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Most people think of human trafficking as people being abducted and forced to work in factories or worse in prostitution. The reality is usually quite different. One of the primary causes of human trafficking is poverty. Most women are not kidnapped and forced into this industry; they are forced in by poverty, the necessity to feed starving children and aging parents.

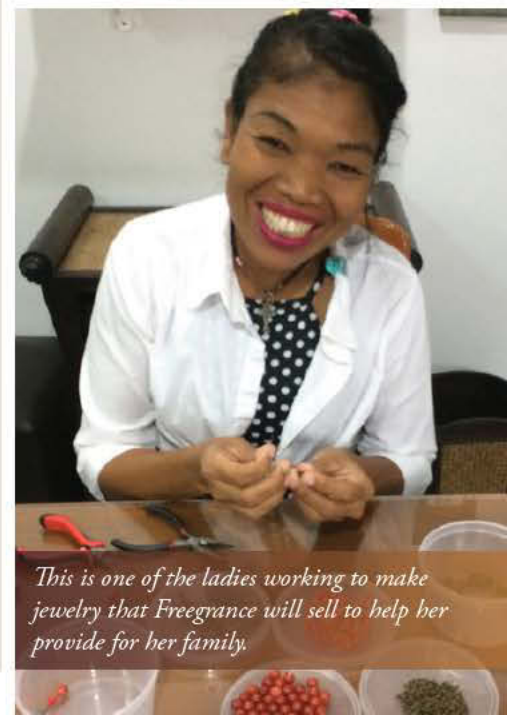
Many organizations focus on rescuing these women, but few offer a way to replace the income they receive from selling themselves and thus their rescue efforts are often unfruitful. Women who are desperate enough to give themselves for the good of their children will scarcely leave this industry only to abandon their families to destitution. In order to rescue them, or better yet, prevent them from going down this path to begin with, an organization has to deal with the issue of poverty and the lack of job opportunities.

Our founders have launched a for-profit

business called Freegrance Products LLC for this purpose. Freegrance is working alongside us, in the communities where we are church planting, to empower women who are vulnerable to human trafficking through job creation. Freegrance is investing 40% of profits to fund our joint efforts to help these women start businesses and support their families so that we can prevent them from selling themselves or rescue them from it. Freegrance is not only helping them start businesses, but is ultimately buying their products and bringing them to market in the USA. When you buy products from Freegrance you are literally helping women support their families and local communities, including the local churches that we are helping to establish. Learn more at www.freegrance.com.

We currently have several women in Southeast Asia making a natural soap line and one woman that we are helping to launch a jewelry line. This is part of our

comprehensive approach to transforming lives and communities among the global poor. To learn more about using job creation to combat human trafficking contact us at info@livingbread.org.



This is one of the ladies working to make jewelry that Freegrance will sell to help her provide for her family.

Thailand Updates in Pictures

Pastor Boonyang and his wife continue to serve the community in Phanat Nikon. Though their ministry still primarily serves children, there are 25 children who regularly attend the weekly services. Pastor and Mrs. Boonyang are faithfully teaching Bible studies, feeding those in need, and organizing service projects in the community. >>



<< The Blessing of Ayutthaya Church that we have partnered with for various projects continues to grow and thrive in their ministries. The church now has over 30 members who are involved in discipleship and cell groups (smaller home groups), reaching out to unbelieving neighbors. There have been 4 recent baptisms at this church also!

Pastor Boontham continues to travel to Cambodia each month to train pastors there. One of the pastors he is working with has a church body of around 60 adults and 100 children meeting under a tree for lack of a church building. Another church he has just begun to work with meets in this building on stilts because of frequent flooding. >>




<< The soap-making and gardening classes continue in Rayong under the leadership of Pastor Apichat and his wife. They are using a small piece of land to grow over 20 different vegetables and herbs and are able to produce a good amount of produce. They are also improving their soap-making skills to be able to fill an order for Freegrance.

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Upcoming Events

Early June - Freegrance Launch: Jewelry

June 15-24- Bárbara & Aleah's Trip to Brazil

Early July - Freegrance Launch: Natural Soap

Ministry in Capão

Despite several challenges, Lindomar continues to serve faithfully in the coastal community of Capão da Canoa. Lindomar's wife Marilu had been suffering from extreme headaches due to a benign tumor in her brain. After a failed attempt to remove the tumor, she was finally able to have a procedure with the proper specialist and is recovering.

Though growth may be slow, it is steady in Capão. Lindomar is preparing 5 new church members for baptism and continues to have around 15 adults consistently in attendance for services. He continues to lead a growing soccer and Bible study ministry for children with about 40 students involved. Their church is also partnering with the local government to distribute food to families in need. This partnership provides fresh produce to families in addition to the food kits that Living Bread regularly distributes.

Please continue to pray for Lindomar and Marilu and their children as they are still in recovery mode from her surgery and are working to meet spiritual and physical needs in their community.

My Trip to Thailand

By Patrick Hubbard

In March I was blessed to visit our work in Thailand and Cambodia. I always enjoy the time spent with our leadership overseas. The leadership team for Living Bread Thailand is a wonderful group that loves the Lord and the people of Southeast Asia. I was blessed to visit each of their churches and to worship with the body at Unity Christian Church in Rayong. This church is led by the President of Living Bread Thailand.

I also made my first visit to Cambodia. I was moved by the poverty in this small country. We visited communities that reminded me very much of the slums in Brazil. No matter how many times I visit these communities around the world, there is always some new level of suffering that grabs my attention and reminds me why we do what we do. Jesus cared for the hurting when he walked this earth and now He has entrusted that responsibility to His church. I hope you will join us in equipping church plants among the global poor to be the hands and feet of Jesus in their own communities!



This family is one of many that benefit from the feeding ministry in Capão da Canoa.

New Believer in Thailand

We are excited to see people coming to Christ through the ministries of Living Bread Thailand. Kuhn Soo met Boonyang and his wife at the Share Christmas event they hosted. (Visit sharechristmas.org to learn more about this program.) Through meeting Boonyang and the leadership of LBT, Kuhn Soo began attending a small group from Pastor Somchai's church. There, she accepted Christ and is excited to begin this new chapter of her life.



(LEFT) Patrick spends time with a church that meets under a tree in Cambodia. (RIGHT) Kuhn Soo, a new believer in Thailand, poses with her two sons.

Prayer Highlights

New Global Partnerships
Church Planter Needed in Cabrobó
Financial Needs for Thailand and Brazil Ministries
Finances and Economy in Brazil
Development Project in Thailand
Bárbara and Aleah's Upcoming Trip to Brazil

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Brazil Trip

By Bárbara Hubbard

On June 15th, our staff writer Aleah and I will be heading to Porto Alegre, Capão da Canoa, and Torres, Brazil. The purpose of our trip is two-fold: to encourage our pastors and their families and for Aleah to get to know our works firsthand. We will be visiting each church plant and community, serving alongside the churches, and worshipping with them. We will also be taking some much-needed winter items donated by many friends and supporters.

Please be in prayer for our trip as we will be leaving our husbands and families to enjoy the first few weeks of summer on their own. Pray also for the city of Porto Alegre, the state of Rio Grande do Sul, and Brazil as a country. They are facing some uncertain times filled with the political upheaval and economic uncertainty. It is our prayer that the Lord will use us to encourage our pastors and staff.

Judo Ministry

Vini, a member of our church plant in Vila Nova, volunteers to teach Judo after school at the church. He uses this as an outreach for youth in the neighborhood. He does a devotion prior to each class. There are 15 students meeting regularly. Recently, two of

the boys entered a local tournament and did really well, both winning their weight class. The Judo project helps the church provide activities for the kids to keep them from getting into trouble. It also helps them develop confidence and learn self-defense.



Vini is pictured here with his Judo students during one of their practices at Igreja Batista Viva, our church plant in Vila Nova.