

## SHEEP DOGS

Endeavoring to build mission team unity

# March 2006

### TEAMBUILDING IN THAILAND

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Location: Pattaya, Thailand

Description: Prostitute Capital of the World

Mission: Conduct a teambuilding workshop for a team who serves the 20,000 prostitutes and their children in this city

Outreach: Banquet Friday night for 200 prostitutes



*Male and female prostitutes at banquet (and Andrea, too!) — all 200 asked for prayer.*

What a fabulous Friday night we had! The team we are working with went out to the bars this past week to 'buy' 200 girls for the night. The girls/pretty boys were picked up Friday night and brought to a gorgeous hotel where there was a huge banquet in their honor! A Thai lady sang some lovely Jesus-songs, then several of the girls who have been saved from this lifestyle shared their stories of getting out of 'the business' and into God's purpose for their lives. A pastor then told the girls about true love, an unconditional love that pursues them no matter where they are or what they have done. He spoke of their dignity and worthiness in the eyes of their heavenly Father. Many chose to accept our loving God for the very first time! And ALL of them asked for prayer! (The team holds this sort of event, which costs about \$4,000, two or three times every year, depending on how often a church will sponsor it.)

The team we worked with has set up an alternative to such a lifestyle, called the "Tamar Center." They go to the bars and invite the girls to come to the center to learn English, go on special outings, and take part in a Bible study. They develop friendships with the girls, introduce them to Jesus, train them in His ways and give them dignity and confidence in the person that God has made them to be. They also train them in various trades – sewing, hair dressing, coffee shop workers, and in making gift cards and candles. The girls still earn money (although less) to send home and help support their families, and they become restored in their hearts to their true love in Christ and experience deep inner healing.

We have been so privileged to work with this team, to help bring them to a unity that is like what Jesus prayed make them ONE that the world may know that you sent me (John 17)." People will find the peace of God when they see the unity of believers. We (Jay and Andrea) are called to help bring such unity to mission teams.

If you would like more information about this ministry (Tamar Center) or would like to pray for them, please contact them at: [ywampatt@loxinfo.co.th](mailto:ywampatt@loxinfo.co.th) or visit their websites at: [www.tamarcards.com](http://www.tamarcards.com) or [www.ywamthai.org/pattaya](http://www.ywamthai.org/pattaya)

### BEYOND THE UNFORESEEN

During our time in Chiang Mai, Thailand, we met with numerous people who were interested in our vision for teambuilding and leadership development. What we came away with was far more than what we initially anticipated in our journey.

There is a small Christian ministry in Chiang Mai that provides preventative member care services to missionaries. That means that they help minister to the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of missionaries in Southeast Asia. To our joy, they have invited us to join their staff! At the end of March, we will be heading to Penang, Malaysia for our final preparations – a 12-week, inductive study of the Bible where Jay will focus on God's perspective of teamwork, leadership and unity. We'll then return to Chiang Mai and begin the work God has called us to – endeavoring to build mission team unity and reach the un-