

## MANN



## Lori & Matt Mann

### SOUTHEAST ASIA

#### LANGUAGES

Lao  
Thai

#### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Abolishing Global Slavery,  
Economic Development,  
Education

#### BIRTHDAYS

Lori 12/30  
Matt 4/9



#### LOCATION

Southeast Asia



#### ABOUT

LORI and MATT serve in Laos and Thailand. In Laos, they work to bring hope and restoration to children and youth who have suffered or are at risk for the worst forms of abuse and exploitation. This includes street children, children in slum communities who are victims of abuse and domestic violence, and victims of

child labor and sex trafficking. The Manns do this by working alongside local Lao people and training them to minister to these children in a holistic way. In Thailand, Matt works with the Thailand Karen Baptist Convention in leadership development, rural community development, income generation, and community forestry. The Manns are not able to post journals or photos online.



Enjoying an outing with other girls from HOPE Girls' Home.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

"I'm not scared of ghosts," Sa said with a smile, "because I know how to pray to ask Jesus to protect me." When Sa was little, her house was near a temple where the ashes of many good Buddhists are kept in large cement urns.

When Sa first arrived at HOPE Girls' Home, she had recurring dreams of ghosts chasing her, trying to catch her. She was so scared that she would not go to the bathroom when it was dark. After Sa learned about Jesus, she learned that whenever she dreamed that ghosts were chasing her, she could ask Jesus to protect her. The first time she tried to pray, the ghosts kept chasing her. But the second and third time she prayed the ghosts quit chasing her. In fact, she no longer has scary dreams as often as she used to. She still gets a little scared and prays with the covers over her body and then falls asleep. "I want to try to pray even better!" she said with determination.

Sa is ten years old and has been in HOPE Girls' Home for one year. Her mother died when she was very young, and she does not remember her father. She was one

of many orphaned girls in Laos who are at high risk of being exploited and sold because they do not have safe places to live and they do not have anyone to provide for them or protect them.

Please pray for Sa, that her fear will completely disappear and that she will become a prayer warrior.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for an end to child exploitation and human trafficking.

Pray for us to have humility, guidance, and wisdom each time we have to make a decision concerning what's best for a child's life.

Pray for healing, restoration, and transformation in the children to whom we minister.

Pray for protection over this ministry and all those involved.

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## SCRIPTURE

*"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

Matthew 6:10 (NIV)