

Monologues



Restoration

My name is Lalana. I am from Isaan in Northeast Thailand where there are 25 million people. It is the poorest part of Thailand. My father is a farmer. Before my mother died she used to make baskets to sell in the market. Our family was very poor. I did not get to go to school because my father could only afford to send my brothers. Our family was like almost all others in our village because we were Buddhist.

When I was 15 I traveled 600 kilometers, or about 380 miles, to Bangkok to look for work. I needed to help provide for my family. Because I did not have an education or any skills training it was not possible to find a job.

I was desperate and started working in the sex tourism area of Patpong. There are over 4,000 who work there each night. I got two nights off each month so I never had time to return home to see my family.

When a customer would choose me he would pay the bar to release me for the night. Then I had to negotiate what he would pay me. When men bought me drinks I earned a percent of each drink.

One night some team members from Rahab Outreach came and bought cola for me. I had seen a sign for their ministry in Patpong but was not sure who they were. They seemed to be very nice and like me, Lalana, not because I was a prostitute. They told me they could train me in hairdressing and help me start a new life.

Because I was obligated to the bar for a month at a time I had to wait for a month to end before I could go with the Rahab team. They took me to a safe place and taught me about Jesus. It took me a long time before I really trusted them or believed in Jesus. I learned English while I was training to work in our new hair shop. When I first started working someone from Rahab came three times each week to mentor me and the others in business management. I used to rely on Rahab to provide for me but now I am making good money and will soon be self sufficient. The people at Rahab are like a new family to me and I know they are always praying for me.