



PEARLS OF HOPE

THAILAND

Deep beneath the waters of the sea lies an inspiring story of hope in the face of crisis. There, as tiny invaders lodge themselves within oyster shells, oysters cover the attack in layers of beauty, creating precious pearls. As women gather to make beautiful jewelry from these very pearls, their own stories of crises are transformed into tales of beauty and value. Pearls of Hope is a preventative program that “rescues” women before they become victims of human trafficking—the abandoned, raped or abused, widows, orphans, etc. Working in their own homes or small shops, these women often employ other at-risk women, inviting them into a safe place where the attacks of the past can become gems of astonishing beauty. Your purchase reaches across the ocean to create circles of protection around women at risk, empowering them to live in safety and work with dignity.



STORIES OF RESCUE & EMPOWERMENT

COUNTRY: THAILAND • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE



Pearl

Pearl was alone, abandoned by her husband to care for their two children. With little money and no protection, Pearl and her children were at great risk of those who target the desperate and vulnerable in the notorious trafficking market of Thailand. Despite the dangers of Pearl's environment, she ventured to open a pearl shop. Longing to see Pearl, her family, and her business flourish, WAR, Int'l proudly began a partnership with her. She now interacts with WAR, Int'l staff and jewelry experts regularly, seeking mentorship and resources to grow her business and provide for her family. Now, not only does her shop supply a reliable income, but it also creates jobs for many other women. As Pearl's business continues to grow, so does the circle of protection around at-risk women in the community. Know that when you purchase these beautiful pearls, you are wearing the story of a woman protected and empowered, working to empower others to live with dignity.

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