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GLOBAL FORUM FOR A WORLD WITHOUT ORPHANS

In March, Rapha staff from Cambodia, Thailand, and the United States attended the Global Forum for a World Without Orphans. They joined representatives from organizations serving in 60 countries-all with a vision to see children protected and families preserved.

"The World Without Orphans conference was a great inspiration for us in our work with children and their families. Hearing from experts in community and family care from all over the world helped us envision the next chapter for Rapha, a chapter in which families and communities are central to Rapha's mission of serving and protecting survivors of trafficking and abuse. Attending together with staff from Cambodia and Thailand was an incredible team building experience—we're so excited to take our next steps together as an organization embarking on our next 20 years."

ANGIE BROWER

Rapha's Chief Clinical Officer and Director of the Hope & Healing Center

RAPHA'S GLOBAL TEAM

Early this year, Heather Nozea, Rapha's Program Director, visited our Survivor Care campuses in Southeast Asia. Prior to becoming Rapha's Program Director, Heather was on Rapha's leadership team in Haiti. One morning while visiting in Cambodia, she gathered with staff members for a time of prayer and devotion. **As they shared** prayer requests, a social worker named Da told Heather that their staff prayed for Rapha's staff in Haiti every week. With the knowledge of the deteriorating situation in Haiti, the staff in Cambodia set aside a regular time to pray for their safety.

Later, Heather contacted staff in Haiti to let them know that their team members in Cambodia were praying for them, even though they had never met. The staff in Haiti were so grateful and so encouraged, they sent voice messages of thanks for the Cambodian staff.

The next time the staff gathered, they organized a translation chain to share those messages. Heather translated the messages from Haitian Creole into English. Da translated the messages into Khmer for the Cambodian staff. Although the translation process was slow, smiles and tears surfaced as the Cambodian staff understood the messages that were sent to them from Haiti.

"Even though we've never met, we feel so encouraged to know that you are thinking of us and praying for our safety."

"Your prayers are so important to us during this time! It's good to be a member of a team that works all over the world."

Although language, time, distance, technology, and so many other things divide our staff in different locations, they are connected by a shared commitment to protecting vulnerable children and faithfulness to shining the light of Jesus in dark places.



Read our recent Prevention Update rapha.org/blog/prevention-update

PREVENTION UPDATE

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We will spend this month sharing resources and information about risk factors, dynamics, and interventions into child abuse. **Education is the first step towards preventing abuse.**

We wholeheartedly agree with Maya Angelou's famous statement: "...when we know better, we do better." We believe that knowing better is a KEY to preventing child abuse and protecting communities.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Save the Date-this short film will be released on April 16th!

Millions of children are impacted by sexual abuse and exploitation online. Where Are You? was created to help raise awareness about this dangerous crime and empower people to make a difference.



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NEW SPRING COLLECTION

Have you seen our new Spring Collection?

Head to the <u>Freedom Store</u> to pick up some new merch and come alongside survivors in their journey to find healing, hope, and freedom this spring!

Go to <u>rapha.org/store</u> to get yours today!



FREEDOM KIDS COMING SOON

We are SO excited to launch a new resource for you and your church!

This five day Freedom Kids curriculum can be used for camp, VBS, and for missions months at your church. The media and curriculum is specifically tailored for elementary, Middle School, and High School students. We want each child to know they can help fight modern slavery!

We would love for your church to share about Rapha this summer!

Need more information? Email: <u>bjohnson@rapha.org</u>



THE FREEDOM BOX

The Freedom Box is a digital resource that will equip you to share about Rapha with your friends, family, and community!

This Google Drive folder is full of documents, presentations, videos, and pictures to help you communicate about the mission and vision of Rapha.

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