



THE PHOENIX ALLIANCE
RISE FROM ASHES

News from the Nest

Fourth Quarter 2021

October - November - December

End of Year in Thailand

It was another great year of growth and healing in Chiang Rai! Our project manager, Mari, reports:

"First of all we thank God for leading us through this year. We thank everyone who supported us and prayed for us. It was a horrible year because of the covid-19 pandemic. We could not do as many things as before and had to be aware at all times. Sometimes it felt as if our freedoms were going away. But by the grace of God we are still alive and no one got sick. "



Outdoor games at the rescue home Christmas party

Caring For Kids In And Out of Detention

This last quarter brought the chance to work with some new girls in the detention center, as well as some we have known from the center who are now back home. In the center we've taught the full course about human trafficking. We've studied the book of John, made gingerbread houses, completed art projects, and played board games. Outside the center we have taken the girls to lunch, baked cookies, taught the girls a little bit about woodworking, and helped with ongoing education opportunities. With the help of friends and our church family, we were able to provide a Christmas meal and gifts to the family of one of our girls in need.

We are beyond thankful for the partnership we've had with the Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center and each of the incredible people there. The program director, Ms. Cuthbertson, recently said the following about our work:

"The youth of the Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center have had the opportunity to meet with The Wheelers of The Phoenix Alliance for approximately two years now. The Wheelers have provided an invaluable service to mostly our female population during this time. The goal is to empower our youth through education, while bringing about a heightened level of awareness to the situations they have been placed in. Recognizing the dangers of their personal choices is key to preventing further abuse and trauma. Our population has certainly benefitted from the time they get to spend with The Wheelers each week and beyond for some of the female juveniles that have been released from custody. With parental consent, The Wheelers have also been able to provide aftercare services for the youth in order to help the girls stay on track. We are thankful to have connected with The Wheelers, as we focus on providing the best options for detained juveniles."

Full Steam Ahead in Indiana

by Shaana Robrock

This season of The Phoenix Alliance focused on establishing partnerships and expanding prevention/education initiatives in Northern Indiana. We had the privilege to connect with a diverse range of organizations: law enforcement agencies, social service departments, churches, community organizations, schools and universities.

In November we developed and presented a tailor-made Trafficking Education program to over 1,000 high school students. In addition, we provided a comprehensive Trafficking Information Session to a Ft. Wayne church and offered opportunities for engagement and partnership. The response was encouraging with many individuals reaching out to us in various ways of support. Shaana Robrock, our Indiana area director, also had the opportunity to attend the JuST Conference in Washington DC where she attended multiple workshops in order to gain valuable knowledge about anti-trafficking resources and methodologies.

December has been coined the “Month of Meetings.” We connected with multiple agencies and organizations, developing partnerships and exploring ways that we can expand and support this alliance. One of the most notable took place in a simple coffee shop in downtown Ft. Wayne. What began as a loose connection, the friend of a friend, resulted in a myriad of introductions and a better understanding of trafficking in the urban areas of NE Indiana. That one meeting has resulted in no less than 8 future partnerships..... not bad for a few cups of coffee. It has been such an encouragement to make personal connections with so many who are tirelessly working to advocate for the most vulnerable in our respective communities. It has been a consistent and welcomed reminder of the intricate beauty of God’s people, each of us uniquely gifted and positioned to love others.

Presentations: 2 large school districts, various law enforcement agencies (police, judiciary, probation), Emmanuel Community Church, Rotary Club, 2 universities

Partnerships: Child Advocacy Center, Residential Placement Agencies, Trauma Counselors/Therapists, Vice Squad, 2 area churches, DCS representatives, State Anti-trafficking coalition and task force.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Ethan and Kimberly will be traveling to Thailand in later February through early March. Please pray for all to go well with the ever-changing covid travel regulations in Thailand, and that their labor will be fruitful. Please continue to pray for the children they and other staff and volunteers have worked with and continue to work with; that they would desire to know God more and they would be healed from their trauma.