



Lori & Matt  
Mann

**SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**LANGUAGES**

Lao  
Thai

**MINISTRY  
PRIORITIES**

Abolishing Global Slavery,  
Economic Development,  
Education

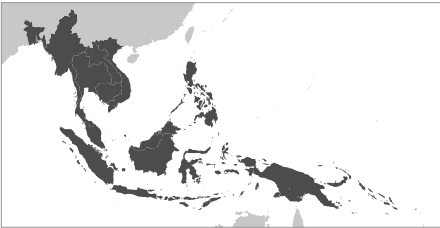
**BIRTHDAYS**

Lori 12/30  
Matt 4/9



**LOCATION**

Southeast Asia



**ABOUT**

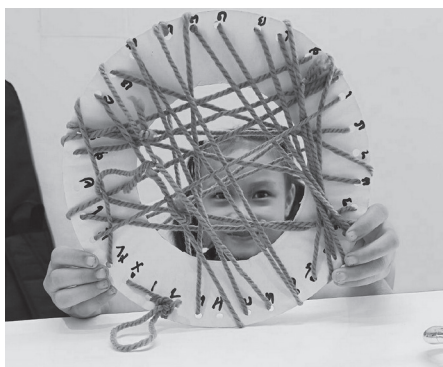
LORI and MATT serve in Laos and Thailand. In Laos, they work to bring hope and restoration to children and youth who have suffered or are at risk for the worst forms of abuse and exploitation: street children, children in slum communities who are victims of abuse and domestic violence, and victims of child labor and sex

trafficking. Lori and Matt do this by working alongside local Lao people, training them to minister to these children in a holistic way. In Thailand, Matt works with the Thailand Karen Baptist Convention in leadership development, community organization, and creation care. The Manns cannot post journals or photos online; however, individuals can subscribe to their newsletter to receive updates.



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One of May's active learning activities.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

“They hit me. I was scared every night. They made me sleep far away in a corner by myself. Nobody loves me.” — May

May is only eight years old. After being abandoned by her parents, her step-grandfather allowed May to sleep in their hut if she gave him money at the end of every day. Because of this, she had to collect plastic bottles, beg or steal.

When May was first brought to HOPE Project, her behavior was wild! She climbed the walls, walked up and down the stair railings, went headfirst down the stairs, jumped UP stairs, and jumped OFF stairs; she would bite the male HOPE staff and run away laughing. The organization that rescued May asked us to take her into one of the HOPE Homes for Girls because they could not manage her. While in their custody, May had been expelled from three schools in one month.

During one of May's first tutoring sessions at HOPE Center, Lori overheard shouting: “I told you already! I will not write! I will not study!” Lori peeked around the corner and

saw May sitting defiantly with her arms crossed, a large frown on her face and her feet dangling from the chair. We knew we needed a different approach to help her. May learned better if she was jumping, swinging, and drawing. Now she is doing well in school, making friends, and May knows there are people who love her.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God will raise godly leaders from the children who are involved in this ministry.

Pray for wisdom and discernment as we are constantly making decisions that impact the lives and futures of children.

Pray that God will continue to provide the right staff as needs arise.

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## SCRIPTURE

*“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?”*

Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)