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Give to One Great Hour of Sharing



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In Thailand, a 13-year-old girl arrives at the New Life Center, seeking relief from the cruel conditions that have brought her here. Her life up to this point has been mostly about survival. Here, she meets others like her. Some are survivors of sexual abuse, domestic violence or human trafficking. Some have been forced to work when they wanted to go to school.

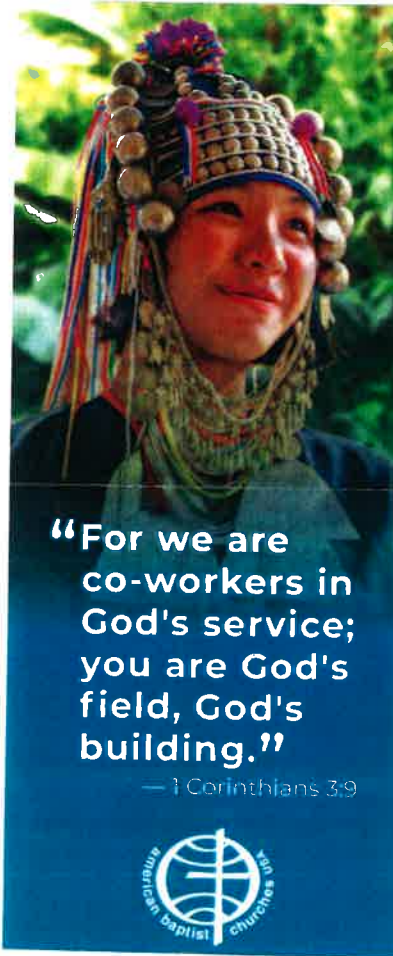
*What will the future be like when she is empowered to share her gifts with her community and the world?*

At the New Life Center she is met with the investment of time, support, and resources. And she is loved. She is allowed to imagine a new future. Finishing school. Learning a trade. Even going to University to earn a degree.

In 1 Corinthians 3:9 Paul writes that we are all co-workers together in God's service. Some of us plant. Some of us water. But God gives the growth. Paul reminds us that we are all called into the service of God, who cares for each and every one of us. What could the future be like when we work to plant and water together, and trust God to give the growth?

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you invest in the futures of these girls and countless others like them. Your gifts go to provide education, vocational training, basic necessities and much-needed community support. When we share the love of Christ in this way, we see lives transformed. Not just their lives, but ours as well. Because when we empower girls to build a life for themselves, we help God build a better world for us all.

As we invest in futures and serve as co-workers with God, the future becomes one of endless possibility and opportunity. What a great return on our investment!



**“For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.”**

— 1 Corinthians 3:9



## Celebrating More Than Three Decades of Investment



American Baptists have been investing in the futures of girls at the New Life Center (NLC) for over 30 years. American Baptist International Ministries missionaries Paul and Elaine Lewis founded the NLC in 1987 and Lauran Bethell, Karen Smith, Kit Ripley and Jeni Pedzinski have provided leadership there alongside NLC's tribal staff. In the last 30 years, the NLC has invested in the futures of over 1,000 young women. Today graduates are employed in areas that include government, business, banking, human rights advocacy, non-profit administration, Christian ministry, healthcare, social work, tailoring, and food services. Many are happily married and raising families. Thank you for the investment you have already made in the lives of girls and women through the ministry of the NLC. Your generosity through One Great Hour of Sharing continues to witness to the power of God to transform lives.



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