



Standing in the Gap

I cried every day. The Set Free Movement* statistics I'd read, believed, actively supported about human trafficking, came to life in front of my eyes on my trip to South East Asia. The children in our ICCM homes are literally being rescued out of these statistics!

I am fully convinced the most proactive, doable action a person can take to fight human trafficking, in real time, is to sponsor a child! ICCM children are being saved from, rescued out of and educated against trafficking through individual sponsorship.

In some cases, "The government has established laws and regulations related to child labor. However, gaps exist in ... the legal framework to adequately protect children from the worst forms of child labor, including a minimum age for work and prohibiting the commercial sexual exploitation of children." – *Bureau of International Labor Affairs*

In countries, where child labor laws are limited or non-existent, ICCM is actively standing in this gap –

fighting, advocating, winning. Our children receive anti-trafficking education. Our remote village families receive this education along with supplies. Together, we're dropping the risk factor significantly and making it possible for families and children to focus on loving and learning; on life.

I cried every day but I also laughed every day with the ICCM staff. They are incredible!!

National Coordinator (NC) #1: I call her "Warrior Princess." She is pretty, prim, proper and fierce. Her heart burns with passion for Jesus and the children of her country. Daily she lives as an undercover agent of the kingdom, making her way around the country, delivering sponsorship funds, supplies, hugs, smiles and hope. Many of her friends don't know she is a young woman on the move. And the children are winning.



*(If you're unfamiliar with The Set Free Movement (TSFM), check it out at www.setfreemovement.com. Sign up for their newsletter.)

NC #2: "Stunt Man." He rides a motorcycle. He travels for miles to reach the most remote villages, winding up the side of the mountain precipice, on a path sometimes no wider than two feet. He carries sponsorship money, rice and water filters. He's accompanied by a few other intrepid souls, for safety, because they're transporting life treasures that are in high demand.



NC #3: "Steady, Faithful, Called." She is retiring from a well-established, highly effective, solidly fruitful ICCM program. Yet with extraordinary wisdom and grace, she has actively prepared her successor, young enough to be her grandson. He, NC #4, is well prepared, jovial and eager. He has learned from the best. I could go on, singing the praises of each of the eight NC's, showering accolades. But I'm sure you get my point. This is our team! These are our leaders! We're impacting the lives of children together!



In my travels, I met at least 15 different ICCM alumni. These incredible men and women are graduated, educated, actively giving back. They all spoke, with rich gratitude, for what they had received. And now, that overflowing gratitude compels them to join the force. Many of them are volunteering and working with ICCM. They are leading and working with other, like-minded organizations.** The fruit is sweet. ICCM is **STANDING IN THE GAP**. With hope, with love, with peace, with a severe and undaunted passion. Because there are so many more children.

And we dream of a world where **EVERY** child is loved, safe and fulfilling their God-given potential. It's a great day for us to be together in this work!

Crying and laughing,

Alma

***(Check out In Better Hands, www.inbetterhands.org one of our affiliate partners. Several ICCM graduates work with them.)*

When you sponsor a child, you change a world.

Call ICCM at the number below or go to the website to sponsor a child.