

THE BOYER OHANA



ZOE's Land in Los Angeles County



Groundbreaking Ceremony

ZOE Los Angeles

There are more slaves in the world today than at any time in the history of the world. Let that sink in for a moment . . .

Thailand is not the only place where children are trafficked. Thousands of children are forced to provide sex for hire every day in America. Today, after years of successful results in Thailand, ZOE is expanding our services to children in America.

ZOE International has worked in Los

Angeles for many years, providing support and services for minors who have been trafficked. With God's help, we purchased 50 acres of land in Los Angeles County in 2016.

Safety and emergency housing are the two greatest needs for U.S. trafficking victims. Many children simply do not have families to go home to. At ZOE Los Angeles, a team of professionals will provide trauma-informed care, relational support, educational

services, life skills and vocational training, mentoring, advocacy, therapeutic care, and unconditional love and acceptance.

The process of restoration is long and challenging, but we know from our years of caring for kids who have been trafficked that it can be done. Our goal is to restore lives and fight trafficking in our own nation.

This is ZOE's plan to provide healing, restoration, hope, peace and love. This is ZOE's mission everywhere in the world!

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST



Some artists prefer to work with oils or ink, but we think the best work with chalk!

COUNTRY COOKING



Dig a trench . . . fill with wood . . . put on a pot of food . . . *voilà!* . . . dinner is served!

25 YEARS STRONG!



We celebrated our 25th anniversary this May and are looking forward to the next 25!

LOVE IS IN THE AIR



We have attended dozens of weddings since coming to Thailand but recently we were blessed to take part in two extra-special ZOE-related ceremonies.

The first involved a 5-hour journey to a remote mountain village, some of it in 4-wheel drive! But it was well worth it because we were invited to participate in the union of one of our former ZOE girls who was marrying a fine young Christian man she met working at a local restaurant. Ron was privileged to give a special encouragement to the newlyweds.

What made this occasion so precious was that this young lady was the first ZOE child to befriend Elli when we arrived eight and a

half years ago! We will never forget this friendly teenager grabbing our wide-eyed daughter's hand during our first Friday Night Worship at ZOE and making her feel like part of the ZOE ohana.

Ron also officiated at the wedding of a long-time ZOE staffer who got married at a local Chiang Mai church. The nuptials were attended by just about every ZOE family member. That's one large clan! We even were surprised to witness a rare occurrence for a Thai wedding: a modest peck on the cheek after the couple was pronounced husband and wife!

Sharing these special moments with our Thai friends and family brings such great joy to our hearts!

OUR PRAYERS

ARE FOR ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN SO that we can remain in Thailand doing the work to which we know God has called us.

We never cease to be amazed at how many generous hearts are standing with us.

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

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Heart Prints



Congratulations to the ZOE children who were on the team that won the National Cricket Championship! Your hard work has paid off, and we couldn't be more proud!



Every year Cissy teaches "The Starbucks Experience" to ZOE Leadership Training (ZLT) school's 2nd-year students, then takes them to one of the chains 11 Chiang Mai stores where they can spend a 140 baht (\$4.00) gift card for their own Starbucks experience!



We may be thousands of miles away but you're in our hearts!



A feast fit for a wedding! Traditional village wedding meal.



A 2019 ZLT school graduate with his proud Lahu parents!



ZOE's summer program continued with a splash in our pool, water activities, exciting challenges, a chance to cool down, and team games!



ZOE kids read a combined total of over 1,000 hours in Cissy's 2019 Summer Reading Club!

WORK HARD — PLAY HARD

In 2014, Nat enrolled in our 2-year residential ZOE Leadership Training (ZLT) school, graduating four years later. You see, 5 months before his class graduated, Nat was conscripted for a 2-year stint into the Thai Air Force!

After boot camp and learning to play the trumpet, he was assigned to a base where he played reveille and taps for 6 months before catching the attention of a high-ranking officer who tapped him to be his personal assistant.

Never one to sit idle, Nat learned to cut hair on YouTube and asked for permission to open a base barber shop on his off hours where some days he had over 20 customers.

But his desire was to complete what he had started 4 years before and so, after discharge, Nat returned to ZLT in 2017 to finish his studies.

After graduating, Nat helped to establish a church in Chiang Mai and expand his father's 10-

year radio evangelism ministry to include videos on YouTube. It wasn't long before ZOE recruited this outstanding student-soldier to join our ranks in the fight against human trafficking and raising up the next generation of Thai leaders.

In February 2019 Nat was hired as Dean of Men at ZLT where his goal is to help them study, improve their skills, and understand the value of spending time with God. In his spare time, Nat takes some of the most beautiful photographs we've ever seen, plays the guitar and keyboards, and serves on ZOE's worship team.

The most important thing Nat says he's learned at ZOE is how to worship God. "I learned worship is not just singing or playing music. It is getting into and enjoying the presence of God."

Nat is very humble and would never blow his own horn but we will: when ZOE scored Nat, we were so jazzed all we could say was "Bravo!"



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