



PATTAYA, THAILAND

ANTI-TRAFFICKING OUTREACH

Sept 27- Oct 11, 2024

Join this exciting opportunity to make a difference in lives of women experiencing exploitation. The team will travel to one of the largest destinations for sex tourism in the world with an estimated 200,000 people trapped in the sex industry. We will learn and work alongside our partners, Not Abandoned, to offer women a way out of this life of oppression and bondage through their “Freedom Centers” which offers jobs skills training, counseling and resources for women. This is an experience that will grip your heart and forever change you!

Activities you can expect to participate in...

- **Street Outreach** – The team will visit women in the bars to build friendship, listen to their story, perhaps share a meal together, and offer her resources at the center.
- **Freedom Center** –The team would assist the Thai staff in specialized training or other activities at the center.

What you can expect logistically...

All flights, accommodation and transportation will be arranged by Not Abandoned. You can expect to stay in a hotel (with showers and flushing toilets) with 2 people to a room. The food will mostly be eaten in restaurants or prepared by our Thai staff at the center.

Service-Learning Trips provide an opportunity to:

- Grow our hearts for the nations
- Build deeper relationship with our global partners & our understanding of their ministry
- See what God is doing in the world and how we can be part of it
- Serve in practical ways wherever is most helpful
- Offer prayer and encouragement to our partners and other workers on the field
- Engage in mutually beneficial cultural exchanges
- Learn new ways of doing things or doing ministry from our local hosts.
- Be stretched out of our comfort zones and deepen our intimacy with God and one another.

**Inquire or Apply
Now!**

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PREPARATION

We recognize that participating in a trip like this can feel intimidating, however we are committed to help equip you for this experience. You don't need any special qualifications, just a willingness to show up and be used by God. However, in order for you to get the most out of your experience, there are some requests we do ask of you.

Training Meetings: Please attend all pre-trip training meetings (approx. six). These are vitally important to your personal preparation, as well as that of the team!

Prayer Team: Please build a prayer team of around 5-7 people who will commit to praying for you and the team throughout your experience.

Financial Team: Please invite friends and family to partner with you financially. This is an opportunity for others to be involved in the mission as well. We will equip you with resources on how to do this.

Open Heart: Please approach this experience with a posture of humility and an open heart. We have so much to learn from our hosts as well as what God wants to do personally in each of our lives. Keep in mind, the most important thing may not be the trip itself, but how God wants you to live as a result of your experience.



TEAM LEADER: Jeff McKinley – jeffmc@notabandoned.org



Jeff is the founder and co-director of Not Abandoned as well as an active member of Overlake for years. Recently he served as an elder for a number of years and now is assisting with our OCC Hispanic ministry.

Approx. Total Cost:
\$2,200 + Airfare

Trip Fee Includes:
Travel Insurance
Lodging & Meals
Daily Transportation
Ministry Expenses

Does Not Include:
Passport Fees
Immunizations
Meals in Airport
Personal Spending Money

Payment Deadlines:

Airfare Cost Due
5-6 months prior to
departure

Final Payment Due
1 month prior to departure

**Where to Make
Payments:**

Payments can be made via
check (made out to OCC) or
online at:

www.occ.org/give

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