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THAILAND

LANGUAGE

Thai

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Abolishing Global Slavery,
Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAY

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LOCATION

Thailand



ABOUT

KIT'S primary ministry is with Imago Art Studio, an outreach of the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF) in northern Thailand. She provides direct clinical care for survivors of trauma (including sexual abuse, human trafficking, and domestic violence) through therapeutic art groups and life-skills workshops. She also

promotes spiritual formation through preaching, Bible teaching, and facilitating art and contemplative prayer retreats. Additionally, Kit provides support and consultation for the New Life Center administrative team and board of directors, does staff development and training, and assists with guest relations and promotional materials.

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Kit demonstrates an art technique for a group of Art & Prayer Retreat participants in Chiang Mai.

“ MINISTRY STORY

"How do I know what God is saying?"

Many people struggle at times to recognize the voice of the Lord and the gentle invitations of the Holy Spirit. Hearing from God has been particularly challenging for some during periods of pandemic-related social isolation. Engaging in the creative arts is one way we can orient ourselves toward the presence of God, the divine Creator of heaven and earth.

As part of my service in Thailand, I facilitate quarterly art and prayer weekend retreats in which participants engage in a rhythm of traditional liturgy, scripture reading, a devotional teaching, *Lectio Divina*, art, and music. I also conduct art demonstrations to spark creativity and offer art and prayer consultation throughout the weekend. In this way, we collaboratively co-create space for sacred encounters with God. Participants include cross-cultural workers who are serving in countries throughout Asia, other expatriates, and local Thais. Almost five hundred people have participated in retreats over the last ten years, and many

of them have come to multiple retreats. What are ways that you could incorporate creativity into your spiritual practices?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF) staff and residents as we negotiate the challenges of life and ministry during the pandemic.

Pray for inner healing for NLCF students through holistic care including therapeutic art, education, and life skills.

Pray for restoration and health for survivors of trauma who participate in the mental health counseling and art therapy I facilitate.

Pray for deeper attentiveness to God's presence for art and prayer retreat participants.

SCRIPTURE

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

Ephesians 1:18-19a (NIV)