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Kit Ripley

THAILAND

LANGUAGE

Thai

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Abolishing Global Slavery,
Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAY

11/11



LOCATION

Thailand



ABOUT

Kit's primary ministry is with Imago Art Studio, an outreach of the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF in northern Thailand). She provides direct clinical care for survivors of trauma including sexual abuse, human trafficking, and domestic violence through therapeutic art groups and life-skills workshops.

She also promotes spiritual formation through preaching, Bible teaching, and facilitating art and contemplative prayer retreats.

Additionally, Kit provides support and consultation for the New Life Center administrative team and board of directors, does staff development and training, and assists with guest relations and promotional materials.



Wan graduated!



MINISTRY STORY

Wan came to work as a house mother at the New Life Center (NLC) in 2011. It quickly became apparent that she had a gift for listening to adolescents and providing wise and supportive guidance.

In 2016, Wan summoned her courage and approached the NLC administrative team to share her dream of becoming a professional counselor. She applied to Chiang Mai University (one of the top five schools in Thailand) and was accepted into the Faculty of Humanities. She was the only Akha tribal person in her class.

Wan was granted a NLC scholarship that covered about 70% of her tuition

and expenses, and we negotiated a flexible work schedule that enabled her to continue working at NLC and while attending school. She also received extra training and supervision from Peggy, a missionary from Malaysia who was serving as our psychological counselor at the time.

Wan recently graduated with her Master's in Counseling Psychology and stepped into Peggy's position as the NLC's full-time counselor. She is one of just a handful of Akha tribal people in Thailand with a Master's in Counseling and is highly respected by her peers.

The NLC is privileged to empower tribal women to be agents of change in their families and communities, and we celebrate Wan's success!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for inner healing for NLCF students through holistic care activities such as counseling, therapeutic art, education, and life skills training.

Pray for patience, wisdom, and encouragement for the dedicated NLCF national staff team.

Pray for deeper attentiveness to God's presence for art and prayer retreat participants.

SCRIPTURE

"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."

Proverbs 12:25 (NIV)