

# SHE

Self Help and Empower

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

Welcome to the new SHE Centre, thanks to your prayers and support we have been able to relocate to much bigger premises. It is great to have all the extra space in the newly refurbished building and one big plus is that the rent we pay each month for the new building is the same as we were paying before. The building has 4 floors the top floor is used for accommodation for teams and staff. The 2nd floor is used for Jewellery making and our soon to be office, the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is the kitchen and store rooms for the jewellery and has space to grow into. The ground floor is just used for storage at the moment We are hoping to expand the training programme which we will talk about latter and fill the ground and 1st floors with more girls from Patong.



One need the new building has enabled us to meet is housing for the girls who come straight out of the bars. Many girls who work in Patong are given “free” housing from the bars. They do not receive any salary and are expected to work as hostesses in the Bar. They have to send money home for their families and the only way they can achieve this is through prostitution. They do not know these facts until it is too late. Because they have no money they are trapped, they are unable to rent elsewhere or even afford the bus fare home. SHE can now meet this need and provide safe housing for these girls and while they are with us they are able to earn an income to provide for their families and make choices about their future.

### Some facts and figures for the past 12 months.

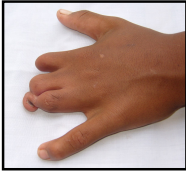
- We have trained to 32 women who 31 of these came from the streets of Patong.
- 21 of these young women have completed the SHE jewellery training programme and have received certificates.
- All have had an opportunity to hear to good news of the gospel.
- Many have completed discipleship programmes.
- At the moment we have 9 full time women making jewellery, a further 2 are away on maternity leave and another is presently completing a YWAM DTS.
- We have hosted 7 short term teams and approximately 15 individuals. Who have spent anything from a week to a number of months with us.

### SHE WEB SITE NEWS

At Last after many months of hard work from a number of great volunteers The SHE web site and store is up and running. Please take a look at [www.shethailand.org](http://www.shethailand.org) here you can find out all about SHE, look at some videos, purchase jewellery and find out more about projects and how you can get involved.



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



We are still raising funds to help Waiminsei have surgery on his fingers. We have approached a local surgeon who will complete the surgery but the costs of 15000 THB were a little more than our estimate. We have raised about 5000 THB so far and if you would like to help Waiminsei and his family. If you would like to know more about this project then follow this link to our web site <http://www.shethailand.org/docs/SHE-Waiminsei.pdf> or contact us for more information

**DTS Programme; we need your help:** Many 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. We presently have 1 of our staff attending a school in Chiang Mai and she is leaning so much as God takes her to new levels of intimacy and knowledge with Him . We would like to send more in January but we need your help to do this. If you would like to support them in this and would like more information then please follow this link to our web site <http://www.shethailand.org/docs/SHE-DTSProgramme.pdf> or contact us for more information.

**The new centre;** we are still working on fitting out the new building, the next project mark will work on will be the office space, at the moment that's just what it is a big space with a table and an old PC but we have a vision that it will eventually house a number of staff with lots of hustle and bustle so we will set it up with this in mind. Training wise the jewellery is going great but we need to build on the success and lessons learnt by starting similar handicraft projects such as making glass beads, pens and soap if we are going to be able serve more young women. We feel these new projects will compliment the jewellery programme and we now have the space available to us and systems in place that we have pioneered for the jewellery programme. If you are interested in finding out more about these exciting new projects or wish to join with us in Pioneering this ministry then please look under the present projects section of our web site or contact us for more information.

***Why not become a SHE representative in your area and help promote the ministry here by selling our products, becoming an advocate and helping to bring transformation to Patong. Contact us for more information.***

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

- For the transformation of Patong, may His Kingdom come and His will be done
- 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 start the new training / products.
- 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, 7 Cotham Park, Bristol BS6 6DA, making cheques payable to The Scriptural Knowledge Institution. "S.K.I" is involved in supporting the work of SHE financially. If you would like to make a gift then please clearly state on your cheque that it is your request/wish that your gift is used towards the support of 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](mailto:info@shethailand.org) and we will be able to help facilitate this.

### **How to contact us and find out more**

Why not have a browse through our web site or contact us through any of the ways detailed on the front page of this news letter. We also have a Facebook group called "She Thailand". We hope you enjoy seeing the people we have made friends with and helped while serving God in Thailand.