

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Sponsorship Opportunities



For Freedom International was started by a dream of the Christian & Missionary Alliance of Canada to see the marginalized, vulnerable, and exploited set free from the injustice of oppression. That dream has drawn our team from around the globe to Thailand, where limited means, lack of education, and the normalization of exploitation has led to the devaluing of human dignity through the sex trade. FFI works in the province of Phuket, one of the largest sex tourism destinations in Southeast Asia, and has implemented a holistic ministry approach, trusting God to bring true freedom.

We believe that every person, no matter their background, has inherent worthiness, and we work to restore wholeness and bring out potential. By choosing to join our Vocational Training Program, vulnerable and exploited Thai youth and women have the chance to grow, thrive, and look ahead to a future filled with hope.

Our Vocational Training Program is now in its third with four students learning baking and four students learning hair styling. You can sponsor one of them on this 10-month comprehensive learning experience.



BAKING

Our baking program helps students learn a new trade while being empowered to know their own value and skill. Students are trained in the chemistry of baking, the uses of different types of ingredients and equipment, cake decorating, production planning, and sales. The goal is for these women to eventually be able to open their own bakery or be employed in the commercial baking industry.



SALON

Our salon program is designed to empower students through an education in hair design, which allows them to grow creatively, know their own worth, and bring out the beauty in others. Students are trained in hair cutting, barbering, hair coloring, hair styling, professionalism, and client services. After finishing the program, students will be equipped to work in the hair industry or open their own salon.



LIFE SKILLS AND DISCIPLESHIP

Our baking and salon vocational training students are brought together daily to be discipled through God's Word. Students also have weekly classes in personal and professional budgeting and finance, personal and commercial health and hygiene, English, and other life skills that equip them for their futures. Furthermore, FFI recognizes that some of the the women in our program have experienced a lot in their lives, and so we place a high value on restorative, trauma-centered care.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Our baking and salon students have come from difficult situations before entering the Vocational Training Program. They are brave, strong, and resilient students who are in the midst of life transformation, and you can be a part of their journey!

The Details:

- Sponsors receive quarterly student updates so that they can follow student progress and successes
- Sponsorships assist with monthly living costs and vocational training supplies, as well as with the stipend given to help students save and prepare for their futures
- Monthly sponsorships roll forward to a new student at the start of a new program year, but sponsors always have the option to change or cancel their sponsorship
- Sponsorships are tax deductible (tax receipts are issued by FFI (US)/Charitable Impact Canada)
- Altogether, it takes roughly \$600 a month to support one student through the training program

Sponsorship Options:

Through FFI, Sponsors have the ability to tailor the amount of their student sponsorship. Below are the recommended donation amounts that are put toward the total support of each student per month.

- **Individual Sponsorships:** \$20, \$38, or \$60 monthly donations
- **Corporate/Group Sponsorships:** \$200, \$380, or \$600 monthly donations



By sponsoring a baking or salon student, you are supporting them to encounter Christ, live in freedom, and have the capacity to change the world.