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SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

Dear Friends,

The first half of this year has been filled with so many surprises! At each turn, we saw the Lord at work - increasing our partnerships with churches, enabling us to scale up community outreaches, and seeing more precious lives pointed back to Him.

In just the first 4 months, our STREETKIDS child rescue & recovery programme has expanded by more than 50%; requiring us to bring forward our building project so there would be sufficient accommodation space for the new kids.

The runway was short, and we were uncertain if we could raise the needed sum, but nevertheless we started in faith. Right at the middle of the construction project, a substantial sum came in from an anonymous donor. And just before the building project was completed; all the needed funds were in!

These breakthroughs continued across all our programmes - our Hope scholars graduated at the top of their classes, community drug use decreased to 8% (from 10.9%), and our field ministry received the outstanding organisation award from the local government.

It's clear that no aspect of the ministry is left untouched by His grace and provision; and we believe the Lord is just getting started! With the influx of lives and increased ministry tempo, our priority is now to onboard more ministry workers, so we can scale up our outreaches.

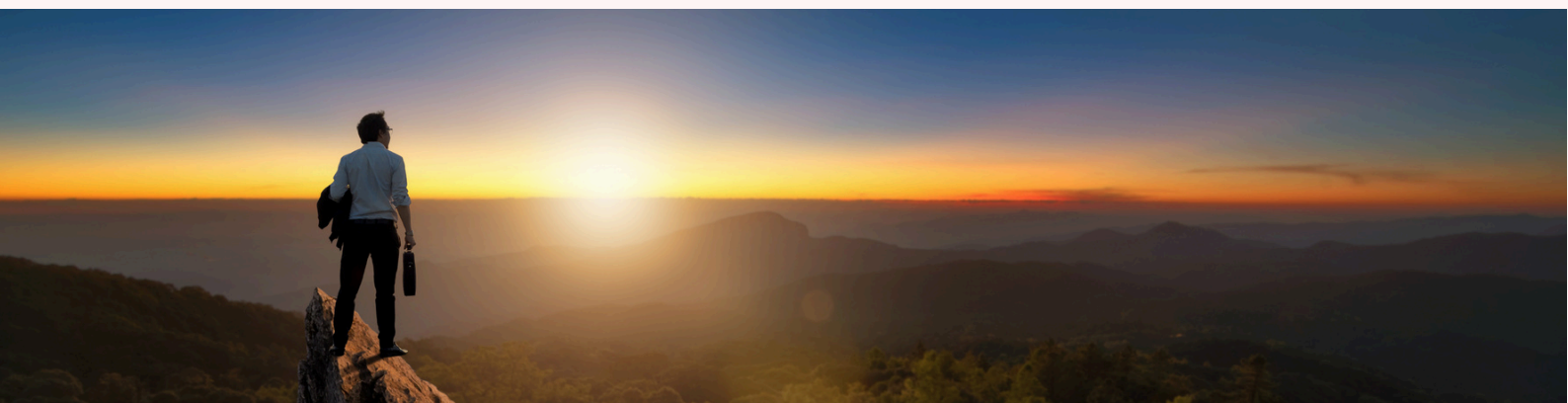
This is where the Frontline Fund comes in.

The Frontline Fund is a dedicated fund aimed at increasing our ministry staff and expanding our outreaches. We need to raise roughly \$28,000/month, or \$335,427/year; and your help is needed. Do prayerfully consider chipping in, as this is our biggest need at the moment.

May your hearts be encouraged as you read through the following pages, and may our reflections and learnings inspire you - to follow Him - wherever He leads, whatever the cost.

Together In His Service,

**Eugene Wee
Founder & Executive Director
RADION International**



HINENI - THE HEART OF MISSIONS

Missions is more than just something we do. Missions actually starts from a place of right spiritual posture.

I want to share something about the posture for Missions. And I think one key posture for missions is founded on a Hebrew phrase found in the OT. **HINENI**.

HINENI is Hebrew for here I am – it appears 17 times in the 4 Hebraic canonical books of Genesis, Exodus, **Samuel and Isaiah**.

HINENI is made up of two Hebrew words – *HINE* – Behold – *NI – ME*

Uttered most often in response to God

- Moses responded to God at the burning bush
- Samuel responded 3 times when God called
- Abraham replied to God when he was asked to offer his own only son as sacrifice
- Isaiah – offered himself when called by God (Isaiah 6)

HINENI “Here I am” is not the same as another HINIHNI – “I am here” they are very close in Hebrew but have different meanings.



“I am here” means you know what is to be expected and you are here to do it.

“I am here for this missions trip with a clear agenda, a planned assignment.”

“I am here to accomplish this task - that’s my mission.”

But HINENI – “Here I am” is when you are giving full attention to the one who calls you, without knowing what is to come, without knowing what is to be assigned.

And that’s terrifying. Because it means you are putting your entire trust on the One who calls you.

So when God called Abraham, he said HINENI – he didn’t know what was to come, and then GOD said, “Sacrifice your son.”

When Isaiah heard God call, “Who shall go?” He said HINENI – Here I am, not knowing what was to come.

Then GOD sent him on an impossible mission – to the stubborn Jewish people who would be refuse to heed God’s Word to repent and return to covenant.

HINENI - THE HEART OF MISSIONS

And at the heart of it, this is the HINENI for MISSIONS. For God's Kairos moments in Missions are to be met by our HINENI moments.

Where we say, God, I don't know what you will call of me, I don't know where you will send me, I don't even know what to expect when you give me this assignment, when you put in my heart this burden, I don't know **but HERE I AM. This is my HINENI for you.**

Here I am, GOD. Because You are worthy, You are holy, You are set apart so now set me apart with my HINENI for you.

Send me to your harvest field, which is ripe and ready for harvest – right here in this nation and land.

It is not "I AM HERE to do a task which I am certain of"

IT is HERE I AM – doing whatever you call me, even when that is going to stretch me, test my faith, throw me out of my comfort zone.

**Today will you say, Lord, HERE I AM?
This my surrender, my availability to you.**

But my friends, before you say HERE I AM, we need to FIRST encounter GOD's HINENI.

Our HINENIs are met by the HINENI of God – Isaiah 58:9a *"Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am"*

We need to encounter the HINENI of God before we can offer our own HINENI.

It is when you hear HIM say to you, "Here I AM" – you are not alone. I am here with you, I am here for you. I love you. I will anoint you. Then are you able to give your HINENI to the Lord.

So take time to SEEK him, REST in His love and grace, then RECEIVE his call to the assignments and burdens He gives.

May God give us all the grace to say HINENI, HERE I AM, LORD. I am your servant – be it unto me, according to Your purposes and your will. AMEN.

**Contributed By : Rev Raymond Fong
Pastor-In-Charge (Wesley Methodist Church)**



LEARN : RETHINKING MISSIONS



It was probably 15 years ago, when we first organised the StreetKIDS Camp, a 3D2N learning camp, that enabled village kids to step out of their village for the very first time; and to see the world outside.

This project was in response to the high drug use, affecting rural kids, and most of these kids were from the lower income group. Many of these kids felt that they would just have to grow up living in the same place, and suffer the same plight as their parents. There seems to be no way out of the poverty trap, and the vicious drug cycles.

It would not have been too difficult to do school talks on drugs, but it had already been done, with minimal success. We caught a glimpse that the issue was not simply in education, was much deeper - how do we tell the kids that the world is bigger, that they could dream, and they needn't resign to fate?

We prayed, and gave this issue much thought, before landing on a radical idea.

Do you remember the first time you visited a science center? a firestation? or a hospital? And only to come back, dreaming of becoming a astronaut, a pilot, a firefighter, a nurse or a doctor?

Having an inspiration is a great start, but we all need people to believe in us. And the same goes for these kids - they need someone to believe in them.



There was this hunch - that if kids have something to aspire towards, they are more likely to pay attention in classes, less likely to drop out, and therefore more likely to stay away from drugs.

But if we are only fixated with reducing drug use, we have missed the bigger picture, and forgotten why these kids use drugs in the very first place.

If you had a honest conversation with the ones struggling with addiction, words such as “void”, “emptiness”, “the need to be accepted”, “forgetting my struggles” or “numbing the pain inside”.

If you notice the words carefully, it has little to do with what happens outside, but what lies inside - Its a cry for help, for acceptance, and to be loved.

LEARN : RETHINKING MISSIONS



So how do we create a programme that is not just educational, but deeply meaningful?

The secret lies in the word “compassion”.

The word “compassion” gets thrown around quite a bit in the missions world. We think of “compassion” as having mercy on someone else. But in the latin root, the word compassion is made up of 2 words **“com-” as in together, and “pati-” to bear/suffer.**

Compassion therefore isn't just having mercy, but to have a willingness to suffer together - to walk with someone through their most painful moments, to share in the sorrows, and journey with them.

Mark 1:41 “Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!”

When our Lord said that he had compassion, it wasn't just love from heaven, but Christ came, walked and journeyed with the leper, and us in our deepest moments of pain.

We started to receive teams, teaching them to rethink missions - to go beyond just giving, serving and doing. But to understand what compassion - com-pati looks like. To be present, to journey with the kids, to know each one by name, to look beyond the surface, and to love them without condition.

The word spreads, not because it was a great opportunity for kids but because every child that walks in, experiences a wonderful love, an acceptance and a hope that words can't fully describe.

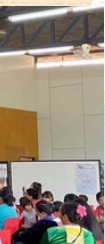
So what does it look like for the community? **In the 4-5 years that followed, we saw a unprecedented drop in addiction - halving juvenile drug use from 25% to 10.9%.**

As we gear ourselves for missions, remember that its not the programme, but the people who truly matters.

Tread softly. Walk gently. And Love unconditionally.

Eugene Wee
Founder RADION International





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IN A NUTSHELL

3 HIGHLIGHTS IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS

RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING ORGANISATION AWARD

We are blessed to be the recipient of the Outstanding Organisation award, given by the Head Of Sub-District Government Of Khek Noi, Phetchabun Province

COMMUNITY HEALTH RESEARCH - PRESENTATION

This presentation was attended by senior civil servants, child protection services and community leaders.

Our findings indicate that substance abuse has been brought down to 8% from 10.9%

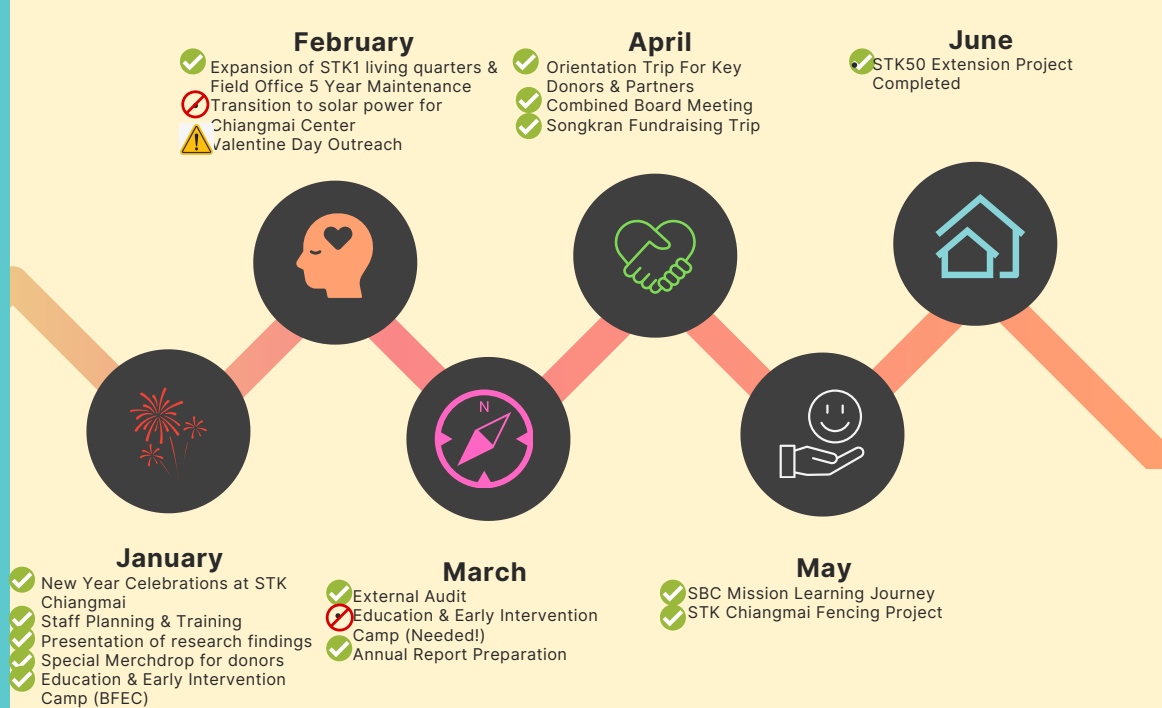
HOPE SCHOLARS TOP THEIR COHORTS

Our first group of HOPE Scholars have graduated.

3 of them have emerged as first class honours, and amongst them are educators, architects, accountants, and our very first dentist!



From January to June 2024, we have impacted a total of 2,344 lives, through our array of short term relief & long term development programmes.



JAN-JUN IMPACT REPORT



66 Youth & Students

Community Outreach

1,225

1,053

Crisis Relief

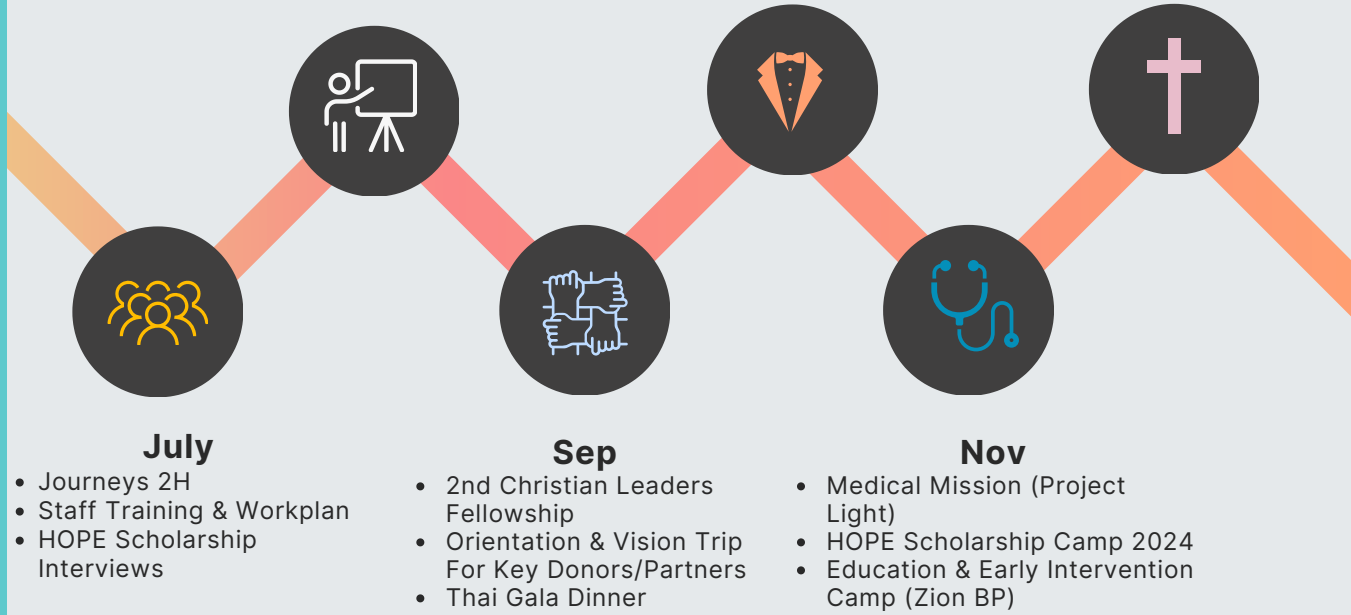
“the gospel widely heard and deeply felt.”

MINISTRY ROADMAP

- ### Aug
- Education & Early Intervention Camp (Grace AG)
 - Mental Health Training (Church, Schools & Ministries)
 - Scaling Up STK2 staff

- ### Oct
- Singapore Gala Dinner
 - Incentive Trip For STK to SG
 - STK Chiangmai Expansion Planning Phase

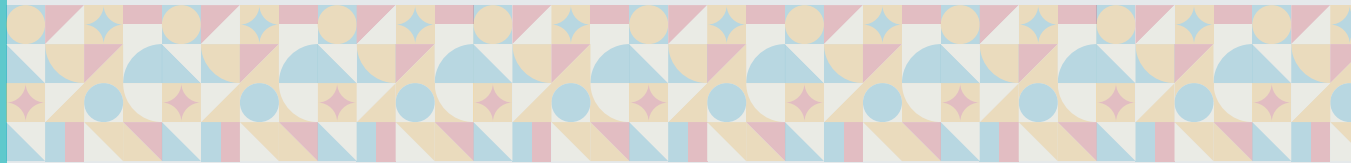
- ### Dec
- Christmas FRT
 - Mass Community Outreach
 - Staff Retreat & Thanksgiving



- ### July
- Journeys 2H
 - Staff Training & Workplan
 - HOPE Scholarship Interviews

- ### Sep
- 2nd Christian Leaders Fellowship
 - Orientation & Vision Trip For Key Donors/Partners
 - Thai Gala Dinner

- ### Nov
- Medical Mission (Project Light)
 - HOPE Scholarship Camp 2024
 - Education & Early Intervention Camp (Zion BP)



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

2024	Name	Status	Objective	Activities	Location	Supporting	Type	Requirements
Jul	Manager's Training & 5 Year Plan Follow Up - 15-19 July	Closed	Vision Casting & Leadership Tra	Planning Retreat & Workplan	Thailand (Chiangmai)	NA	NA	NA
Aug	Construction Manpower Support (Phase 4) - 7-12 Aug	Booked	Pond Filtration	Building Project	Thailand (Chiangmai)	StreetKIDS	Volunteers	Physically healthy
Sep	Vision Trip (5D4N) - 6-10 Sep	By Invite	For existing and new donors to get a glimpse the work in Thailand	Village Outreach Community Development StreetKIDS	Thailand (Both Sites)	NA	Vision	Church Leaders, partners and directors
	28 Sep -7 Oct Education & Early Intervention (4/4)	Booked	Educational exposure for village children, while assisting local teams to identify children at risk (40-60kids)	Organising 3DzN Children Village Outreach Community Engagement	Thailand (Phetchabun)	StreetKIDS	Outreach	Volunteers who are good with kids
Oct	Medical Mission (Q3)	Open	To provide medical care for underserved communities. Patient Load approx 300 pax	Mobile Clinics Community Engagement First Aid Training	Thailand (Phetchabun)	Community Development	Outreach	Doctors/Nurses/Medical Volunteers
	Singapore Gala - 20 Oct	By Invite						
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	24 Dec-1 Jan Christmas & New Year Volunteers Trip	Open (Public)	Celebrating Christmas in the Village & New Year in Chiangmai	Mentored outings for STK1 & STK2	Thailand (Both Sites)		Volunteers	Vision trip for child sponsors and volunteers who would like to be a part of our journey



TESTIMONIALS

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SINGAPORE BIBLE COLLEGE
(MISSIONS LEARNING JOURNEY)
25-3 JUN 2024

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"This mission trip, unlike all my past mission trips, **turned out to be a retreat that refreshes my soul.**

I appreciated the unhurried time we spent in deep personal sharing and prayer over the first few days. We learned to listen to the Holy Spirit as we planned the program for the children's camp. **What a privilege to partner with the Lord in saving souls, healing wounded hearts, and being light bearers.**

With my limited Thai, I could hardly carry on a meaningful conversation with the children throughout the camp. Yet, to be hugged by the children and receiving their nicely decorated appreciation cards at the end of the camp really touched my heart.

Indeed, every life matters and is precious to the Lord. "



★★★★★
Lo Wei Shih
School Of Counselling
Grace Assembly Of God

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Q : What did we do well?
Food, Accommodation, Transportation, Support and spiritual direction.

Q : Post Trip Reflections
It was a reminder of God's hand at work. In our lives, together as a team and the harvest He prepared for us to reap. Refreshes our souls for the work ahead.



★★★★★
Jason Ong, 40, Business Owner
Graduate School Of Counselling
Life Bible Presbyterian Church

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SINGAPORE BIBLE COLLEGE
(MISSIONS LEARNING JOURNEY)
25-3 JUN 2024

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"Language training, environmental ambience that support the training, good food, good energy from staff and leadership from Eugene.

I thought I was there to do stuff, but instead I found healing from people I never thought I would even see.

I really see what true missions is. To show true love to the people and community. Mission trip is a long time work. It is not just a vacation with Christians. "



★★★★★
Isaiab Osmond, Indonesia
School Of Church Music
Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church

EXCELLENT
SINGAPORE BIBLE COLLEGE
(MISSIONS LEARNING JOURNEY)
25-3 JUN 2024

9.6

"Cultural training and intentionality towards the needs of the team was top notch!

A good visionary training for what missions should be. It showed me that loving the community is not complicated, but it is hard work.

It takes people to be intentional about showing their care and getting to know what they really need. Also, to be sensitive to where God is leading and be willing to obey is key to a successful ministry."



★★★★★
Ezekiel Lim, Philippines
School Of Theology
Bartley Christian Church

TESTIMONIALS

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"Previously I had the mindset that a mission trip was for us to bring something to the field to "help" the needy in the field.

However, this learning journey totally flipped my mind, in which I am the one who get healed, being ministered by the team, and drawing closer to God due to the love from the kids.

It's truly a spiritual refreshing experience.

Also thankful to Eugene who disciplined us and prepared us spiritually to **listen to the Lord's heart first to do what he wants us to do instead of executing our own "plan"**. Thankful for this wonderful exposure. May God bless the team abundantly!"



★★★★★
Lily Hii Hui Neng, Malaysian
School Of Counseling
St Andrews Community Chapel

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"This mission trip has been a blessed time of reconnecting with the Lord through nature and a time of encouragement through times of sharing and reflection with Eugene and the team.

The staff were very friendly and helpful, patient with our repeated requests for help, especially with the learning of our Thai language. Eugene's mentoring style encouraged personal reflections and deep authentic sharing among our team members.

Learning about **Radion's ministry was also a reminder and a challenge to be faithful in serving the Lord**. Thank you to Eugene and the team for sharing your heart with us and giving us the opportunity to contribute to this ministry!"



★★★★★
Lob Li Yen
School Of Counselling
Living Waters Methodist Church

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"I saw a **profound unfolding of the two greatest commandments** during the trip..... we were listened to, guided, and critiqued; and we were encouraged to just be with the people around us.

We were also surrounded by beautiful scenery, delicious food, and amazing hospitality. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the Radion staff in **hosting us and teaching us**. I was refreshed, recharged, and reconnected spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. I also learned valuable insights about myself and about ministry.

I returned to Singapore with **a renewed sense of purpose and mission where I am planted**, to call God's children back home to Him. I am so grateful to have had this experience."



★★★★★
Marilyn Tang, 35
School Of Church Music, SBC
St Andrews Cathedral



9D8N Christmas Fund Raising Trip (FRT)

24 DEC 2024 - 1 JAN 2025



Join, serve, and journey alongside us!

You will be :

- Joining our Christmas Celebrations in Khek Noi Village
- Witnessing our outreaches & community care programme
- Visiting RADION's HOPE Center in Chiangmai
- Contributing towards, a learning trip for residential youths in Chiangmai

9D8N Price
\$1100
/Person

Including :

- 9D8N Facilitation
- 8N Accommodation (Airconditioned bunks)
- All meals
- 2 way airport transfer
- Long distance transportation from Khek Noi To Chiangmai
- All activity & outreach costs

Excluding :

- Flights

10% off for existing
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Sponsors



Mission Learning Journeys & Internships

Heard our volunteers raving about our mission learning journey and would like to bring a team of learners up? Here's how!

Contact : general@radion-international.org

Financial Giving, Sponsorships & Legacy Planning

1. StreetKIDS Fund. Supports child-rescue, recovery costs and other emergency needs that a child may need.

2. Frontline Fund. Increasing ministry staff & expanding community outreaches.

3. General Fund. To wherever its needed the most.

Contact : edward.lam@radion-international.org to know more



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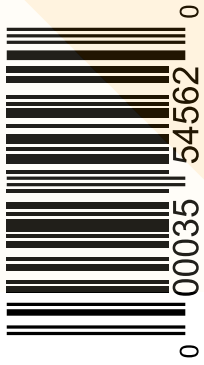
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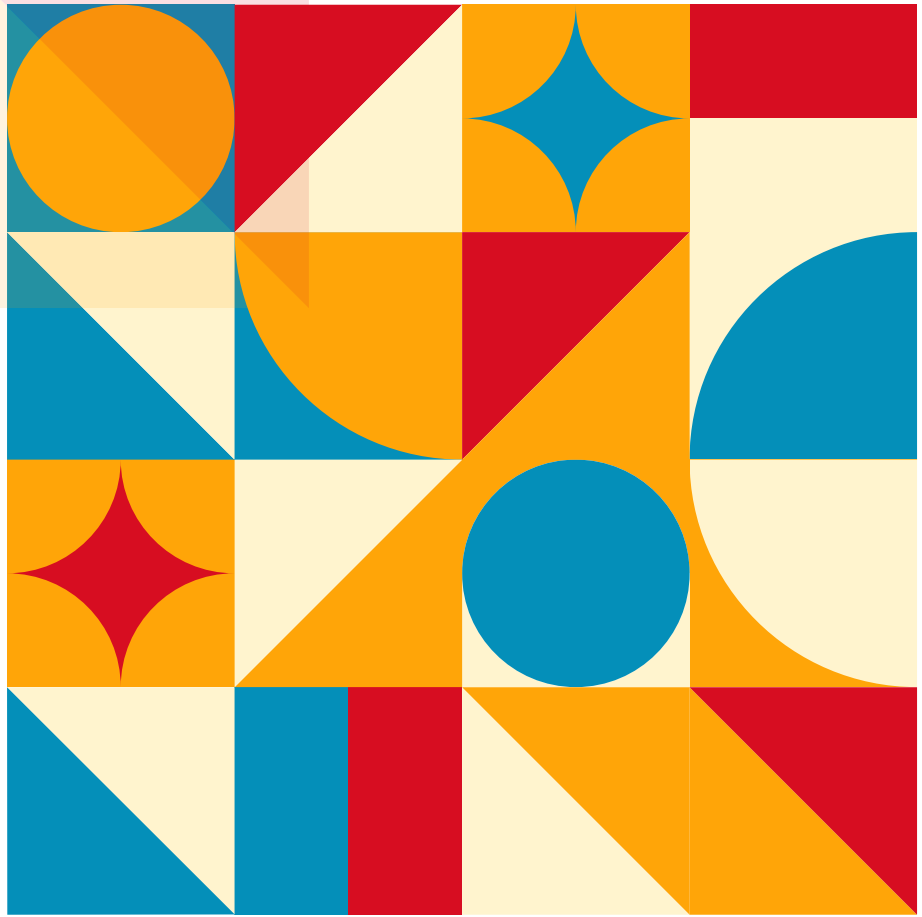
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