

SHE

Self Help and Empower



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



Daily we see needs all around us in Patong, we see girls who have had their young life stolen from them, they are crushed under the weight of expectations placed upon them by their families and economic circumstances. The facts are that thousands of young girls are being bought and sold today in Thailand's dark and ever growing sex industry. Many tourists select these girls on arrival, and some are even bought beforehand as part of a holiday package. One bar owner in Phuket's most notorious red light district of Patong Beach, commented that *"It is no different to buying a T-Shirt; the transaction is just the same. You know what you want, you look around for the size and style you like, then you hand over the money and take your goods."* Often these girls arrive from Thailand's poorer, northern districts, where poverty has forced them to leave their homes in search of a higher income. She continues to minister in this dark and desperate place building relationships with the many sex workers, and offering a way out, a way they can escape the sex trade and still provide for their families back home.



The programme we offer is a Christian response to the issues we see around us but is unconditional and is open to those of all faiths. Through vocational training and employment we offer Hope, choice and release for those who wish to change the course of their lives and for many this is the first time that they have been empowered to make such a choice. All hear the good news of the Gospel and the majority of the girls who work at SHE have since become Christians. There are times throughout the week for bible study and prayer. Sharon Biddell says *"It is a privilege to be able to witness the change in these girls lives. When they first join us, many lack confidence in themselves and their abilities but through the family atmosphere of the centre, and the love and trust shown to them, they gradually grow into young confident women who see their own value."*



The SHE Jewellery project continues to grow very rapidly and currently employs 18 young women and has a waiting list that is growing weekly. But why the waiting list? The simple fact is we have out grown our building. The project has been so successful in reaching these girls that we have to relocate to bigger premises where we will be able to accommodate up to 50.



We continue to partner with visiting teams and we have another team with us at the end of this week. These teams are a huge blessing to us and the work here as they prayer walk the streets, minister to the girls in the centre and build relationships out on the streets at night.

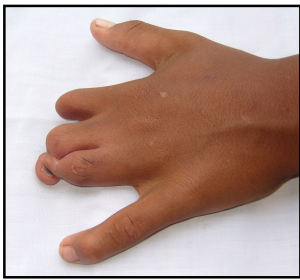


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Bartimaeus projects: these are special community based projects where SHE has encountered families at risk and are able to help in practical ways.

We were recently approached by a local Burmese pastor, Zaw, and introduced us to Waiminsei age 12 and his family. Zaw has been helping teach the Burmese children. As you can see from the picture his hand is malformed. The main problem with his day to day life is that he keeps getting infections in the small gap between the two fingers that are joined at the top and would like to have them separated. The family lives in one of the local migrant workers camps which is not the best environments to say the least. Obviously it looks like they could be separated but the problem is because he is Burmese he does not have access to

medical care so cant visit a local doctor but he could get the treatment in the private sector which will not cost that much compared to the UK or US and we will help meet the costs of his treatment. The estimated cost of his treatment will be £160 (\$320) If you would like to help this family then please contact us for more information.

SHE Centre Relocation; We are just about bursting at the seams with the staff we have 7 on a waiting list to join so we have prayed and decided to relocate to a larger building which will have many advantages over the current location, In addition to take on more girls we will also be able to build upon the foundation of the jewellery project and incorporate other similar projects such as glass bead making, pen making etc through the increased space we will have at our disposal. The new property also provides accommodation that can be used as a women's shelter / halfway house.

The rent for the new premises will be the same as we are currently paying but we need your help with the initial deposit and initial capital expense which is estimated at £8000 (\$16,000). If you are interested in partnering with us in this relocation project we have a fully detailed proposal that we can send you on request.

DTS, 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, 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 is a great way preparing messengers of the Gospel. 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. Two girls are due to start their DTS in September but we are still in need as far as the costs are concerned and we would like to send two more in January 2009. Please prayerfully consider supporting these girls and that God will continue to raise up Thai workers for the harvest. If you would like more information follow this link <http://www.ywamthai.org/bangkok/training.html>

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 relocate the SHE 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, 7 Cotham Park, Bristol BS6 6DA please make 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 send a cheque payable, clearly stating 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 and we will be able to help facilitate this.

How to contact us and find out more

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