

## transforming lives and communities with the love of Christ



### Root Beer Floats and the Glory of God

**Two families. One Lord. One faith. One baptism. One God and Father of all.**

The above picture expresses well what we are here in Thailand to do: build relationships and make disciples who make disciples. Last Sunday Chok invited us over and we all had root beer floats together. We took them up on their hospitality, and they were brave enough to try something that was completely foreign to them. We all had a blast and we all look forward to doing it again.

And it is through simple things like this that God is moving in powerful ways. When we met Chok three months ago, he and his daughter Secure talked about Jesus and expressed a love for Him, but they were not gathering with the body of Christ. Now, they are worshipping with our church family at Tairomprakhun every Sunday and we're having more and more conversations about our Creator. They are growing in Christ and our hope is that as they love their neighbors in a radical way, their whole community would come to see the love of Christ. We encourage you also, whether through root beer floats or hot cocoa, to do simple things with others and see what God might do.

## Partnering with Samaritan Creations

### Our involvement in the rescue and restoration of sex trafficking victims.

We have been communicating both through Facebook and our newsletter about our work with an organization called Samaritan Creations. You can learn all about the ministry by going to [www.samaritancreations.org](http://www.samaritancreations.org). The mission exists to rescue, restore, and empower women who have been victimized and exploited through sex trafficking here in Thailand. As you are well aware, fighting human trafficking and helping those left in its wake is something that we care deeply about.



Bobbi Jo and Kay shopping for fabric at local market.

Well, now we are more engaged in this fight than we've ever been. Mike and Kay Killar, the founders of Samaritan Creations, have asked us to become their partners in ministry. Over the past few months, as we have served as volunteers at the mission, it has become apparent to them that we are spiritually gifted in ways that could greatly benefit the mission. Essentially, some of the their weaknesses are our strengths. Specifically, the mission struggles in the areas of fundraising, discipleship, and developing strategic partners both here and abroad. We have not mastered these things by any stretch of the imagination, but Kay and Mike are both confident that God has gifted us in ways that would help the mission immensely in these areas. They have asked Matt if he would be willing to serve as the Director of Discipleship, and they have asked Bobbi Jo to help coordinate volunteers.

These are not paid positions and we would still work under the umbrella of our own mission 1015, but most of our day to day work would take place at the Samaritan Creations ministry house. Would you pray with us over the next month as we consider partnering with them? Our church family in Tairomprakhun has given us the blessing to go forward, but we are looking for more confirmation.



Mike, Kay, Zoe, Bobbi Jo, and Fon. Fon was rescued a few years ago and now has a new job and a new life in Christ.

**“ Samaritan Creations exists to rescue, restore, and empower women ensnared by the sex trade in Thailand with the grace and love of God. ”**





Matt is currently walking the women through the Gospel of John. He teaches for about forty-five minutes each session and it is as impactful for us as it is for the women. Before our eyes they are learning and growing and being transformed into the image of Christ. The five young women that walked into the mission a few months ago are still with us and three of them have been very receptive to the gospel. Matt decided to teach through the Gospel of John because he could think of no better book in the Bible to move through with these new young women. Whatever prior knowledge and assumptions they came in with regarding Jesus are being blown away by the truth of who He is and what He did for them as it is revealed in God's Word. We cannot tell you how humbled we are to be a part of what God is doing in all of these women's lives.



Each teaching begins with the singing of hymns and with prayer.



Bae, Angun, Sai, and Mercy preparing a Thai dish for a fundraiser.

## A Prayer for Sai

Pictured here is Sai, one of the young women that ran away from the nightclub and into Samaritan Creations a few months ago. This picture of her was taken two weeks ago, on her 20th birthday. Here is Sai's story in her own words:

"My name is Sai. I am from a small village outside of Bangkok. When I was a young girl, I got a scholarship from a Christian organization to attend school. Without their help, I would not have been able to go because we were very poor.

After finishing sixth grade, I moved to Bangkok to work to support my family and my brother's education. As the oldest daughter, I am the one responsible for supporting my family financially.

It has been hard for me because my grandma is an alcoholic and my father is addicted to drugs. My mother became sick with cancer and was in the hospital for a month before passing away. It was a very sad and difficult time for our family.

During that time, at sixteen, I began to date a man and became pregnant. After our son was born, my boyfriend started cheating on me and he beat me every day. So I decided to leave him and to take care of my son by myself. It was too hard and I had to leave my son with my ex-boyfriend's parents in the village, while I looked for work in Bangkok. It broke my heart because I did not want to be away from my son. But I needed to make money to support him and my family.

I began working in the karaoke bar and I sent money to my ex-boyfriend's parents so that they could buy formula for him. One day I met Kay Killar, a woman who came to the bar a lot. After several months of visiting with me and talking to me, she earned my trust. In September, I decided to leave the bar and to work for her. I am so relieved. The work at Samaritan Creations is better physically and emotionally. I thank the mission for giving me a new life."



We enjoy Sai so much and it is an absolute blessing to get to know her and disciple her and love her. Her smile, as you can see, lights up the room. But it also hides her brokenness.

Sai found out recently that both she and her son are HIV positive. Even though she doesn't show it (in Thai culture you never wear your emotion on your sleeve), this is surely another difficult time for Sai and her family.

The mission is helping to get her into the Thai healthcare program and is counseling her through this, but she needs more than that. She needs prayer. **Would you join us in praying for Sai every day at 10:15 am?**

### Pray for Us Also

Your prayer has meant so much to us. The kids are doing better in school, we're starting to feel at home here, we've settled into a healthy routine, and the language learning and ministry are going great. But we're still surrounded by darkness and are often overwhelmed by the need here. Pray always!

In Christ and through His love,  
The Millers