



Check Points

Question: We often hear of victims of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) being moved across borders or moved to other parts of their countries to be exploited, but do people need to be transported for their bondage to be considered TIP?

Answer: This is a common misconception, but no movement is necessary.

According to the US State Department, "Human trafficking can include but does not require movement. People may be considered trafficking victims regardless of whether they were born into a state of servitude, were transported to the exploitative situation, previously consented to work for a trafficker, or participated in a crime as a direct result of being trafficked." It is also important not to conflate smuggling with human trafficking as they are not the same thing, because smuggling implies that the people are free to go at the destination and not be enslaved for the profit of another.

Have a question you want to see answered here? Write us! For answers to other Frequently Asked Questions about TIP or Relentless, follow this link: <http://gorelentless.wordpress.com/faqs/>

RELENTLESS SCHEDULE:

Aug 5-26 Annual Leave

Sept 1-7: Vientiane, Laos

Sept 9-10: Chiang Rai, Thailand

Sept 13-22 Chisinau, Moldova

Sept 23-28 Kiev, Ukraine

Oct 7-12 Bangkok, Thailand

Oct 16- Nov 19 USA (detailed schedule pending)

New Work in Lao PDR

In May, Relentless traveled to Lao PDR and several key partnerships were established. In July, Relentless returned to Laos to present a two-day workshop on Health and Human Trafficking to Lao health care professionals and other local stakeholders in Pakse (Southern Laos). Another trip to present the same workshop to another group in Vientiane is planned for early September.

This workshop on health and human trafficking is geared towards health care professionals who want to learn more about trafficking in persons, and more about how they can use their specific skills to address human trafficking. From prevention to aftercare, there are myriad ways in which health care and human trafficking intersect. Many health care professionals have no idea how they fit outside of direct medical care of survivors and are happy to learn about techniques for identifying victims, steps for



Trainers and participants of the Health and Human Trafficking Workshop in Pakse, Lao PDR July 2013

prevention, as well as the application of trauma-informed care. One physician commented that he had no idea that it was possible to identify new victims and was glad to learn of techniques to do so.

In Laos, Relentless is also working with other stakeholders to develop a standardized manual for the holistic care of survivors in aftercare settings. The topics,

in addition to health care practices, include safety and security, care of the acutely traumatized patient, guides for rehabilitation, as well as staff care guidelines.

To learn more about hosting a health and human trafficking workshop or receiving more training in minimum standards of care in your area please contact Relentless

Relentless Endurance Run

The second-annual Relentless Endurance Run was held on May 25-26. A total of 43 runners representing 12 different nations toed the line to run this timed event. Runners had the option of running 6, 12, or 24 hours to test how far they can run in the given time frame.

Besides being a great ultra distance event for runners in Thailand, the Run is also a fundraiser for Relentless. Celebrate with us that nearly \$8000USD was raised! Congratulations and thank you to all participants! The photo at left shows the 24 hour start line.



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