



We exist to end the trafficking and exploitation of boys and young men in Thailand

We PROTECT boys and young men by meeting their basic needs and EMPOWER them through education, training, and and counseling—all to give them the FREEDOM to choose a life beyond exploitation



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2021 was a difficult year for people and organizations all around the world. For Urban Light, this was no exception. Throughout the previous year, the effects of the pandemic were already global news, and Thailand was an anomaly on the Global stage, with relatively few cases of COVID-19.

This all changed in 2021 as cases rose dramatically and, in response, Emergency Decrees and Lockdowns were introduced to curb the impact of the global pandemic. Many industries could no longer operate, and employment rates plummeted. Urban Light bore witness to the impacts that this had on local people. Urban Light's activities were also affected. With limited airflow at the Drop-in Center, and limited ability to travel to local communities, Urban Light staff had no choice but to adapt as best we could: providing health kits, support for emergency health care, advice and coordination online and via telephones, and providing takeaway lunches. For the first time since Urban Light was established, hundreds of people were lining up outside the doors of the Drop-in Center, hungry and looking for a meal.



2021 was also a year of change for Urban Light. Facing funding challenges, a Drop-in Center that could not function at 100% capacity, and struggling to adapt to online communication within the team, we had some difficult decisions to make. Reflecting on these challenges, and seeing how without our inperson support, local community leaders had managed to stand up and take on activities in their own communities, we made the difficult decision to let some of our staff members go, find a new location from the Drop-in Center, provide leadership training to our community leaders, and develop an exit strategy for these communities.

These decisions were painful, as Urban Light had to say goodbye to coworkers and friends. But there were also glimmers of hope, as new local partners stepped up to take over Urban Light's community-based interventions, and Urban Light took the opportunity to refocus our efforts on what has always been the heart of Urban Light's work: protecting Boys and Men from sex trafficking and other forms of exploitation.





JANUARY

- Food and Covid-19 Safety Kit Distribution
- Sports Day Event for Lahu Community: Trip to Chiang Rai

FEBRUARY

- Staff Retreat facilitated by Art for Healing
- Children from Ton Pao and Mae Rim went on a Safari Camp Excursion

MARCH

- Outreach with construction workers, Saraphi
- Haircuts and Safe Tattoo Workshops @
 Urban Light's Drop-in Center

APRIL

- Workshops on Healthy Parenting and Positive Discipline
- Developing Local Soap Businesses

MAY

- Research Report Launch as part of ECPAT International's <u>Global Boys Initiative</u>
- Distribution of Food, Health, & Education Kits

JUNE

- Covid-19 Prevention Activities in Ton Pao
- Clients Participate in in Designing Programs
 & Activities

JULY

- Take-away food provision at UL's Drop-in Center
- Over 30 hours of Case Management

AUGUST

- Focus Groups for Client participation in updating UL's Child Protection Policy
- Providing Mental Health & Housing Support

SEPTEMBER

- Outdoor Excursions Football
- Future Office Employment Skills Training
- Distribution of Health Kits in the community

OCTOBER

- Excursion with Ton Pao Community Swimming & Football
- Introduction of LitClub Leadership Curriculum

NOVEMBER

- Acquisition of a New UL Van from the UNODC
- Training to Develop the Leadership Potential of Community Volunteers

DECEMBER

Handover Meetings with Cheung Doi Church,
 Ruks Dek, and TRAGAST



Ryan Binkley has been a volunteer with Urban Light since 2017. Originally from Abilene, Texas, Ryan has lived and worked in Thailand for many years and has been instrumental in solidifying and strengthening the partnership between the Highland Church of Christ and Urban Light.

Prior to the pandemic, Ryan was already a volunteer at the Drop-In Center, making meaningful connections with clients through playing games, teaching English, accompanying the boys on weekly Friday excursions and soccer scrimmages. However, when the center was forced to close due to Covid-19 restrictions, all of these activities were put on hold. "This was one of the biggest challenges of 2021," Ryan reflected. "It was difficult to keep in touch with clients and know how they were doing, whether they had healthcare. We lost some of that community feeling, and it was hard not knowing what the future would hold."





In spite of these challenges, in 2021 Ryan continued to work with Urban Light in order to bring resources and comfort to the most vulnerable members of the community. He regularly helped package meals and drive with staff through the city, delivering warm and healthy food to boys, young men, and other vulnerable individuals. Additionally, when possible, Ryan continued to attend outdoor events such as soccer, helping to reignite a sense of joy and community for children who were otherwise isolated in 2021.

In 2021, Urban Light continued its prevention work in the Ton Pao community, from providing scholarships and training for youth to supporting small businesses. In October, Ryan's church provided swimming gear for the children of the community, so that Urban Light could take them for a full day's excursion to play soccer and go swimming. At the end of the year, when Urban Light made the difficult decision to step away from prevention work in order to focus on providing services to boys and men in Chiang Mai, this relationship was handed over to the Cheung Doi Church. This handover, and Ryan's continued involvement with Urban Light, will allow for an ongoing impact in Ton Pao for years to come.





DROP-IN CENTER

Total visits to the Drop-In Center: 5,515

NEW visitors to the Drop-In Center: 213

Activities & Excursions: 21

DISTRIBUTION

of healthy meals: 13,973

of snacks (on and off-site): 2,952

of health kits (including Covid-19 survival kits): 1,089

of condom kits: 1,910

of UL information packets: 3,210

OUTREACH

of outreach trips: 54

Total # of interactions during outreach: 96

of new BAYM reached: 16

of health consultations during outreach: 26

EDUCATION

of UL clients who enrolled in/graduated formal

education: 18

of UL clients who enrolled in/graduated non-

formal education: 17

HOUSING

of clients in transitional housing: 19

of clients in emergency housing: 5

of clients in short-term housing for employment: 6

of clients able to support themselves after leaving

UL housing: 8

EMPLOYMENT

of clients supported to obtain a driver's license: 3

of clients who found a safe job: 20

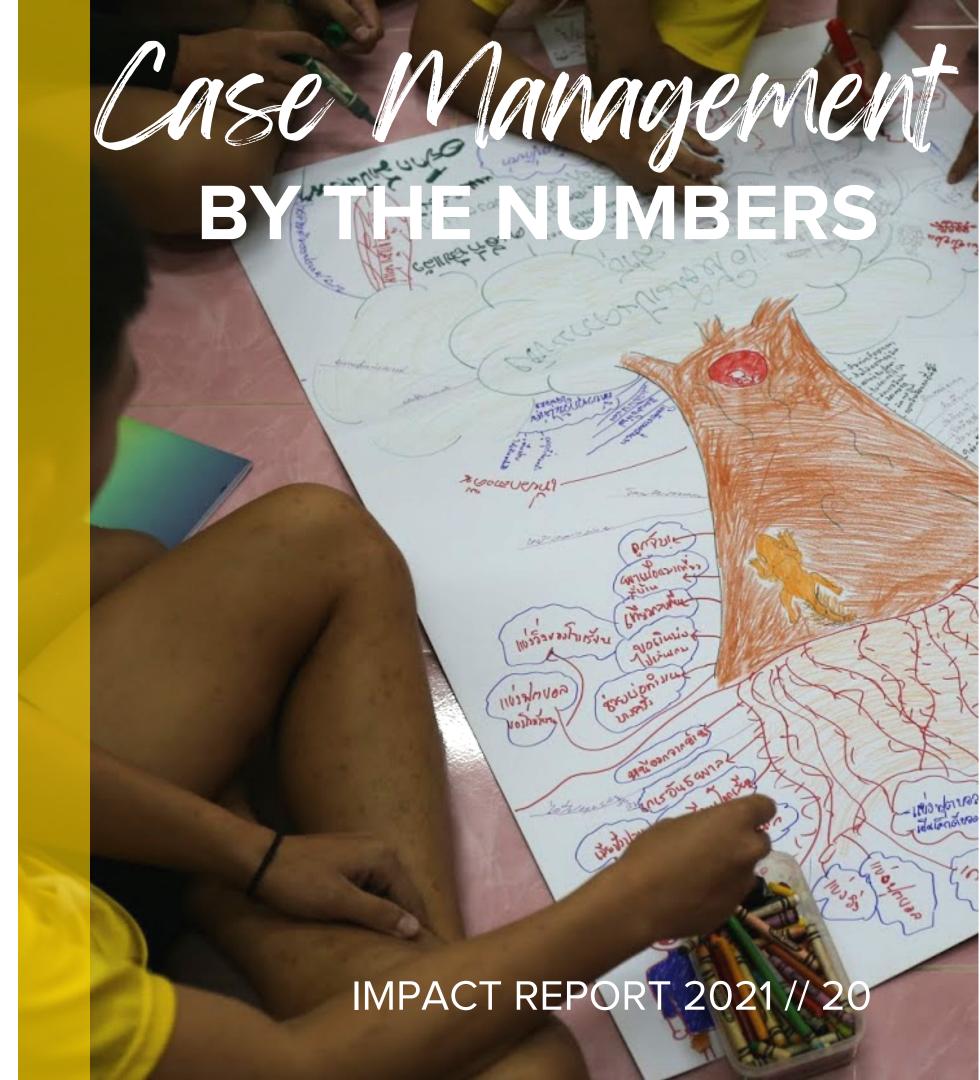
of soft-skills training sessions: 7

HEALTH

of clients tested for HIV and other STIs: 6

of clients who received health checkups: 43

of clients who received counseling/psychotherapy: 17





COMMUNITY PREVENTION WORK

Total # of people reached: 213

of activities (including remote support): 48

of individuals who received training on safe, legal

income generation: 48

of community volunteers who gained leadership skills: 17

AWARENESS RAISING

of speaking engagements and online sharing sessions: 29

of people reached both online and in-person: 70,108

CAPACITY BUILDING

of training sessions for staff: 6

of participatory planning sessions with clients: 8