



HANDS OF HOPE FOUNDATION Thailand 2016 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 14th – July 8th, 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 and launching a series of new churches on a frontier that exhibits very little evidence of Christianity.



This year, we reconnected with and worked alongside the **Community of Faith Thailand Churches at 3rd Road, Soi 6, Tepparsit 7 and Gohpai 1**, and celebrated their one-year anniversary! We commissioned a new church in a slum named Khao Talo and had the opportunity to have outreach in slums and bar districts that we have never been to.

This trip was full of a variety of projects with an 18-person team to pull it off. We worked with Hand to Hand Foundation in prison ministry and slum ministry that involved our teams bringing medical attention and food as well as prayer and love to minister to the people. Some of our team worked heavily with the kids in the school and care program. It is always a privilege and a blast to love on those beautiful kids and the stories of restoration in their lives is mind-blowing. We also did new school outreaches with Hand to Hand and even did a huge community outreach partnered with the international motorcycle gang, Hell’s Angels, who sponsored the whole event for us to connect with a few thousand kids and families.



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For His Glory joined us to help create dynamic worship and music outreaches. Our main Hands of Hope / For His Glory worship outreach was within the dark streets of Sex Trafficking. The team led worship on the infamous Walking Street, a place where no one has done this before! It is known to be the heaviest trafficked street populated with prostitution and complete chaos and heartbreak. God showed us so much favor in the process. We worked in Prisons, Slums, Baby and Children's ministry programs of **Hand to Hand Foundation** along with their team, led by Margaret Grainger and Pastor Pai. We joined Tamar Center's programs that are designed to bring people out of that life, and re-equip them with vocational training in their bakery-coffee house, beauty shop and card-jewelry-scarf design programs. We also worked with some of their training classes and spent time in the Tamar Center Prayer Room, interceding for God to win the city of Pattaya, and did street outreaches with their teams to the bar girls and ladyboys.

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. Here, you will find videos and more photos of the trip through the media link. 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* to the Nation of Thailand.



2016 TEAM: Josh Benitone, Beth Benitone, Sarah Benitone, Eric Stoff, Jeff Parks, Sherrie Parks, Chris Thele, Troy Benitone, Megan Benitone, Lucas Winkler, Shaun Mandrell, Emily Mandrell, Brooke Stoff, Courtney Mize, Hannah Antonacci, Elizabeth Parks, Carrie Clark, Rebecca McFarland

In the Grip of the Carpenter- Mark 6:3
Pastor Troy