

THE BOYER OHANA



Top: Mural on Girls' Side of Child Rescue Center

Left: ZMS Class of 2018

Right: English Olympic Teams

Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today

A major key to ZOE's long-term strategy is to raise up a generation of leaders to transform Thailand from within. We believe that only when the citizens of Thailand stand up and speak out in strong opposition to human trafficking, that lasting change will come. We know that it is not foreign organizations or workers that will be the change agent in Thailand, but the Thai people themselves. But we believe we are called to come alongside and encourage, educate, and equip them to take on this battle.

That is why ZOE Ministry School (ZMS) was established ten years ago.

The goal of ZMS is to produce graduates

who have a sound knowledge of the Bible, who have learned and begun to master the principles of leadership and business, have a passing ability to speak English and Thai, and who are educated and articulate regarding all aspects of human trafficking, particularly with respect to the trafficking of children.

Our 2-year leadership academy inculcates in young adults a "can-do" attitude and focuses on character development, self-sufficiency, personal responsibility, confidence, and common sense.

ZMS instruction emphasizes in-class learning as well as hands-on experience. Students receive a full day of instruction in Bible studies, business/leadership, English, and stewardship.

They also go on outreaches once every two weeks to help with human trafficking prevention education and evangelization.

Ron and Cissy both teach in ZMS, with Ron teaching several Bible courses as well as a leadership development class while Cissy is head and chief instructor of the English Department and teaches business/leadership classes year-round.

These impressive young men and women are having a tremendous impact. Not only have many Thais heard the Good News and accepted Christ through their influence, but many ZMS grads are now on staff at ZOE rescuing and restoring trafficked children!

BIKER BROS



Enjoying an early-morning bike ride with good friend and Thai staffer, P'Nun.

TAKRAW!



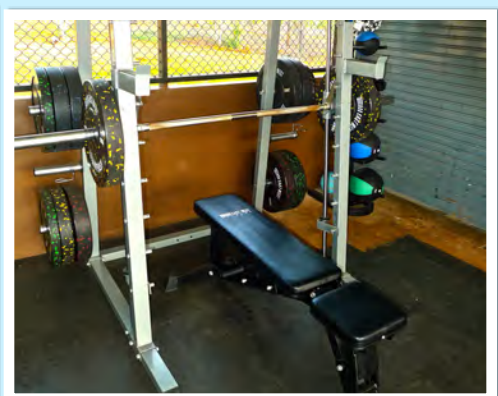
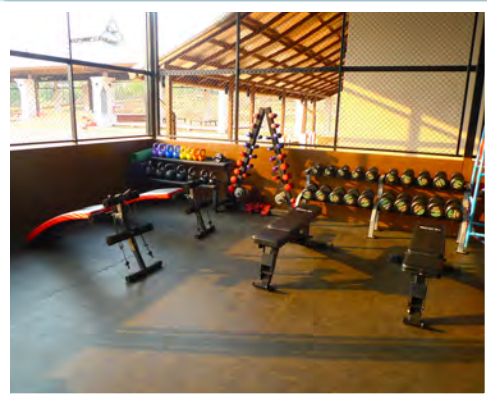
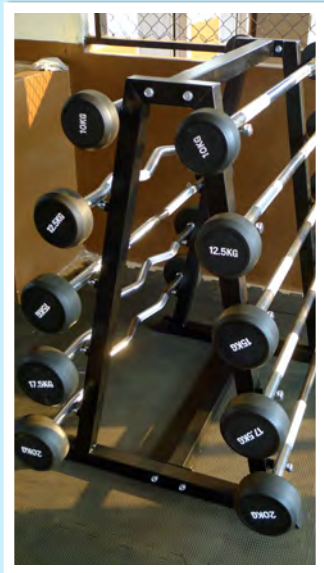
Native to Thailand, takraw (foot volleyball) players can only use their feet, knees, chest and head to touch the ball.

SIGN LANGUAGE



These two cuties followed us around for the two days we spent in Mae Hoi Lo Duc.

FIT FOR LIFE



HOMEBOUND!

We've been blessed by some wonderful friends who have invited us to stay with them while we visit Hawaii this year!

One thing we are lacking is a set of wheels to get around while we are home.

If you have a car that we can rent or borrow from June 1st to July 23rd, we would be so very thankful.

You can reach us via email at boyers808@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Through the generous grant from the U.S. State Department, ZOE now has a complete fitness and workout room. We have everything from a 6-station multi-gym and Smith machine to boxing apparatus, elliptical, dumbbells, barbells, kettle bells and medicine balls. All this equipment is set up in an open-air, 900-square-foot facility.

Now there's no excuse for any of our missionaries, Thai staff, leadership school students, or ZOE children to be out of shape!

Our new gym is the latest sports resource to be added to our campus. At ZOE we now have a swimming pool, trampoline, bicycles, playground equipment, ping-pong tables, as well as basketball, soccer, volleyball, badminton, and takraw courts.

We believe that physical activity and exercise are integral to the healing process for trafficking survivors.

Exercise has tremendous therapeutic benefits for all kids but especially for children who have been through traumatic experiences. Studies show that physical activity can lead to better grades, improved concentration, and more restful sleep. With exercise, it is proven that kids are mentally sharper, display more confidence, have less stress and are even in better moods throughout the day.

Our goal is to give each of our ZOE children as much opportunity for a successful life as possible. By encouraging our kids and staff to embrace a healthy lifestyle, we will all soon be fit as a fiddle!

ETERNALLY GRATEFUL

PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR SUPPORT will have an impact far beyond the time and work we will put in during our stay here.

Your generosity is helping to restore lives to children who have had their lives stolen from them in unimaginable ways. Thank you!

Your donations are 100% tax deductible. Please make checks to "ZOE" and mail to our P.O. box in Hawaii (please write "Boyers" on the memo line). Credit card or eCheck donations can be made online at www.gozoe.org/boyer. You can also set up automatic recurring donations on the website. Thank you and God bless you!

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BACK IN THE USA!



EVERY TWO YEARS WE ARE BLESSED with a trip back to America to visit family, friends, and supporters.

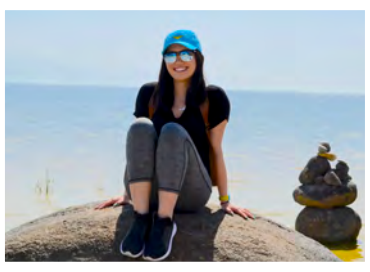
In May we will attend Elli's graduation from Wheaton College and spend some time visiting folks on the Mainland. Then we're back in Hawaii from about June 1st until our return to Thailand on July 24th.

We love to share about our work at ZOE and would appreciate any opportunity to speak at your church, club, school, or other organization to tell others about ZOE and the fight against human trafficking. Also, let us know if you are interested in hosting a gathering of your friends, family, or co-workers to meet us over coffee or dessert.

We are continually humbled that God has enabled us to be a part of this work for His Kingdom. And equally humbled that you have partnered with us to make it happen!

ISRAEL IS REAL!

ELLI



This spring I traveled to Israel for nine days of a jam-packed trip of biblical pilgrimages, geo-political lectures, and insightful local perspectives.

Favorites included Masada and the Golan Heights, but the most memorable was the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Standing on the green and jagged cliffside, reading and reflecting on Matthew 5, I was taken back to when Jesus walked and ministered in the flesh. After a time of meditation, I was able to recite from memory the 8 Beatitudes in Chinese that my Mandarin class had been learning. This was a poignant reminder of the universal and timeless nature of the Bible – words made relevant and accessible to every tribe and nation, spanning the centuries, yet still powerful today.

As an aspiring missionary, it was intense to be in the birthplace of Christian missions. While Israel today is a unique mash-up of cutting-edge technology, religious tension, and mouth-watering delicacies, there remains part of the Holy Land that has been preserved and celebrated by millions of Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

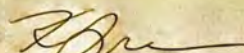
I will cherish the context I gained from Israel every time I open the Scriptures: a land blossoming with olive trees and teeming with people; a place where the Founder and Perfecter of our faith lived, ministered, and died for us and for our salvation.

The Commanding Officer, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command
takes pleasure in commending

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DRAKE KEOKI BOYER
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For superior performance of his duties while serving as Enlisted Physics Instructor at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command from October 2017 to December 2017. Standing out in a group of exceptionally talented and dedicated staff members, his personal contribution greatly improved the command's mission. As an instructor, he provided invaluable insight and training for over 37 students with a 100 percent course completion rate and overall grade point average of 3.42. His exceptional example and influence will have a lasting impact on the successful careers of the students he influenced. While performing these demanding duties, he continually strived to provide outstanding instruction, including providing professional development to all he came in contact with. Additionally, he flawlessly executes his assigned duties as the divisional Exam Security Coordinator, the Command Assistant Fitness Enhancement Program Coordinator, and the Command Lateral Transfer Coordinator. Through his professionalism, dedication and resourcefulness, he has made a significant, positive contribution to achieving the command's training mission while setting the standard for sustained superior performance. His outstanding achievements resulted in his selection as the Nuclear Power School Officer Instructor of the Quarter for First Quarter Fiscal Year 2018. Ensign Boyer's personal initiative and unswerving devotion to duty reflected credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.


E. M. BYRNE
Commanding Officer

A REASON TO RESCUE

Until she was 7, she lived in a mountaintop Karen village of only 9 families, no electricity, and no running water. Her father was a farmer and a preacher, working land and hearts for a precious harvest. The second of 8 children, she never knew what a full stomach felt like. At 7, she moved to a village with a school and soon realized she wanted a better life – and that education was the key.

This is Fah's story.

Setting her mind to work, after high school she attended Chiang Mai Rajabhat University, graduating with a degree in community development. Her first job was at a children's center where, one day, she received a call from a stranger asking if she wanted to work at a place called ZOE. In December 2005 she began at ZOE as childcare staff. After a year, ZOE asked her to join our Child Rescue team and she's been rescuing kids



ever since. Along the way, Fah received her Social Worker license as well as a license under the national Child Protection Act which authorizes her to take custody of children to remove them from dangerous situations.

When asked what motivates her to advocate for trafficked children, she says that because she once had nothing and God rescued her, that now she wants to give back and knows that God desires to use her to rescue others. Jeremiah 17:7-8 is her favorite Bible verse.

Fah met Three at ZOE and they were married in a 2011 ceremony Ron officiated (*see our Winter 2011 edition*).

Window shopping and time with friends are her favorite leisure activities.

Fah is grateful to ZOE's leadership for being good role models and she is thankful for the things she's learned at ZOE, especially those things to do with leading a disciplined life of faith.

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ZOE protects the identity and dignity of children and does not show trafficked children.