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A Message from Patty & Jane



We started out by helping a small group of girls stay in school. We then started a non-profit organization to prevent child trafficking. We dared to dream that our Daughters would grow up to become leaders and role models.

Now, 16 years later, our dreams are coming true. We are so proud of the confident, resilient and empowered girls who have grown into young adults before our eyes and have chosen to "pay it forward" in their communities.

Their success is made possible through your support. Whether you've visited Thailand, attended an event, sponsored a Daughter or made a donation, you have changed their lives and made our dreams a reality. We are sincerely grateful.

Thank you, Patty & Jane



Lucy and Aon made their maiden voyage to America this summer and spread smiles far and wide.



Daughters Share the Love with Rainbow House

FTD's "pay it forward" philosophy was put into action this summer when our Daughter Nara decided to honor her late mother by converting her concrete house into a village learning center. Christened "Rainbow House", it was freshly painted and equipped with donated books and art supplies. Our Sunflower Daughters and FTD staff teach village children English, art, music, reading and life skills.

The Rainbow House project is modeled on FTD's partnership with LIT World's LIT Clubs; as a result, FTD was invited to participate in Global G.L.O.W.'s Annual Global Herstory Summit in October in New York.

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Photo above: Chiang Khong Sunflower House Daughters join the children of the Rainbow House in Baan Song Pee Nong.



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Daughters Nara, Seeda and Faii with FTD leaders Khun Aoy and Khun Too will enjoy an all-expenses paid week in the Big Apple, attending events with other youth leaders from around the globe and celebrating the "International Day of the Girl Child" on October 11th.

What a wonderful demonstration of how "girl children" do indeed impact their communities!



Jun reads aloud to children at the new Rainbow House. Girls and boys are welcome to participate in the program.



Four of the Rainbow House founding Daughters paint together with their youth leader partners. L to R: Partner Pimladda, partner Piyachat, Seeda, Ploytika, Suda and Jun.

Chiang Rai Sunflower House Update

- Summer highlight was an epic 16-hour drive to the ocean.
- Faii traveled to London and Lucy and Aon to America.
- Aon, Gaeng, Alee and Kanlaya are stepping up as role models for their younger sisters.



New Daughters Meephoo and Pim visited the ocean for the first time over the summer with their Chiang Rai Sunflower House family and FTD volunteer Katie Dretler.

Ar-eh Update

Nine months after Nurse Ar-eh's emergency brain surgery and 10-week hospitalization, we are happy and grateful to report that she has made a full recovery. She continues to work as an R.N. in the maternity ward and says that the best part of her job is getting to say "Happy Birthday" to a little baby every day.

Ar-eh continues to serve as a role model and mentor for her younger sisters at the Chiang Rai Sunflower House.



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Tales from the Trail

By Micah Pexa

1,800 miles in, with only 400 miles to go, the end is in sight as I push to finish the final leg of the Appalachian Trail. While this has been an incredible personal journey, my biggest 'why' for pushing myself through this has definitely been the girls of FTD. I am doing everything I can to give as many girls out there as possible the opportunity to get an education and be able to use their minds, talents, and abilities to earn a living, as opposed to being trafficked. I want to see them approach their futures with hope and be excited and optimistic about what lies ahead in their lives. And so, I hike onward...

This hike has been quite an amazing experience for me personally. I feel like I have grown stronger as a person in this way, but I certainly haven't done it alone. The people I have met and hiked with and around have aided this process greatly, providing the friendship and support I have needed to keep going out here.

All this as I explore these 14 states of the AT for my very first time, seeing their mountains and small towns from the unusual perspective of the trail. I have one state left to see and know America from a whole new perspective.



Micah took a quick break from the trail to join us at the August 3 *Loy Krathong on LinkedIn*. At the event, he passionately shared his inspiration for the hike and his support for Friends of Thai Daughters. L to R: Micah smiles with two of his biggest inspirations – Lucy and Aon at *Loy Krathong*, Micah on the trail, and trail scene.



To see more photos and read further about Micah's experiences and/or support his heroic hike, visit our website and click on **Events**, visit trekkingagainstrafficking.com or follow Pexa's Facebook page, *Trekking Against Trafficking*.

FTD Primer

In 2002, Jane McBride and Patty Zinkowski were traveling in Northern Thailand when they encountered a group of 15 girls at risk of human trafficking, fending for themselves in an abandoned school. They decided instantly that they would help them and the idea of Friends of Thai Daughters was born. After three years of providing financial support from friends and family, they registered Friends of Thai Daughters as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 2005.

FTD is a prevention organization, focusing its efforts on those most **at risk** of being trafficked. We use the U.S. State Department's annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report as a source of information on the status of trafficking in Thailand and also for identifying risk factors.

FTD is an intensive, comprehensive and long-term program. We provide food, clothing, education, healthcare, housing and emotional support in a family environment. As of 2016, we operate safe houses, *or Sunflower Houses*, in Chiang Rai and Chiang Khong for Daughters ages 8-19. FTD also provides funding, emotional support and guidance for non-resident Daughters including university students and graduates.



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LOY KRATHONG ON LINEKIN



The deluge of rain held off to make this year's Loy Krathong on Linekin a very special, beautiful and dramatic evening. Clockwise, L to R: Shawn Wilson, Ann Cahill, Janice Ambrose, and Katey Stone; Amelia Aglow brings fire and light to Loy Krathong; Ray Luchetti, Marc Giles, and Emily Prey; krathong baskets float in the pool; Host Bob Horgan, Susan Long, Martha Barrett, Kim Villard, Philippe Villard, Host Kate Horgan, Doug Gimbel, Sponsor Steve Malcom of Knickerbocker Group; and Cordelia Foundation's Jill Tallman and Schacknow Family Foundation's Sharma Schacknow.