enjoy seeing the people we have made friends with and helped while serving God in Thailand.

Prayer support. Please join us in praying for the following:

- God's guidance and wisdom as we move forward with the SHE ministry.
- For the women and girls who work in Patong
- For financial support for the work we do here
- For the SHE products programme and the difficulties of import / export.
- For the funds needed to build the SHE residential training centre.

Financial Support

We are in need of partners for the work here in Phuket. If you would like to support the work of SHE then please forward cheques to The Scriptural Knowledge Institution, The George Müller Foundation, Müller House, 7Cotham Park, Bristol BS6 6DA please make cheques payable to The Scriptural Knowledge Institution **together with a note indicating your gift is for SHE.** Should you wish to give on a regular basis by direct debit please contact "S.K.I" for details at the above address or telephone 0117 924 4918. If you live in the US and would like a tax receipt please contact us at info@shethailand.org .

