

# MISSIONS UPDATE

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**ELEMENT**  
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# NATIONAL SLAVERY & HUMAN

*Trafficking*

# PREVENTION

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## NEW: KINGDOM CAUSES

### **ELEMENT SUPPORTS MONTHLY (NEW)**

We are happy to announce a ministry that we just started supporting. KCI is very organized, strategic, systematic, and thorough when working to defeat trafficking. They do a great job of bringing everyone together to achieve their goal of eradicating trafficking in SB county. They have implemented long term plans in Santa Barbara and Lompoc so far. They will eventually tackle Santa Maria, and we are honored to support their efforts.

 **KINGDOM CAUSES, INC.**

KCI serves as the facilitating organization for the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) which began in 2013 under the SB County District Attorney's Office. The official vision statement of the Santa Barbara HTTF is to develop and enhance a multi-disciplinary HTTF team that implements victim-centered, collaborative, and sustainable approaches to:

- Identify victims of all types of human trafficking
- Investigate and prosecute sex trafficking and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal and federal levels
- Address the individualized needs of victims/survivors through a comprehensive array of trauma-informed services

To learn more about the work they are doing in our county, visit:  
[kingdomcauses.org/santa-barbara-catalytic-project](http://kingdomcauses.org/santa-barbara-catalytic-project)

# CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER

## A PERSONAL NOTE ABOUT CARENET

Hello Element community! Hillary Reed here. Just wanted to share a little about my experience with CareNet. What a wonderful and beautiful organization, full of compassionate and heroic staff and volunteers! Prior to being a full-time mama, I was a crisis counselor at a local high school. Over my 8 years there, I referred many students to CareNet and each of them said they felt so accepted and cared for. Every one of my students who received services there decided to continue their pregnancies and keep their babies! Praise the Lord!!! It still brings tears to my eyes to think about. And now, as a volunteer, I get to see a different side of CareNet: the Boutique. For the past 6 months I have been helping to organize the Boutique, storage areas, and donations. For clients who participate in CareNet services, such as their parenting classes, they get to earn Boutique "bucks" that they can spend on items there. CareNet's Boutique also offers benevolence items for those who have more urgent and immediate needs. Clients can walk away feeling more prepared to parent with the emotional, educational, and spiritual support, as well as, all the material support they can receive from the Boutique. Blankets, diapers, baby clothes, wipes, diaper bags, toys, baby carriers, and many other types of items are gifted to clients mainly from the generous donations of community members like yourself. I get to see and hear firsthand how someone's donations bring blessings, joy, and a sense of relief to a struggling parent. One of the expecting mothers came in and said, "Every time I come in here it makes me feel so happy and comfortable. I just look at all the beautiful things and it makes me want to cry!" It's amazing to see God working so powerfully through simple tangible things like fuzzy baby socks to reach broken people in their time of need and remind them how much He loves and cares for them.



If you or someone you know would like to volunteer in the Boutique sorting through donations, hanging up baby clothes, and putting items on display, then please let me know. We always need the help! If you have any new or gently used baby items in great condition, ranging from sizes Premie to 2T, we will gladly take them. We also accept many other items related to babies and parenting. - Hillary

Contact Hillary if you'd like more information about donating or volunteering at:  
[hillary.reed@ourelement.org](mailto:hillary.reed@ourelement.org)



**CareNet Banquet: April 11th**  
Come support, learn, and donate.

## Pruett Family UPDATE

Continue to pray for the Pruet family as they train helicopter pilots to fly the Gospel into the hardest to reach places around the world.





# FROM THE FIELD: THAILAND

## RANDY AND EDIE NELSON REPORT

Randy and Edie are seasoned missionaries who have lived and ministered all around the world during the past few decades. Their experiences and wisdom have led them to be a huge support and resource for other missionaries. They work closely with missionaries and ministry leaders in Kenya and Thailand. They have been instrumental in connecting us with Tom and Jing and helping oversee their ever growing ministries. Another fun project they are currently helping with is a project called "Good News For Everyone Thailand." They are working with a group of Bangkok pastors that have all decided to work together to share the Gospel in the year of 2025 in all 77 provinces of Thailand! We are thankful for their many years of spreading the Gospel around the world.

To find out more about their ministries, please visit: [bridgestothenations.com](http://bridgestothenations.com)



## NOTE ABOUT TOM & JING

Continue to pray for Tom & Jing as their ministries are booming! They continue to reach children all the way to the elderly. They have a very effective and growing youth group right now, made up of some of the scholarship students many of you are supporting. Tom and Jing ask that we continue to pray for the scholarship students as some have just come to the Lord and others have not yet opened their hearts to God. Please pray for Tom and Jing to continue to have the energy and guidance on how to reach these teens and their community. Pray for us as we are trying to put a short term missions team together to minister to the youth group there and connect with the scholarship students.

If you are interested in possibly going to Thailand with us, please email [Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org](mailto:Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org).



# FROM THE FIELD:

## ELEMENT SUPPORTS YEARLY



The mission of Hope Ventures is to reach into impoverished communities, both nationally and internationally, in order to train and raise up entrepreneurs who will then start new businesses in their communities. As they succeed and grow, they provide services, products and employment opportunities for their communities that will help lift people out of poverty. The training is provided with a Gospel centered approach, impacting the entrepreneurs in a spiritual way. Supporting them helps provide for the initiatives and trainers that are sent into these communities. [Learn more at hopeventures.org](http://hopeventures.org)

Over the past five years, together with local partners, Hope Ventures has trained **over 500 entrepreneurs** and **120 business mentors**, bringing together **over a dozen organizations** to eradicate poverty through entrepreneurship.

*2024 marks our first full year in our new home and has been an incredible one for Captive Hearts Ministries! Through your generous support and friends like you, we have supported many women on their journeys of healing, recovery and real life with Jesus Christ. Several of our participants have celebrated significant milestones, including completing our program, finding stable housing, regaining custody of children and reuniting with their families who were believed to be lost.*



*It's been a year filled with inspiring stories of resilience and faith. Our Lord has expanded our territory and through no effort of our own, we have served women from all over the country, including Arizona, Pennsylvania, Idaho, Montana and North Carolina.*

*We are sincerely grateful to Element Christian Church for partnering with us in this important and necessary ministry. Please know you are making a real difference in the lives of the women we serve and expanding God's Kingdom!*

*Blessings to you!*

*-Cyd Sebrin*

*CEO & Executive Program Director*

## YEARLY SUPPORT: LOCAL MFT-MISSIONARY THERAPIST

We provide support to a local woman who has served in our community for numerous years as a Marriage and Family Therapist and other areas of service to our community. She also works with an international missions agency as a therapist for missionaries, field workers and their families. She attends international conferences throughout the year, providing support and therapy to missionaries, their children and to whole families who have need from the hardships and strain of serving in the field.

## ACROSS THE STREET: DELTA HIGH SCHOOL

The next serving opportunity for our neighbors across the street is making individualized Valentine goodie bags for every single student! Join us on Monday, February 10th at 6pm in the Barn, to help us stuff bags and write names. For more info, email [Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org](mailto:Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org).

