



THAI SAFEHOUSE #2

THAILAND

In Thailand, the roots of trafficking run deep. They are threaded throughout Thai culture and tangled up with many other social problems. Women from impoverished villages are forced by family to “work” in the city and support parents and husbands back home. Many Thai girls are victims of sexual abuse. Many more are driven to prostitution out of utter poverty. For those women exploited in the sex trade, our partners are committed to walking the journey of healing with them. They offer counseling, child care, employment, and vocational training. Many residents also receive help with schooling and finish their GED degrees. Our partners’ passion for holistic healing even stretches beyond the woman herself, extending into her family and community as well. Women at the safehouse are now taking a message of hope back to their villages. There, by encouraging microenterprise and community development, they work to break the generational cycles of poverty and exploitation. When you purchase the work of their hands, you not only bring healing into the lives of these women—but you bring hope and change to an entire community.



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Prang

Their hearts fell as they watched Prang follow a customer into a taxi. She had told safehouse staff that she wanted out, but she hadn't made the decision yet. Staff didn't give up hope. Later that night, they reached out to her yet again, and this time Prang was ready. She left the bar and joined the safehouse. Here Prang felt protected and cared for, but a deep sense of shame still clung to her. While Prang's name means "temple," she felt dirty. At the safehouse, Prang slowly began healing. Now she no longer believes the lies about her identity but knows she is beautiful and precious. Prang has returned to her village, a place so impoverished that 90% of the girls are forced into prostitution. There she began a small silk craft co-op that employs at-risk girls. Now, dozens of women have work with dignity and a new future. They have found hope and a safe place—a sanctuary, just like Prang's name.



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