

Application for Ministries seeking Cooperation Ministry Recognition by the FGBC Inc.

Please review the Constitution and Manual of Procedure for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Note carefully ARTICLE II, ARTICLE III and ARTICLE X of the Constitution and ARTICLE IIII of the Manual of Procedure, which deal with the cooperation ministry requirements.

How does your ministry seek to serve the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches?

Grace Refuge Outreach Worldwide (G.R.O.W.) seeks to expand the reach of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches into SE Asia rescuing at-risk and abused Hill Tribe children. Our ministry seeks to educate the Fellowship of the atrocities committed against these innocent lives and how G.R.O.W. can offer families and communities in Thailand the hope of Jesus Christ through the rescued life of a child.

Does your ministry agree to live harmoniously under the Covenant and Statement of Faith as found in Article III of the Constitution of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc.?

Yes

List the present responsible officers of the ministry with titles:

President - Pastor Ivanildo Trindade
Country Director - Faa Sumitra Choemue
Chair/Secretary - Melissa Lemon
Treasurer - Angie Smith
Board Member/Fund Raising Chair - Jeana Harley
Board Member/ Jim Pike

Explain how the ministry is sponsored and controlled by members of FGBC churches?

GROW began with the vision of a young Aka woman, named Faa, who divinely met a godly man with a big heart for the lost, Pastor Ivanildo Trindade of the Wooster Grace Brethren Church at that time. As Ivanildo introduced her to others at Wooster Grace, more and more people began to catch her vision to rescue at-risk children. As she shared her own story as an at-risk/abused child who triumphed through God's grace and forgiveness, her heart to help others became infectious. Several members of Wooster Grace decided to help Faa birth GROW, and in 2009, it became a reality. Currently all members of the board are members of a Grace Church. The Wooster Grace Church recognizes GROW as a partnering ministry with them.

Is the ministry a subsidiary of only one local church? (Y/N)

Faa has many contacts all over the USA and has been able to raise support from many churches and individuals. She considers Wooster Grace her home church in the US.

How does the ministry must have a scope of ministry broader than the immediate local church ministries and exist to serve other Grace Brethren Churches?

Currently GROW is the only organization seeking to do what it does in Thailand among all the organizations doing not-for-profit work there. GROW seeks to share the Gospel with rescued children, then with their families, then with their communities. GROW has already seen remarkable growth in the spiritual, physical, and emotional arenas of all being

touched by this ministry. Churches in our Fellowship have the opportunity to extend their own ministries into Thailand through this established ministry and reach a demographic that has until recently not been reached.

How does this ministry meet a recognized need related to the fulfilling of the Great Commission?

GROW seeks to share the Gospel not only with the at-risk/abused children it rescues, but also to be a witness and testimony to all that come into contact with it. GROW also seeks to develop people into full followers of Jesus Christ. This is the true need of all people.

To the best of your knowledge, does your ministry or any leadership of your ministry have unresolved problems with another Grace Brethren church, leader, district or cooperating ministry? If so, who can we contact for clarification?

No

In seeking to be a cooperating ministry of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, does the ministry recognize the obligation of mutual encouragement and cooperation with Grace Brethren churches, districts, national ministries and/or other cooperating ministries?

yes

If accepted by the procedures outlined in ARTICLE X, Section 2 of the Manual of Procedure and the ministry becomes recognized as cooperating ministry of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., does the ministry understand that :

It is not a creation of the FGBC ? (Y/N) yes

It is not an integral part of the FGBC? (Y/N) yes

It is not in any way controlled by the FGBC or Fellowship Conference? (Y/N) yes

The Fellowship Conference asks for an annual report only as a courtesy? (Y/N) yes

Please attach a brief history and description of the ministry to this application.

General Instructions: Fill out this application form and send it with to the FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, P. O. Box 384, WINONA LAKE, IN 46590. The deadline for application is January 1st in order to be considered in the following annual conference.

Official Name of Ministry Grace Refuge Outreach Worldwide
(G.R.O.W.) _____

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Person filling out this application: Jeana Harley_____

Contact Person: Pastor Ivanildo Trindade_____

Grace Refuge Outreach Worldwide (G.R.O.W.)

Our mission is to rescue At-risk children and youth by supporting, educating, and providing them with a safe place to live, grow and learn about Christ.

G.R.O.W. started in the fall of 2009 with a vision to come alongside two extraordinary women who had taken in at-risk children in Thailand with no means of support or ideas of how to make it happen – other than to pray and trust in God to provide. On a trip to Thailand, Pastor Ivanildo Trindade met Faa, and she shared her passion for children who are victims of physical and sexual abuse in Thailand. Later, Faa came to the U.S. and a board of directors who also shared Faa's passion was assembled. In October of 2009, G.R.O.W. was formed.

G.R.O.W. currently has land in northern Thailand and have recently moved from temporary housing to the new permanent building on the "farm". Two more homes are currently under construction. Three full time staff care for 12 children as the ministry makes this move. Once the next two homes are complete, more children will be able to be rescued.

Faa's vision is for 8 homes with plenty of opportunity for the children to learn about agricultural and other job/life skills. Faa has an even bigger vision concerning the families of these children and the surrounding community.