

SHE

Self Help and Empower

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



2007 has been a blur, we started the year with a clear vision from God but besides that we had nothing but we set off on an incredible journey full of faith that where He guides He provides. We had many concerns regarding visas, work permits, finances and how we were going to achieve the goal of bringing about transformation to a place such as Patong and the people that are drawn there. We were quickly joined by 3 short term volunteers from the US and then when their time was completed another group from the UK and we started by simply building relationships with the girls that work in the bars of Patong by visiting them while they worked. We also Prayer walked all the main streets and the red light district of Patong praying that God would break the strongholds that control Patong. At this time God gave us a word from Isaiah 43:19 ***“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”*** and this continues to be a huge encouragement to us.

We seemed to have hit a wall with setting up a foundation but in talking with our church here in Phuket, Phuket Christian Centre, we were able to work within the church foundation called New Life which was set up for community development projects such as SHE and was already running a very successful children’s home and a youth project in collaboration with Pais.

We were faced with a difficulty, many of the girls we had met and become friends with wanted to leave the work they were doing but had no other alternatives. Many had travelled to Patong from poor rural areas to seek employment and provide income for their families. To meet this need we opened the SHE centre in the middle of the madness of Patong and started the jewellery project. We were initially joined by 4 girls from the area. The jewellery that is produced is sold by volunteers overseas and all the money raised goes directly into the project and funds the training more girls.

We have seen two teams from the World Race and we have recently had a YWAM team of 29 from Denver come through. All of these teams have been a huge blessing to us and the work here they have tirelessly helped prayer walking the streets of Patong, ministering in the bars at night as well as taking on practical projects with the jewellery making and maintenance of the SHE centre in Patong. When teams are here it gives us a real boost, is a huge encouragement to us all and the number of girls who join us in making jewellery from the bars increases every time.



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

Add; After the new home was built and initial success with childminding Add, Nom Nem and Bee have been going through a hard time recently. Add was looking after 4 children each day and was able to meet all the family commitments and bills, but in November all 3 of them suffered different forms of illness which took all their income. Then in December Adds mother died which meant they had to travel to the north of Thailand for the funeral, but they had no money. Another issue was that the children Add looked after would have to find alternative care. We have been able to help through this troubled time by meeting the families travel costs for the funeral and help support them with food etc since their return home. We will continue to do this until the family is back on its feet again.

Moses; the family has moved to another province in Thailand, they were made homeless because of a lack of work for the father. Burmese migrant workers are dependant upon their employers for work and a home so if they have no work then they have to move on. In the months we were able to help with the family it was a real blessing to us to see Moses, a sick, weak, premature baby become healthy and strong and the family become christians, for us to be able to share the Fathers love with the wider community and see many enter a relationship with Him was an honour. We continue to visit the remaining people in this community for a meal and fellowship and are praying for them to have a similar revelation. We continue to work in the wider community and seek guidance for how we can be a blessing and touch the lives of those in need around us.

DTS, we need your help; 4 of the girls working in the SHE centre want to move forward yet again and attend a YWAM discipleship training school (DTS) here in Thailand. Discipleship Training Schools aim to prepare messengers of the Gospel, helping people to know God in depth. The goal is to form Christian character while establishing Biblical relationships between the student and God, and between the student and his family and friends. The emphasis is on developing a daily walk with God rather than to accumulate information. This program consists of three months of classroom teaching and three months in active evangelism in a cross cultural setting. The DTS has become the starting point for Youth With A Mission in preparing messengers of the Gospel. The DTS examines the Character and Nature of God and how our relationships with Him affect our lifestyle and the way we relate to those around us. God is preparing them for ministry and we feel it is right to help them with this. Upon their return they will be further equipped for ministering here in Patong. We need your help supporting these girls through this training, the cost each is 40,000 baht (roughly £600 or \$1200) which covers all the costs of the DTS. Please prayerfully consider supporting these girls and that God will continue to raise up Thai workers for the harvest.

Video; You can see our ministry in video by following these links

<http://video.google.co.uk/videoplay?docid=6717386311627966822> <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.

We also have a SHE Thailand group on Facebook so why not keep in touch with us via Facebook

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

- God's guidance and wisdom as we continue move forward with the SHE ministry.
- For the women and girls who work in Patong that they may be set free.
- For financial support for the work we are called to do
- For the SHE products programme that we may increase the sales of the jewellery the girls make.
- For the funds needed to build the SHE residential training centre.
- For volunteers and teams to help with the work here.

Financial Support

As you have read above 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 and we will be able to help facilitate this.



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