Finding Home

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Trailer



Summary of the film

- Setting: Cambodia,
 - Rapha House
 - Modern Day (Made in 2014)
 - Also parts of the film in Joplin, MO, where Rapha House is headquartered
- Topic of Discussion
 - Trafficking in Cambodia
 - Tourism has brought a huge surge in trafficking and child exploitation. Many of these girls are abused by tourist American men.
 - A lot of times girls fall into trafficking due to the need to support their family
 - Most girls are underage
 - Many are tricked into trafficking and then trapped because they now owe a "debt" to their pimp.

People in the film

Stephanie: The narrator and co-founder of Rapha House

Sophorn: A woman who was trafficked at the age of 14 in order to help her mother

Sophany: A woman who was trafficked at 15 when she went to work at a "karaoke bar"

Noch: A woman who was trafficked at 13 when she went to live with her sister and was sold by a woman she trusted.



Sophorn



Sophany



Noch

Positive Social Change

Examples of positive social change

- The house isn't changing policy in Cambodia, but it is changing girls' lives. They are persistent and do not give up on the girls.
- Awareness and money have been raised about this issue. The rapha house foundation has grown significantly since it opened.

Advocacy

- Safe houses: Rapha House. Provides counseling and therapy but most importantly love and support
- Noch: "If I could become a teacher I would comfort other girls. I would tell them my story, tell them they are not alone. I would tell them to not lose hope for their future."
- Police Officers: Sometimes they were present undercover at the brothels. Other times they would confront the brothel owners and threaten to raid the establishment. Sadly, they were not very successful in shutting these places down, but did end up helping some of the girls escape the brothels.
- Rapha House headquarters in Missouri, USA

Community

- Overwhelming sense of family and community. This passion for community reached the point where these girls took it upon themselves to support their entire community and were most often the source of income for many families
- Religion is ingrained in Cambodian culture and served as a means of bringing the communities together in times of struggle
- Rapha House: "Love, Rescue, Heal". Not only did the Cambodian community coming together to support these girls, but the volunteers dedicate all of their time and effort to the aftercare of the survivors and take much pride in doing so

Service

Rapha House Provides:



- Encouragement for children to go to court against their abusers
- Nannies for girls who gave birth in the house
- Vocational Training/Sewing Program- Girls create and sell handbags, jewelry, clothing, and more. Profits directly benefit girls in the safe house and their families



Outdated or Social Changes

- The film was released to the public in 2014, so it is not that outdated.
- In recent years, however, there have been social changes that occurred in Cambodia due to the overwhelming presence human trafficking. For example, the Cambodian government is cracking down on brothels and human trafficking
- There are more and more safe houses to host and support young victims
- On the Rapha House website, new projects are posted almost weekly showing the overwhelming efforts by those all across the globe to put an end to human trafficking and help those already affected

Connections

- Alarming to watch as a person of similar age and gender to the victims
- The girls have similar values of faith, family, and being able to provide for the ones they love
- Trafficking is a huge problem at home- 300,000 Americans under the age of 18 are lured into exploitation each year
- An estimated 1,110 minors are being trafficked in Ohio at any given time
- This is an issue that anyone can make an impact on by supporting foundations such as the Rapha House

Source: report-shows-human-trafficking-on-rise-in-ohio-nationally

Critiques

- focus on Stephanie too much
- supremacy attitude
- overly christian attitude
- Music

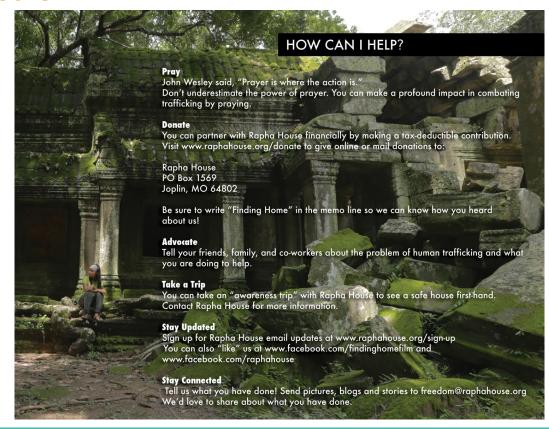


Who Benefits from Watching this Film

- People with stake in international politics (politicians)
- People who are able to support the programs through donations
- People who are unaware



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