PREVENTING CHILD EXPLOITATION through SCHOLARSHIPS & RESOURCES

THE freedom STORY
The problem

It’s estimated that up to 60,000 children are involved in the Thai commercial sex industry each year. The majority of these children are between 12 and 20 years old and come from the less-developed regions of Northern Thailand.

Our solution

Rather than focusing on rescue and rehabilitation, we keep Thai children from being trafficked into the industry in the first place. By providing scholarships and resources to the children we serve, we help them stay in school, complete their education in safety, and go on to lead free and happy lives.
Our story

When The Freedom Story’s founder, Rachel Sparks, first heard about child sexual exploitation in Northern Thailand, she knew she had to do something. She assembled a small film crew and traveled to Thailand. As Rachel and her crew interviewed sex worker after sex worker, common themes became apparent: poverty, a lack of education, and a lack of options.

The team had hired Tawee Donchai to work with them, and he invited the crew to his home village in Northern Thailand to see where many of these child sex workers came from. In this village, Rachel and the crew met Cat — the subject of our first documentary film.

This meeting changed everyone’s lives forever.

Jump forward 8 years...

With two resource centers for students of all ages, we have awarded over 180 scholarships to at-risk Thai students, increasing graduation rates by over 63%.
Our model

By providing a combination of scholarships, resources, mentorship, awareness, and sustainability we have successfully helped over 180 Thai students stay in school and have provided crucial resources for thousands more.

We help Thai children break the cycle of poverty by focusing our efforts on:

- **MENTORSHIP**
  Our Thai staff provides mentorship to our students.

- **RESOURCES**
  Such as art, tutoring, career counseling, computers, & English classes.

- **SCHOLARSHIPS**
  Opens the door to school for vulnerable children.

- **AWARENESS**
  Bi-annual human trafficking awareness training & family camps.

- **SUSTAINABILITY**
  Programs built on preventing the flight of talent & raising the local standard of living.

- **COMMUNITY**
  Programs & events for families & communities to help improve daily life.
Our impact

**Our Student Breakdown**

- 20% University
- 7% Associates
- 4% Technical
- 17% Vocational
- 21% High School
- 31% Primary School

- 62% female
- 38% male

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**181 Scholarships awarded**

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**22 Graduates**

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**1,610** Youths trained in prevention awareness & human rights

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**45,000+** Hours of community service completed per year

(All scholarship students complete mandatory community service hours)
Thank you

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