

A burden for lives

In 2007, we moved into one of the roughest areas of Thailand – Phetchabun, armed with nothing but a burden and passion for reaching the unreached. We started our work amongst the Hmong hill tribe, in an area where no one wanted to go because of the prevalence of drugs, gangs and challenging terrain.

What could a regular 26 year old Singaporean guy do? I was dismissed as an idealist by most. Only a handful saw the potential of RADION and I'm grateful for this handful who believed in us.

In the years since 2007, we sought to think 'out of the box' by trying out things that are unconventional to 'traditional' missions. By flipping the concept of charities upside down using creative business models, we were able to impact countless lives inside out!

In this newsletter I would like to share with you 3 amazing things that have happened this year!

The first is that RADION is now inaugurated as a not-for-profit organization in Singapore and we're going to inspire youths and Singaporeans alike to step out to make a difference.

The second part is about how your financial giving rescued 2 girls from being sold into slavery.

The third thing I want to share is how you can play your part by supporting a child through school

Be part of this change!



Eugene Wee is the founder & executive director of RADION International. A self confessing workaholic with a contagious passion to reach those whom the world has given up hope on.

Since the our started in 2007, RADION has dramatically expanded its scope into reaching high risk children, domestic violence victims and providing essential medical care to poverty stricken villagers.

Shocking. But it's true.

In January, this pair of sisters were put up for sale for 12,500bht (approximately US\$400) each, or to the highest bidder in the local black market. That's less than the price of an iPhone!

In recent years, hundreds if not thousands of children have been sold into child prostitution, most never to return home again.

Without education, citizenship and no one to cry out for help, the sisters were resigned to their fate. Their only hope? That their "owner" will have mercy, and hopefully treat them better than their step-father.

RADION quickly launched a daring rescue attempt that could potentially be life-threatening should things go wrong in the negotiation.

With each second that ticked away, the situation became more tense. There was even a valid offer by someone else for the older child.

Finally after a whole day of negotiations, we successfully pulled the two girls out of the black market and into safety.

Our hearts broke when the children told us how they were frequently beaten & battered up by the step-father. They told us of traumatic times when the younger girl was shoved into a gunny sack, tied and beaten up like a punching bag. The child almost suffocated to death.

Both Dee & Thor are now happily living in our STREETKIDS rehabilitation shelter and are looking forward to going to school.

We could not have saved Dee & Thor if not for your financial giving.

Want to know how you join others to play a part in this life changing effort ?

Write to general@radion-international.org

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She foraged through rubbish to survive



"...i would forage through the trash and leftovers from the night market. Most times its already rotting, but sometimes it is still edible."

– Kita, 8, Hmong Hill Tribe, Phetchabun

Kita was referred to us by a local villager who saw the girl foraging for food at the night market. Together with her sister, Nuu, Kita was severely undernourished and their scarred little bodies stand testimony to the physical abuse they endured through their childhood.

RADION's STREETKIDS sponsors are a very special bunch of people. People who take vested interest in the child's development, people who talk to the kids first hand, know how they really tick. Not just a picture you get in the mailbox.

Your sponsorship goes directly to the child you sponsor. It goes into the child's meals, transport, schooling, everything that is needed to propel the child out of the poverty cycle.

We take child sponsorship very seriously simply because the child takes it very seriously! Its not just about the money. Its about caring enough to care, and embarking on a lifelong journey with these little ones.

That's what that makes our STREETKIDS! Program different. Know how you can sponsor a child !
Contact : shirleen.ng@radion-international.org

CHILD SPONSORSHIP



Your choice to be part of the **CHANGE.** **CREATE CHANGE FOR TOMORROW!**



1. SPREAD THE WORD !

Tell your friends & family about RADION.

2. GET INVOLVED !

Get your company, school or church to be part of this.

3. GIVE !

Sponsor a child ? Or Give towards RADION's general fund. The choice is yours !

Ask all your life changing questions here !

general@radion-international.org

or

visit us here at

www.radion-international.org

One more thing....

Experience what its like to impact a child's life for 4 days! Volunteer in Apr 12-16, bring the Streetkids out for the Songkran (Water Splashing) festival in Chiang Mai.

SGD800 (Includes all meals, land transportation, twin share accommodation)

*All proceeds will go towards the streetkids programe

