



ANNUAL REPORT

Freedom's Promise

2016



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I consider it a privilege to have had another year serving with this incredible organization committed to the prevention of human trafficking and child exploitation. For a decade now, Freedom's Promise has empowered Cambodia by working with indigenous partners who share our core values in order to combat an industry that exploits people for money.

Whatever your connection may be with Freedom's Promise, you are so very valuable to us and we need you in order to carry out our mission. Together, we focus on the prevention side of human trafficking and child exploitation through education, skills, healthcare, and God's truth. We've been able to effectively reduce the level of risk in our communities, allowing them to become increasingly stable and healthy. Currently, the United Nations estimates that human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry worldwide. To put this number in perspective, it is GREATER than Starbucks, Coca-Cola, and Target Stores combined annual revenue last year. As a father myself, it is hard to imagine that this exists on such a tremendous scale, so please consider increasing your partnership with us in 2017.

In review, 2016 was an incredible year for us, and we are so excited for God's plan for us and our mission. We are so thankful to our partners and supporters for their bountiful donations. Because of your support this year we were able to educate more than 600 children, provide safe spaces for play, advance our sewing center to employ women, and introduce hundreds to the Lord.

We are also blessed by the fearless leadership of our Executive Director, Tiffany Atkinson, who has worked diligently along our team of leaders, volunteers, and board of directors this year. Tiffany has led with faith, excellence, intention, and compassion since her beginnings with Freedom's Promise.

We look forward to what 2017 may bring, and realize that your partnership is critical to our existence and expansion.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for joining our fight to prevent the trafficking and exploitation of children.

Yours truly,



Eric L. Riffer
Chairman



TESTIMONIES

At Every Point, Lives Changed



Yee Lita, School Sponsorship Program



Sokun, Sewing Center



Voice of Hope Radio Program

It starts with a child like **Yee Lita**, who hit roadblocks as she tried for an education. She had parents who worked, but could not make enough money to send her to school. Her bike broke, meaning an arduous walk. But the school sponsorship program changed all that. Yee Lita now has a reliable bike, support to go to school, and most importantly, hope.

"I was able to study at a better school and have better transportation now," says Yee Lita. "I'm so grateful that through this sponsorship program, my parents are so encouraged. I believe that through this sponsorship program, it would really help me fulfill my dream to be a teacher someday. I'll have a better future and I could help my family and my community around me."

And when a woman – as a child or adult – is empowered, her life continues to change.

For **Sokun**, a 29-year-old woman born to a large family in rural Battambang Province, it was Nary, our sewing center teacher who taught Sokun how to sew and mend clothing. Shy by nature, Sokun farmed her family's land at the mercy of unpredictable weather. With her mother bed-ridden due to heart troubles and her father older in age, Sokun and her siblings struggled for basic provision.

But learning to sew has been transformational. "I know I am capable because of this program," says Sokun. Her learned skills boost her confidence daily, and are also a safeguard against falling victim to labor or sex trafficking. She now makes enough money for the family to feel more financially secure, and can work flexibly at home when she needs to care for her mother.

Even to the general population, stigmas are changing. **Kanha**, a 42-year-old mother of two, looked down on the women who worked in the "entertainment" industry – a common posture among Cambodians. Never thinking someone could be forced into that kind of work, she assumed women chose a life of selling their bodies. Hearing the stories of women's lives changed on our sponsored **Voice of Hope radio program** is changing her worldview.

Kanha is learning that love can lead us to believe in the dignity of all people. Our faith in Christ leads us to act and think differently, replacing judgement with compassion as a tool in the fight against human trafficking. Kanha now wants to go to church. And she does all she can for her son to finish school so that he has more opportunity in life.

*Lives changed.
At every point, and with such conviction that
we are confident they will impact others.*

NOTEWORTHY ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accreditations and Awards



Became a member of the Alliance for Freedom, Restoration, and Justice



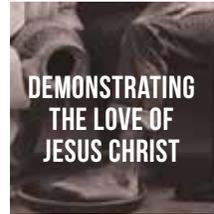
Became a member of the Freedom Business Alliance



In honor of his late wife Michal Ann Goll, James Goll entrusted her ministry of Compassion Acts to Freedom's Promise. This gift allows us to physically build in communities while developing relationships, resulting in beautiful and safe spaces for children!

New Mission Statement

It is our mission to bring freedom to the oppressed by



Awareness and Volunteers

90

Roles or more were filled by 50 volunteers

57

People served with our programs in Cambodia

21

Awareness presentations and Fair Trade Events

4,200

Individuals received awareness information on the prevention work against human trafficking and child exploitation

Fair Trade

Produced exclusive Fair-Trade product for Thistle Farms



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

35%

Organizational year-over-year growth

164%

Two year growth

34.7%

Program growth from 2015 to 2016

Raised over **\$183,000**

at three fundraising events in 2016

The Big Payback raised **\$38,000** with 94 gifts

Ministry Breakfast raised **\$64,000** with 104 attendees

Striking the Root raised **\$81,000** with 215 attendees

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY CORE COMPONENTS

of our Human Trafficking Prevention Model



EDUCATION

35 students supported by university dorms

Provided education for a total **655 vulnerable children**

Provided **400 children** with a new playground allowing a safe play space

Built **30 school desks** on Cambodia trip

More than **20 teachers** received quality improvement trainings focused on best teaching practices for Early Childhood and English as a Second Language

INCOME-GENERATION

Empowered **53 women** through fair trade and skills training

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

330 adults and **538 children** received training making a total of **868 people**

16 provinces strengthened against human trafficking through our trafficking awareness radio broadcast

539 people received quality healthcare through Freedom's Promise health clinics

91 individuals attended a Community Health Evangelism (CHE) training

3 CHE leaders received certification to facilitate community-based trainings

278 accepted Jesus as their savior

Average church attendance was **330 people**

Equipped **93 pastors** for building the local church

COMMUNITY HEALTH

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Jesus Christ came to seek and save the lost, serving the least of these along the way. In Matthew 28:19, He commanded us to “go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” These words inspire and drive us in our daily ministry.

The past six years of our missionary endeavours have been very challenging, however, it has also been a successful journey. As we pursue the vision God has given us, our realm of influence and responsibility has continued to increase. The essential part of this vision is to set the captives free from the bondage of poverty that drives people to do illegal activities like prohibited drugs, prostitution, and even exploitation.

After moving to the Thailand-Cambodian border in 2009, we observed there was no proper education available to the students in our area and the communities were extremely vulnerable. We began to focus on setting up a development plan for the children and their respective families to break the bondage of poverty. Moreover, we set up preventive measures against human trafficking and exploitation by educating them, raising awareness in their communities, providing them transportation to school, and encouraging them to pursue their dreams and live a life full of purpose and worship.

God has blessed us through our partnership with Freedom’s Promise; together we have enrolled 180 children in our program. As of April 2017, 100 of these children have received a sponsorship (35 by Freedom’s Promise) to study in one of the best schools in our city. Besides being students, these children are also aspiring musicians, volunteer teachers at our learning center, and actively involved in village outreaches.

We are looking forward to expanding and to having an additional school and educational center in Cambodia, in order to be a catalyst of development in nation building and promoting the spiritual lives of the people. We believe that achieving this goal requires faithful partners and collaborators.

We appreciate your prayers and generous partnership in setting the captives free to walk freely in the loving hands of God!

With Gratitude,

Perlito and Rose Gatmen
Missionaries, (Cambodia)

PROGRAM

summary

Restoration of Vulnerable Children

52 adults received human trafficking awareness education
98 people accepted Jesus Christ as their savior
42 average church attendance
46 students in supplemental classes
9 women in sewing/business centers
145 attended a health clinic

Light of the Future

101 adults and 448 children received human trafficking awareness education
7 people accepted Jesus Christ as their savior
Average church attendance of 34 people
140 students educated
67 people attended a Community Health Evangelism (CHE) training
110 people attended a health clinic

New Life of Hope

107 adults received human trafficking awareness education
87 people accepted Jesus Christ as their savior
Average church attendance of 126 people
175 students enrolled in supplemental classes
218 students educated
17 people attended a CHE training
67 people attended a health clinic

Voice of Hope Radio Broadcast Project

238 callers in 2016; 1107 callers since program inception
Hosted 40 guest speakers
Awareness broadcast to 16 provinces with topics including prevention education on human trafficking, safe migration, and discrimination against people groups
21 home visits to callers
Disease prevention and awareness teaching to over 4,000 people

Bridge of Hope

Formalized a child sponsorship program
70 adults and 90 children received human trafficking awareness education
86 people accepted Jesus Christ as their savior
Average church attendance of 128 people
196 students educated
7 people attended a CHE training
217 people attended a health clinic

THIS IS PREVENTION AT WORK

After hearing our radio broadcasting program that provides awareness for prevention of human trafficking, this man came to a meeting in his province that we hosted. He shared that he used to be the owner of a sex entertainment place where women were exploited.

An encounter with Voice of Hope led one Cambodian listener away from the problem and towards the change.

Now, he has stopped running this business and better understands the difficult situations that some women face concerning dignified employment. This listener has committed to helping change the culture of Cambodia in regards to the expectations of women in the workplace.



AN INCREDIBLE YEAR



Dear Freedom's Promise Family,

It was again an incredible year of serving alongside our program partners in Cambodia and under the leadership of the Stateside Freedom's Promise team. We are humbled, encouraged, and beyond grateful for the opportunity to serve as missionaries under the integrity, empowering mind-set, and vision of Freedom's Promise.

As we reflect on the year 2016, the Lord's hand is evident in both the strategic organizational and relational growth that has happened. We have had the privilege of inviting friends and other missionaries into this rare community of leaders who are committed to working together, regardless of the unexpected challenges that life may bring. People of the nations have been drawn to the heart and vision of Freedom's

Promise, yearning to join with a ministry that honors God, values partnership, and holds people in high regard.

Your prayers and support have kept us going when the world has said there is no way for these areas to flourish. You were there with us as we prayer-walked the streets of slum areas and gave hugs in Jesus' name. You held a seat on the wooden bench as we taught disease prevention, gave medical care, and prayed for the sick to receive healing from illnesses that plagued some individuals for years. You stood beside us when our eyes took in the sight of children playing on newly built playgrounds and our ears heard the laughter that filled the air. You huddled together with us in a circle as we met with teachers and excitedly cast vision for opportunities of higher education. You sat crisscross with us on the floor, watching as smiles spread across the faces of women who were offered employment, which means they are now able to receive a consistent income for their families.

Each of these moments would not have been possible without you. The passion, time, finances, and skills you continuously pour into this ministry have not gone unnoticed. From the deepest parts of our hearts, thank you for your commitment to see an end to human trafficking and the Kingdom of Heaven brought to earth.

With Love,
Stacey & Thomas Wensil

WE ARE CHANGING A MINDSET

We believe in a world where people never own the heartbreaking story of human trafficking. Although this vision is big, it begins person by person - empowering and equipping them to know their self-worth. It is changing a mind-set of entire communities to bring them to a place of stability and wholeness; utilizing the community as their support system to fight off the lies of traffickers and the desperation that poverty can bring.

Our team who reside in both the U.S. and Cambodia are committed to building a global community across cultural and geographical borders that acknowledges each individual as one who is created in the Image of God. Each person has passions and a purpose that align with his/her commitment to serve as Christ did, with humility and respect for others. It's from this standpoint that we built our organization and continually approach every relationship that is critical to our work.



Tiffany Atkinson, Executive Director

FREEDOM'S PROMISE STAFF



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WE CONSIDER FREEDOM'S PROMISE TO BE A GROUP OF CHAMPIONS LIKE YOU

who are fighting human trafficking and loving the least of these

WOULD YOU CONSIDER PLAYING A GREATER PART IN OUR WORK THIS YEAR?

GIVE

Support Freedom's Promise financially through a monthly partnership or one-time gift. For more information on financial partnership, email contact@freedomspromise.org.

give today at
www.freedomspromise.org/donate

SERVE

Serve with us locally or in Cambodia. Email contact@freedomspromise.org to receive next steps and more information on becoming a volunteer.

serve today at
www.freedomspromise.org/volunteer

SHOP

Shop our fair trade products and tell others about these products that make for great gifts. Proceeds support at-risk women in the fight against human trafficking.

shop today at
www.freedomspromise.org/fp-shop

PRAY

Pray for us, for our partners, for this work, and for the people served. Email us to receive our monthly prayer email and information on upcoming prayer gatherings.

pray today at
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