Borderless Friendship WA (BFWA)
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Working to enhance the lives of hill tribe children in Northern Thailand

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Our work – equitable regardless of gender, religion, hill tribe group and for those most in need.

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Issues for hill tribe people

- Remote – on borders - hidden
- Nationless (no ID)
- Becoming ‘early’ parents
- Limited access to health care
- Limited access to education
- Poverty
- Discrimination

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Thai identification (ID) = HOPE
A long and expensive process for the children

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AREA OF WORK FOR BFF

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PRAMOTE:
Qualifications:
B Community Development
Master of Agriculture

• Respected Lahu (Hill Tribe)
• Formerly with Heifer International
• Consultant with Royal Projects – supported by King of Thailand/Royal Family
• Founded Borderless Friendship Foundation in 2008
• Rotarian (Past president)
Many hill tribes – 1.5-2 million in Northern Thailand

- Lahu – Black, Red, Yellow, Shalae
- Akha
- Karen
- Hmong
- Lisu

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7 hostels located within the triangle below

- 2 hostels LOC-35; Home of Hope-20
- Kae-Noi
  - Chiang Mai to Kae Noi - 4WD windy/difficult drive - 4 hrs
- Chiang Dao
  - Chiang Dao Leadership Home 65
- Huayjakan
  - Chiang Mai to Huayjakan - 2.5 hours
  - School/hostel Training centre

- Phrao
  - 2 hostels 35+24
  - Chiang Mai to Phrao - 2 hours

- Golden Triangle
  - Chiang Mai to Chiang Rai - 3.5 hours
  - Chiang Rai
  - 1 hostel 1 hr from Chiang Rai 60+8 children

- CMR 4 Others 10
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Without education and BFF

- Inconsistent & insufficient food supply.
- Parents too poor to send children to school.
- Shelters exposed to weather.
- Limited access to school.
- Diseases such as malaria and Dengue fever.
- Unsafe water - diarrhoea and poor hygiene.

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5 components of ending the remaining poverty trap
Prof. Jeffrey Sachs – UN advisor

#1 Human capital, reduce fertility, health education, job skills

2. Sustainable agriculture
3. Industrial and services promotion
4. Rural & urban infrastructure – electricity, phones
5. Government – stability and management

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Maslow’s hierarchy of needs

- **Physiological needs:** food, water, warmth, rest
- **Safety needs:** security, safety
- **Belongingness and love needs:** intimate relationships, friends
- **Esteem needs:** prestige and feeling of accomplishment
- **Self-actualization:** achieving one’s full potential, including creative activities

Levels:
- Basic needs
- Psychological needs
- Self-fulfillment needs
OUR WORK
at many
locations

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Before

Yohan & Hannah’s Prao Roadside Hostel

After

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Education — the key to breaking cycles of poverty (UNICEF)

- The longer a girl stays in school, the greater the probability that she will stay out of sex work

- School attendance builds social networks and limits the hours children can work

- While studying, children are not leaving their villages for sex employment in cities.

- Better educated girls and boys are much less likely to fall for the promises made by brokers
Leadership Home
Chiang Dao
Opened Jan 7th 2017
Leadership Home – before and after kitchen

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Sustainable agriculture

NOW – pigs, rice mill, and chickens

Thank you Rotary Club – Katanning - rice mill and corn grinder

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Sustainable agriculture

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Sponsorship

BFWA is coordinating sponsorship
*$30 a child per month
* pledges to support 270+ children
26 children urgently need a sponsor

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Human trafficking

• Approximately **1.2 million children** are trafficked each year world wide.

• In Thailand, between 50,000-60,000 children are involved in the sex trade many of these are hill tribe children.

UN – Human trafficking: the facts
CATW- Coalition Against the Trafficking of Women, 2010
Sex work & sex trafficking

Sex work causes physical and emotional pain

- HIV/AIDS
- and other STIs
- Other diseases – TB
- Pregnancy

• Erratic condom use
• $$$ expensive
Mooditj sexuality & relationship education weekend workshops for 60+ twice a year

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Mooditj sexuality and relationship education weekends

Appropriate and fun for indigenous youth aged 12-18 yrs

• Self identity
• Puberty & caring for your body
• Understanding emotions
• Relationships
• STIs
• Gender, power & sexual rights
• Parenting
• Identifying goals & dreams

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Sexuality & Relationships Education
Outcomes of the workshops

• Young people and carers expressed their enthusiasm for the engaging and informative workshops.
• Confident to speak about issues relating to sexuality was increased.
• Empowered to remain at school, engage in safe sex, and not ‘marry early’.
“It is up to each and every one of us to raise our voice against crimes that deprive countless victims of their liberty, dignity and human rights.”

Ban Ki-moon – Past UN Secretary-General

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