

2018

Impact



2018 IMPACT REPORT



our

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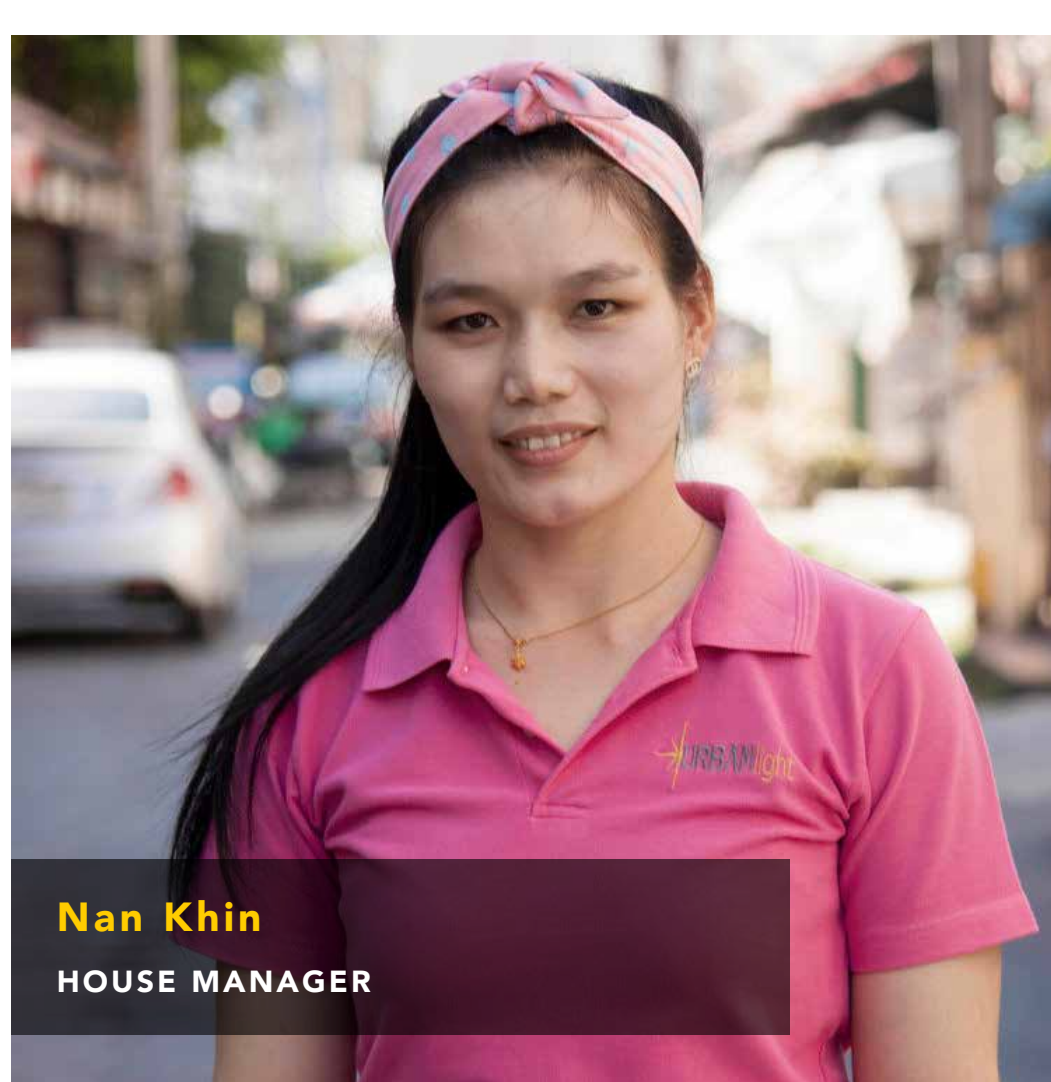
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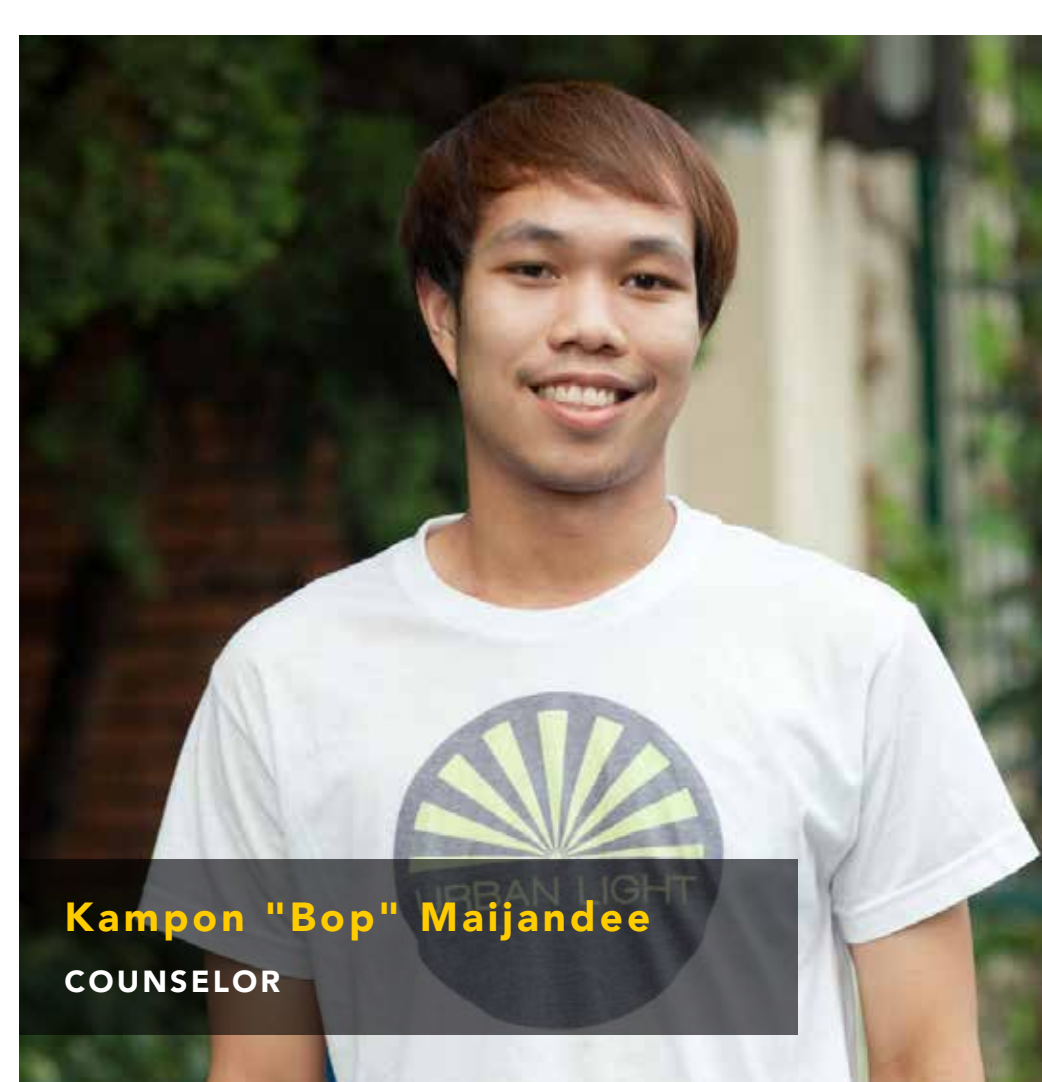
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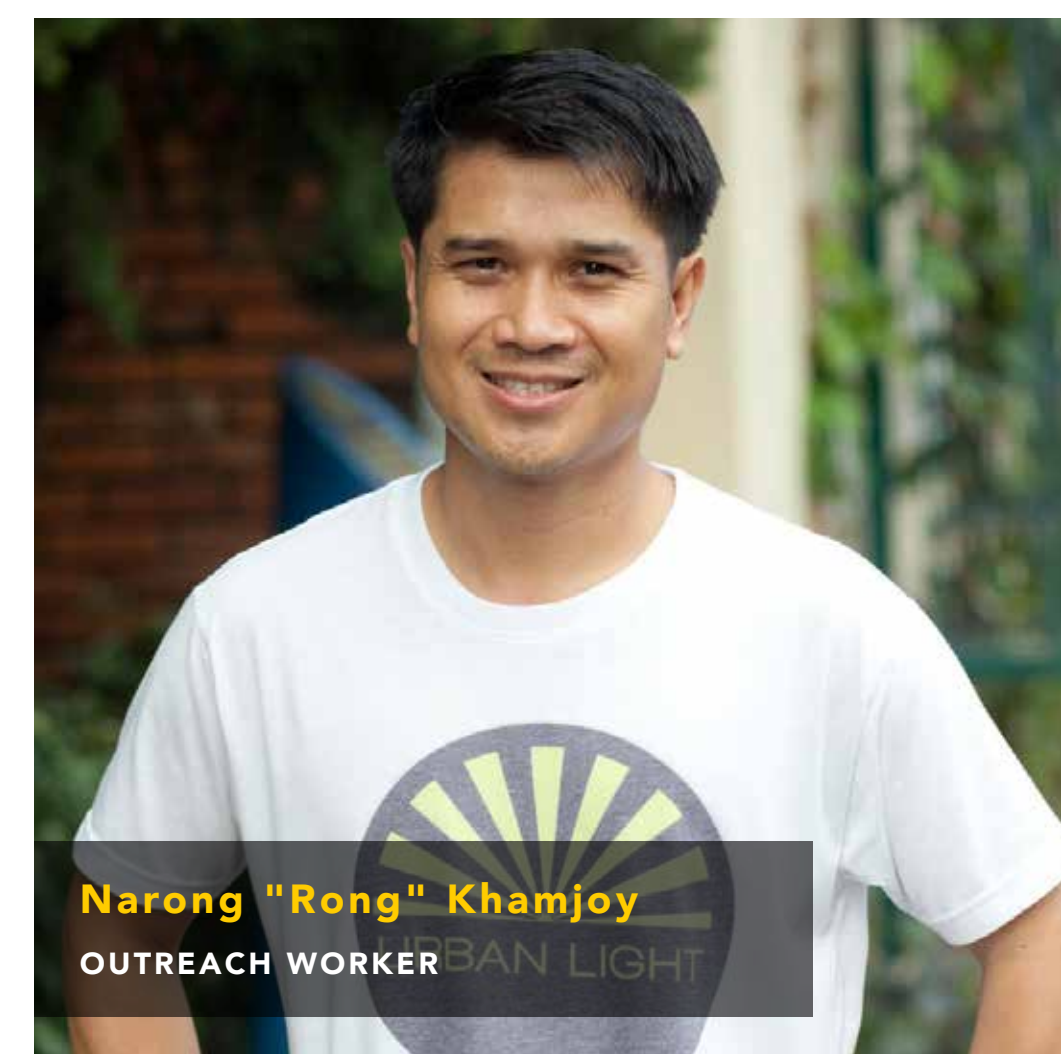
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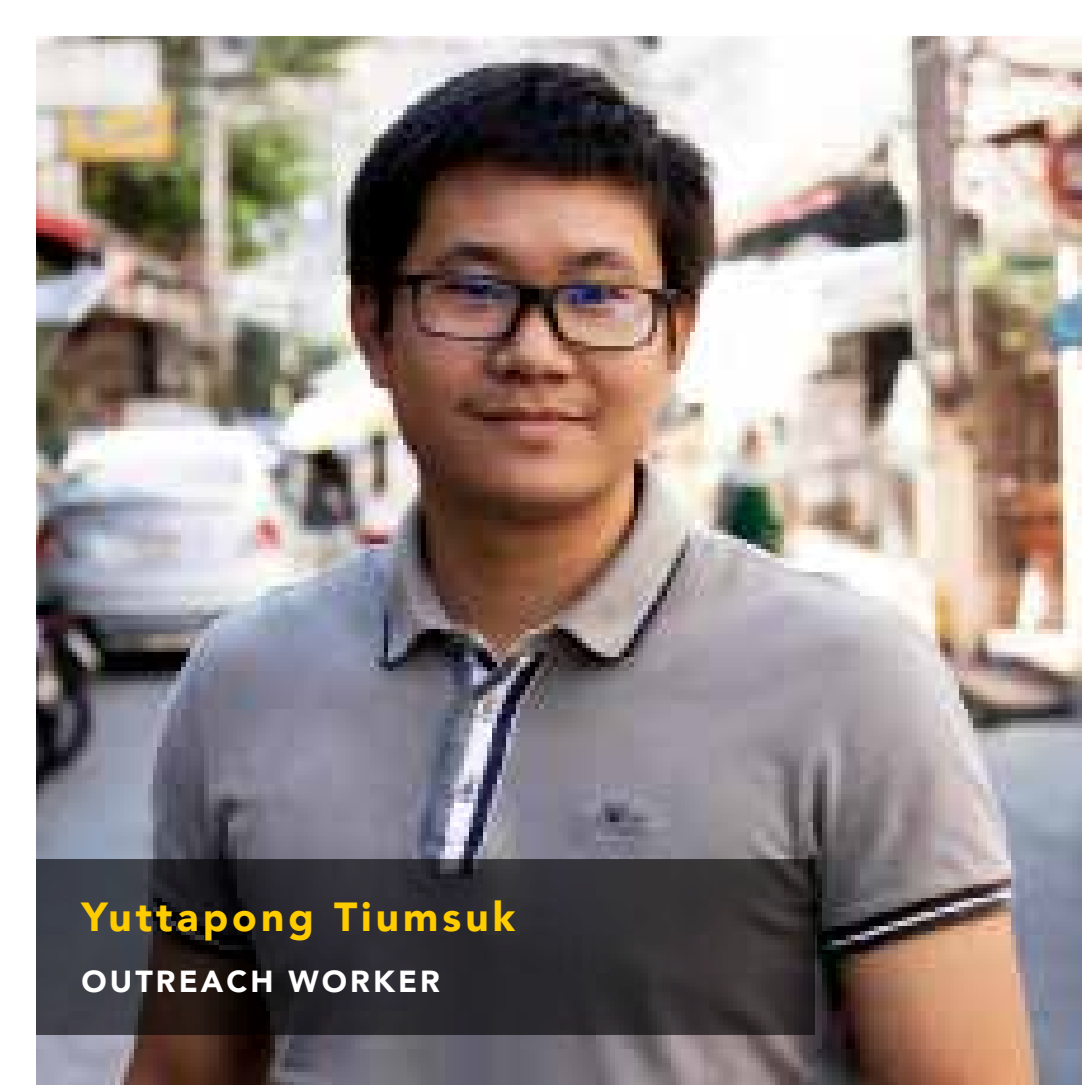
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OUTREACH WORKER



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Camela Resuma
M&E SPECIALIST

**BE
THE
LIGHT**



MANY

HANDS

MAKE

light

WORK

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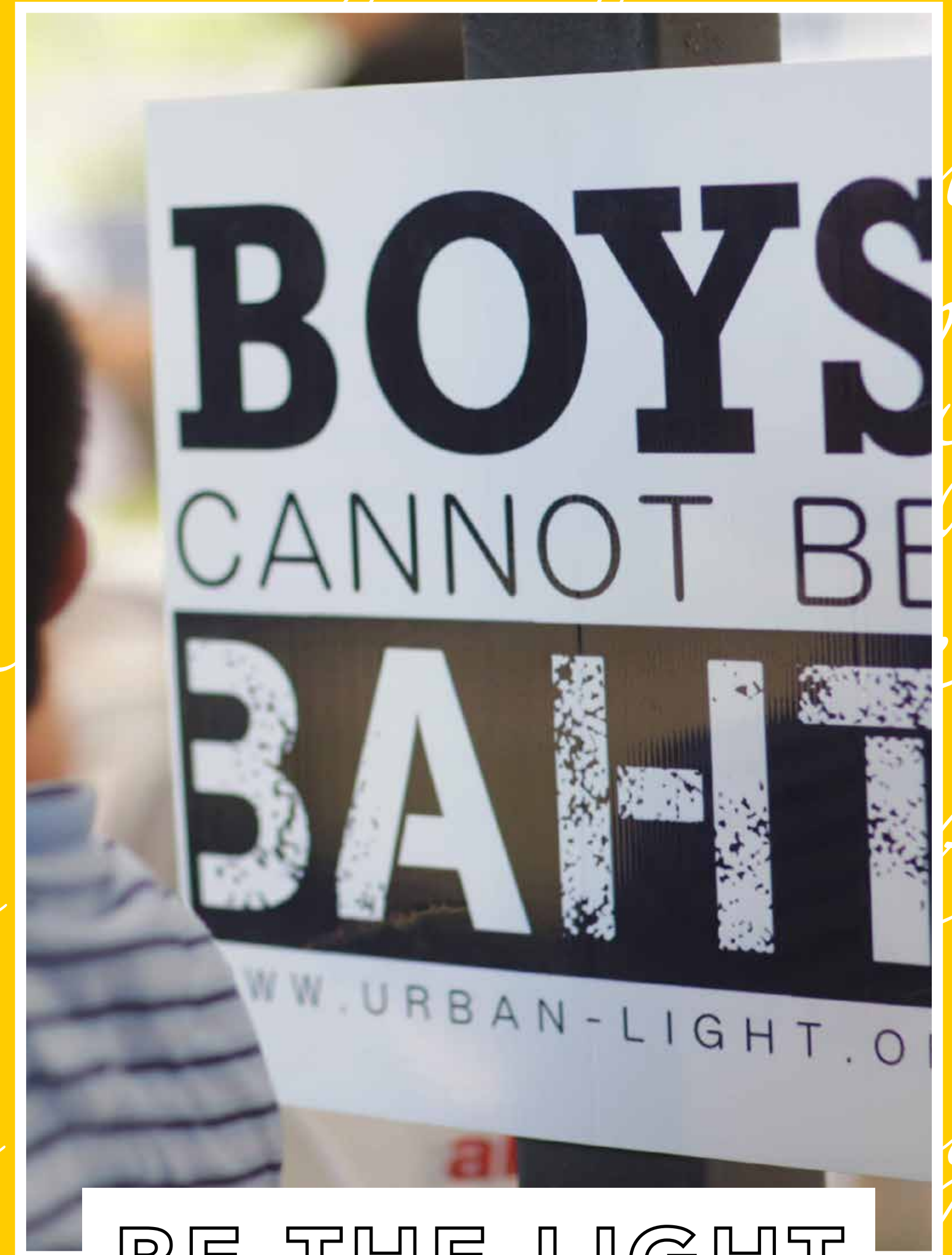
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**The work we do is not just
an opportunity, but an obligation
we wholeheartedly dedicate
our lives to on the daily.** ”

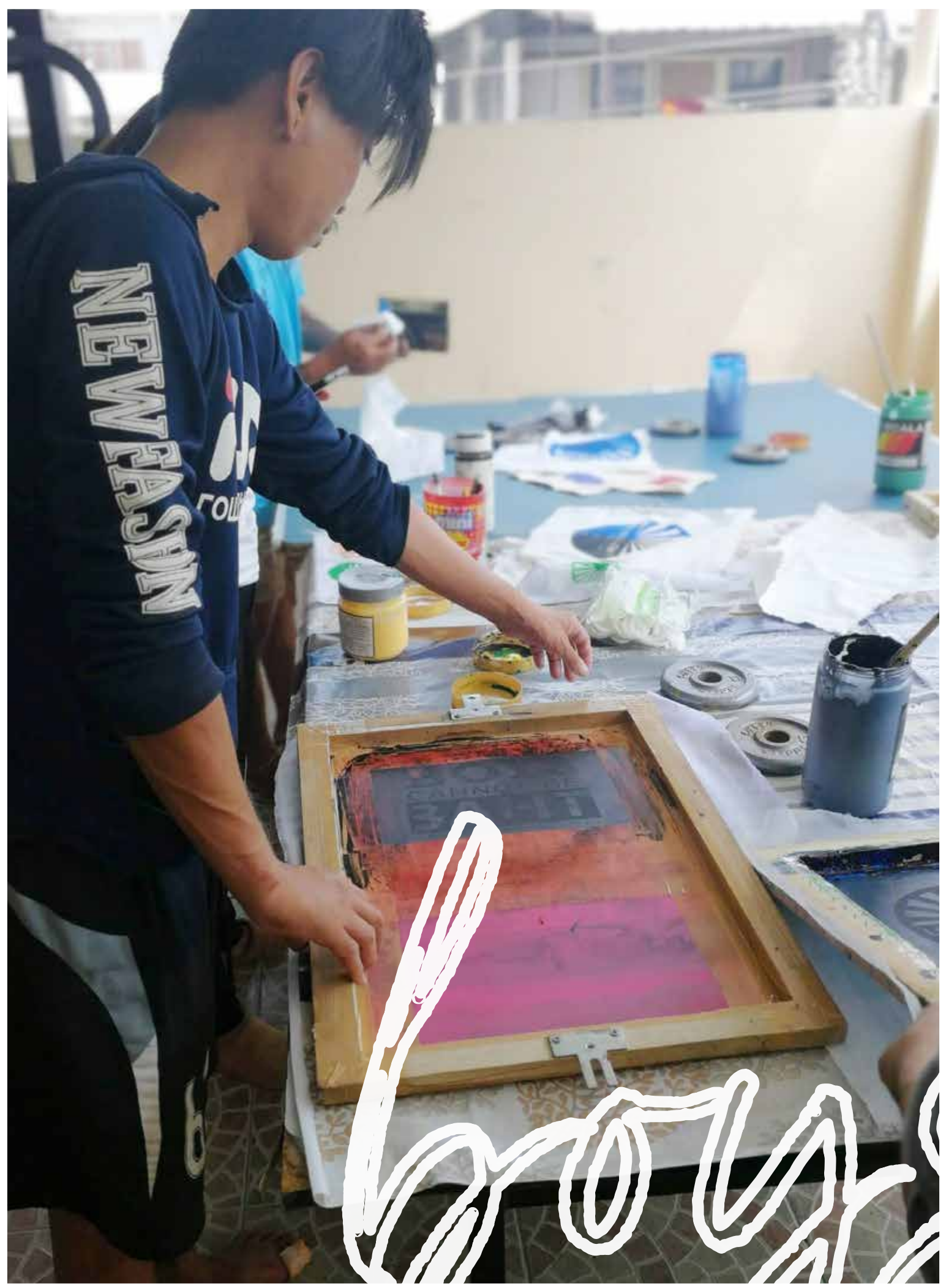
Alezandra Russell

Alezandra Russell, Founder

+ Executive Director



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MAKING AN IMPACT

BOYS WHO RECEIVED SERVICES IN 2018: 795

of Boys who received services during Urban Light Outreach: 677

of visits where services were received during Outreach & Community Outreach: 4,468

of visits from Boys that made it to the Urban Light Youth Center: 3,331

of new Boys who received services at the Youth Center: 56

of hours providing 1-on-1 case management to UL Boys: 108 hrs

of hot + healthy meals provided to UL Boys: 8,866 + 2,033 = 10,899

Hot meals served at the Urban Light Youth Center: 4,973

Hot meals served at Outreach: 3,893

Snacks/meals served at Prevention/Community Development: 2,033

of Urban Light staff members: THAI (8) Foreign (4)

TESTIMONIAL

Till Lembke // Board Member

Utter revulsion.

Powerlessness in the face of societal inequality.

Those were the overwhelming sentiments I felt when I was first confronted with the monstrous side of the global sex tourism industry, when I first witnessed a young boy being “bought” in the dingy bars in Chiang Mai’s red light district.

He is not alone – with a look at the cold numbers makes for disturbing reading. Over 40 million modern slaves, of which over a fifth are sexually exploited. Approximately USD 99 billion of profit derived from sexual exploitation, with another USD 51 billion from forced economic exploitation. Tackling this nefarious, multi-billion industry seems to be a sheer impossible task.

Yet, Urban Light proves every day that it is possible. That you can bring light into darkness. When I visited Urban Light last year, I saw a house full of laughter and brimming with that special energy and excitement that comes

from a voracious appetite for life. I met Urban Light’s staff and was deeply impressed by their professionalism and absolute dedication. I participated in workshops, met some of the boys coming in for help, healthcare, games and many of the other services provided, and shared meals with everyone.

Throughout it, I was immensely touched by everything I witnessed: at Urban Light, the human behind the statistics becomes center-point, with all his ups and downs, his joys and sorrows, his tragedies but also his infinite hope. I was left in awe by the work that goes into providing a safe space for boys and men to be able to take a break, and to regain their own sense of strength and ambitions for the time to come. Seeing the work in action has motivated me further to contribute as an international board member, from raising awareness beyond Thai borders to assisting with fundraising and planning for the future.

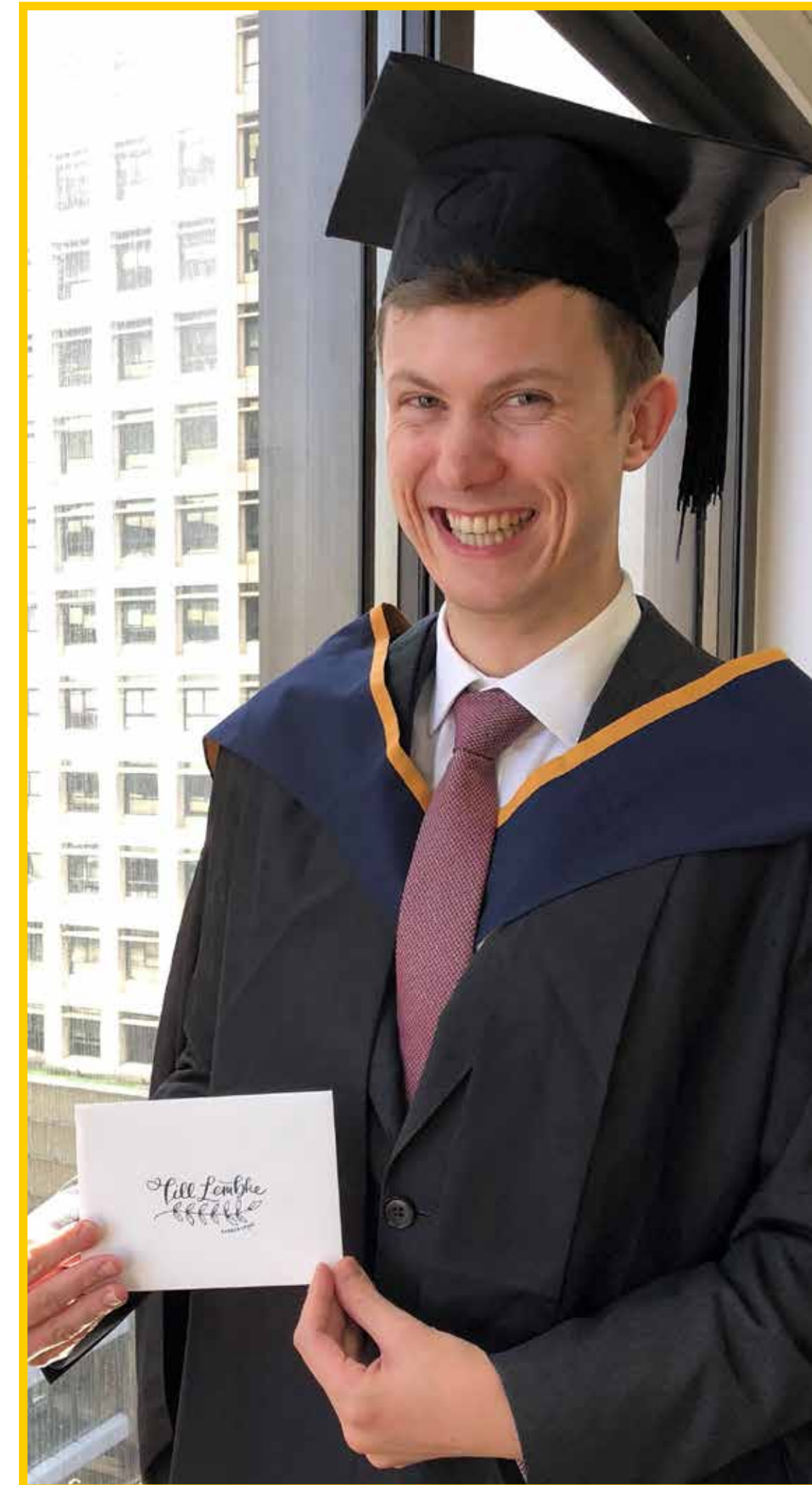
Only recently, a week filled with meetings, training sessions, fundraising dinners and a drinks & photography fundraising event was

organized in Hong Kong to spread the word about Urban Light. I look forward to many more such initiatives and partnerships with like-minded organizations across the globe.

Now, when I think of my visit to Chiang Mai and the work and dedication that Urban Light and its staff and supporters put into helping vulnerable boys and men, it is not utter revulsion and powerlessness that pervades it all; on the contrary, I feel hope, optimism, and a sentiment of deep pride and care for everyone who is touched by Urban Light’s efforts and who, through the assistance provided by Urban Light, has regained confidence in their own dignity. I am honored to be part of Urban Light, look forward to many more initiatives and Urban Light’s future growth, and am confident that Urban Light and its supporters will continue to be the light for those in need.

Till Lembke

Till Lembke



TESTIMONIAL

Maia Mounsher // Thailand Director

I joined the Urban Light Team in June of 2018, and to say "I was impressed" is an understatement!

I joined a team of highly qualified and dedicated professionals that the Founder, Alezandra, had meticulously built up over the years --a legacy I was and remain determined to uphold in my position as Thailand Director.

Urban Light distinguishes itself not only through the unique services it provides, but, also through the sincerity, integrity and dedication of its team members; each and everyone is truly here for the boys and men whom UL serves. Whether a client is a teenager coming in with a wound, a young man battling mental health issues, or the fathers who are seeking to support their sons, Urban Light addresses it all by attending to injuries, providing counseling services, and offering emergency housing just to name a few of our services. Not to mention Urban Light's achievements in carrying out night outreach

and facilitating the many unsung projects which are happening in local communities, in partnership with the Government sector and with local businesses or the invaluable support we obtain from bilateral donors, local experts and even tourists. Sometimes there are so many plates spinning that it can feel overwhelming – but we are tackling a truly overwhelming task – to overcome human trafficking, to end modern slavery and to put a stop to all other forms of exploitation.

My vision for Urban Light is to see these amazing services expanded, replicated, and evolving with the invaluable input of the clients we serve. I studied my undergraduate degree at Sussex University, a trailblazer in the field of participatory development. I have also spent the last several years of my life learning to read, write and speak in Thai, so that I can facilitate this ambitious process. I would love to see Urban Light expand to other locations in Thailand, to reach more vulnerable, at-risk boys and men – and even to expand to other countries, as the need exists beyond Thai borders. I want to put the most vulnerable

boys, men, and communities in the driver seat empowering them to fight for their rights and for their futures and their children's futures.

Raising awareness alone may not be enough, but it is crucial in order to get things going. Having worked in Asia for almost 7 years, here's what I can tell you: human trafficking is still happening. It is happening to men. It is happening to women and girls, too – I have personally seen it all – but with over 40 million victims of human trafficking globally, and an estimated 29% of those being male, boys and men make up a significant minority that can no longer be overlooked.

We need organizations like Urban Light, which refuse to shut their doors on people who are 'too much trouble', 'too old', 'too difficult' or for whatever reason fall outside our society's embrace. They need a second chance, and they deserve protection and rehabilitation from these horrible crimes. They need community solutions. They need whole societies and international efforts to come together.

That starts with raising awareness and continues with the efforts of not just charities, but governments, businesses, and individuals like yourself.

So please, keep on fighting. Find ways to start conversations, get involved, give your support to victims and the vulnerable, and overcome human trafficking and modern day slavery

Cheers, Maia

Maia Mounsher



TESTIMONIAL

Parinya "Paan" Jongpaijitsakul // Director of Programs

I started working at Urban Light in 2015 and looking back I can say it has been four of the most exciting years of my life filled with great change and inspiring challenges.

When I first started working with UL I had the opportunity to work with the PACT project (Project Access, Care, and Treatment) – a project that provided support, counseling and protection to improve the lives of male substance users in Chiang Mai. This unique work matched my passion and desire to help my community while allowing me the opportunity to learn, work and receive mentorship from international development experts Mr. Mark Moser, Ms. Jude Fiss and the entire Up! International team.

I have always held a deep belief that to merge fun and education is an ideal formula for raising awareness. An example of our creative initiatives was last year's UL Flash Mob campaign. On a Sunday evening more than 100 passionate

people came together to raise awareness about UL and about the issue of trafficking in persons, with a unique focus on boys and men.

Tapping into our client's love of soccer, this year UL held our first Annual UL Soccer Cup, bringing together different communities in the form of teams competing in a friendly soccer match. Thrillingly, it was a successful collaboration between UL, other NGOs, and local government institutions, further strengthening our ties within the wider community.

I've always believed that any work we do must take place in cooperation with other organizations if we are to achieve success for our clients and community. I'm deeply encouraged and impressed with the tremendous success UL has achieved over the years and look forward to the continued impact our programs and growth will have on the Chiang Mai community.

Sincerely, Paan
Parinya "Paan" Jongpaijitsakul



"I have no doubt that we are as dedicated as ever and that together we will continue to move forward to protect and advocate for the boys, men and communities we serve."



freedom

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Fortune favors the
bold. We must be
bold in the pursuit of
freedom for our Boys.
”

Alezandra Russell
Alezandra Russell, Founder + Executive Director

support



educate

+ ENROLL

EDUCATION

of hours spent providing education-based services including English, life skills, Professional Development: 159 hrs

of Boys enrolled in alternative education: 14



of Boys enrolled in formal education: 8

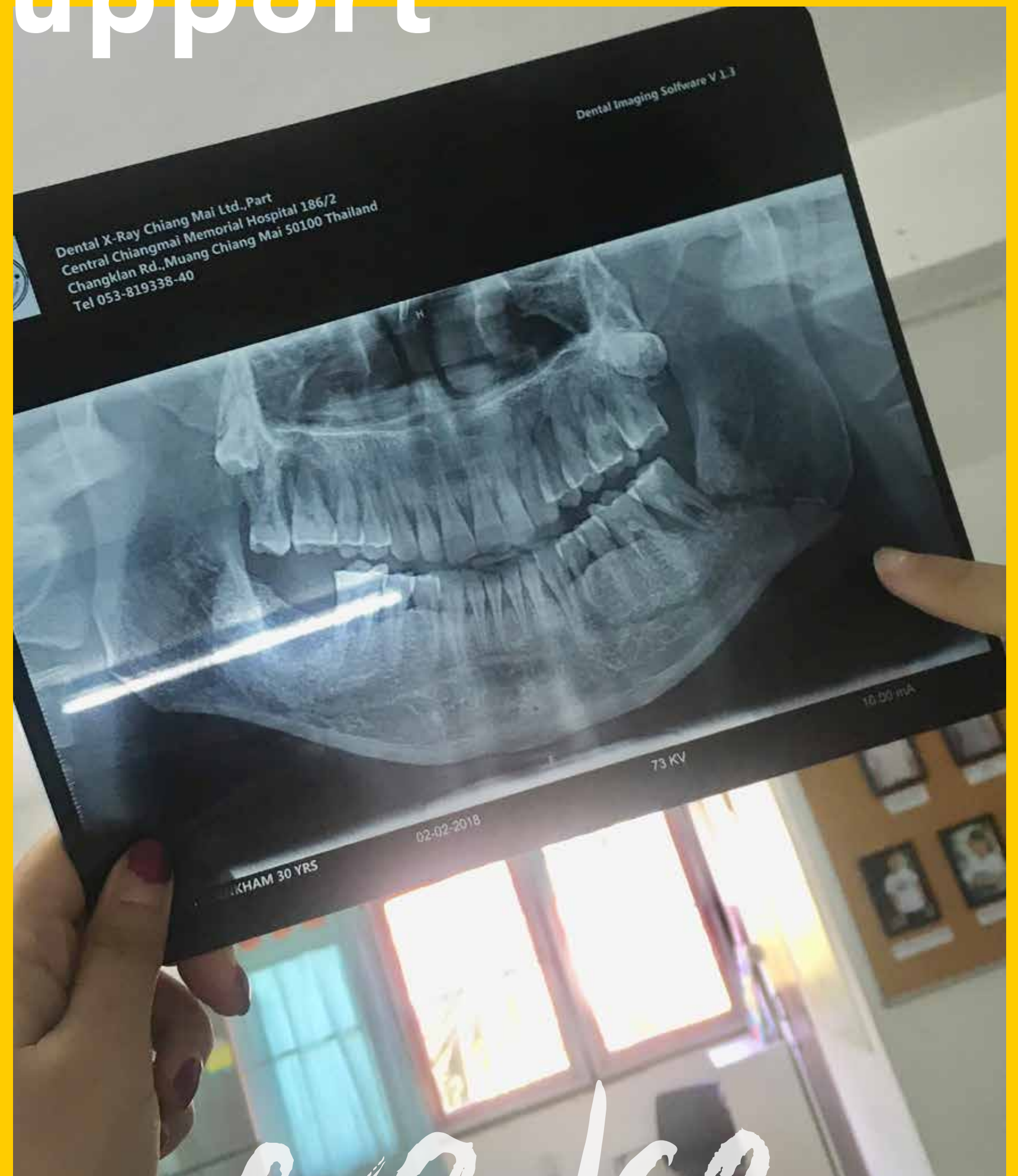
HEALTH

- # of hours spent on medical case-management first-aid, pharmacy visits and HIV Screening: 261 hrs
- # of Boys who received medical check-ups: 78
- # of Boys who received HIV & STI screenings: 45
- # of Boys who received health screenings for other illnesses: 101
- # of Boys who received mental health service: 24
- # of on-site health clinics at the UL Youth Center: 19



of hours spent providing health education to UL Boys: 104 hrs

support



care

PROVIDE + EDUCATE

support



house

+ EMPOWER

HOUSING

Boys who entered the UL Transitional Housing Program (ULTHP): 14

Boys who received emergency Housing: 5



EMPLOYMENT

of Boys that received life skills training: 286

of Boys that received vocational training: 51



of Boys that
that got a
job: 12

prepare



skills

+ TRAINING

identify



OUTREACH

of outreach locations: 12

of hours spent conducting outreach: 732 hrs

of Boys reached during outreach: 677

of Boys who were referred out to other services: 14

of condoms distributed: 13,564

of health kits distributed during outreach: 503

of visits to Jail, juvenile detention: 7

outreach

+ PROVIDE



of hot meals served at outreach: 3,893

COMMUNITY

OUTREACH

of UL satellite centers: 2

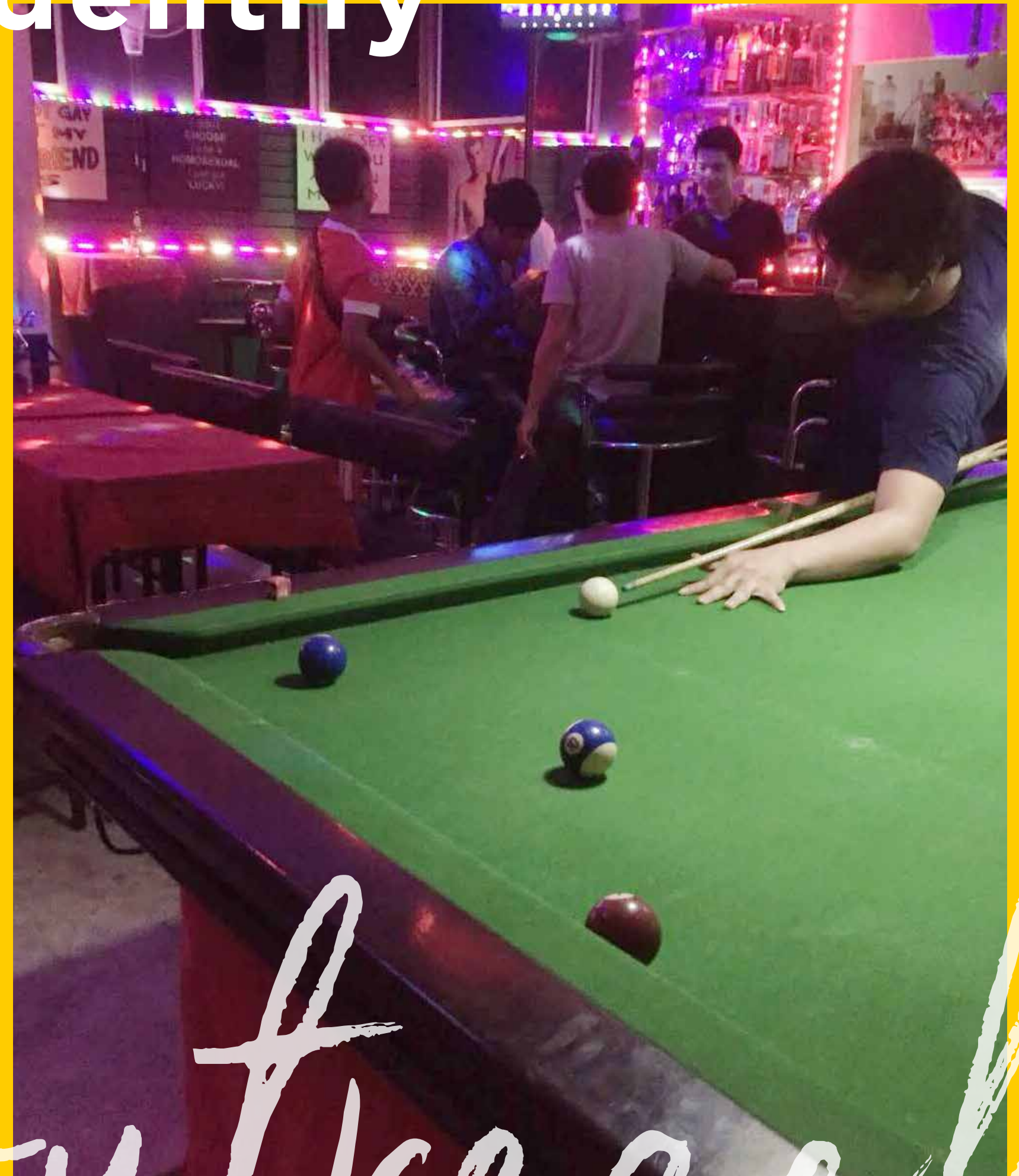
of life skills workshops provided during community outreach in 2018: 46

of children, ages 0 to 14, that received services in 2018: 63



of families that received services in 2018: 46

identify



outreach

+ SUPPORT

educate



PREVENTION /

COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT

of community & village chats/trainings: 35

of elders + parents that participated in community chats: 598



of youth that participated in youth programs: 1,142

prevention + IGNITE CONVERSATION

AWARENESS

+

ADVOCACY

- # of Thailand speaking engagements: 37
- # of Global speaking engagements: 6
- # of Travel & Tourism Trainings on Child Protection: 7
- # of followers reached on social media: 32,000



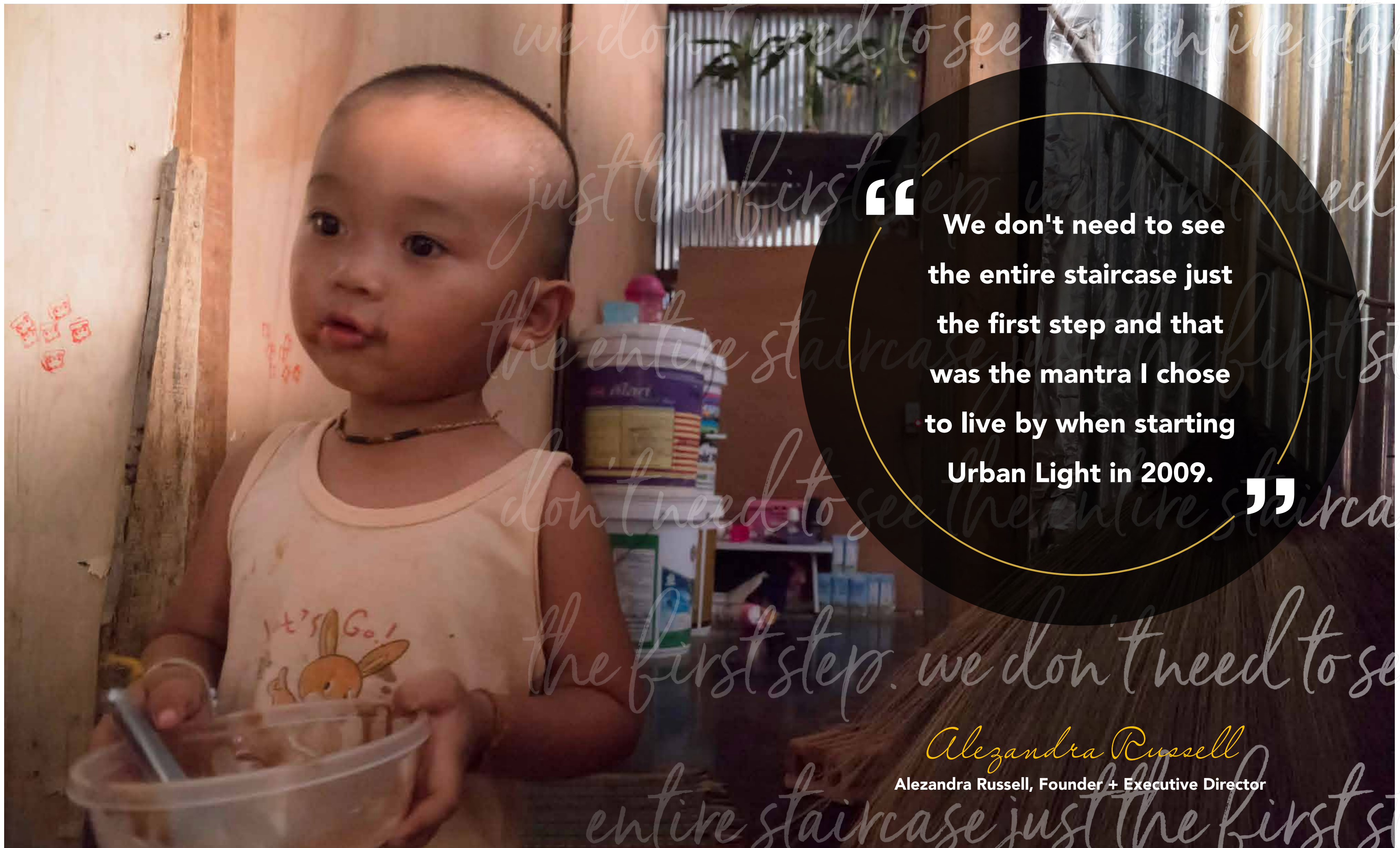
of people reached via speaking engagements: 3,980

educate



advocate

+ BRING ATTENTION



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We don't need to see the entire staircase just the first step and that was the mantra I chose to live by when starting Urban Light in 2009.

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Alexandra Russell

Alexandra Russell, Founder + Executive Director



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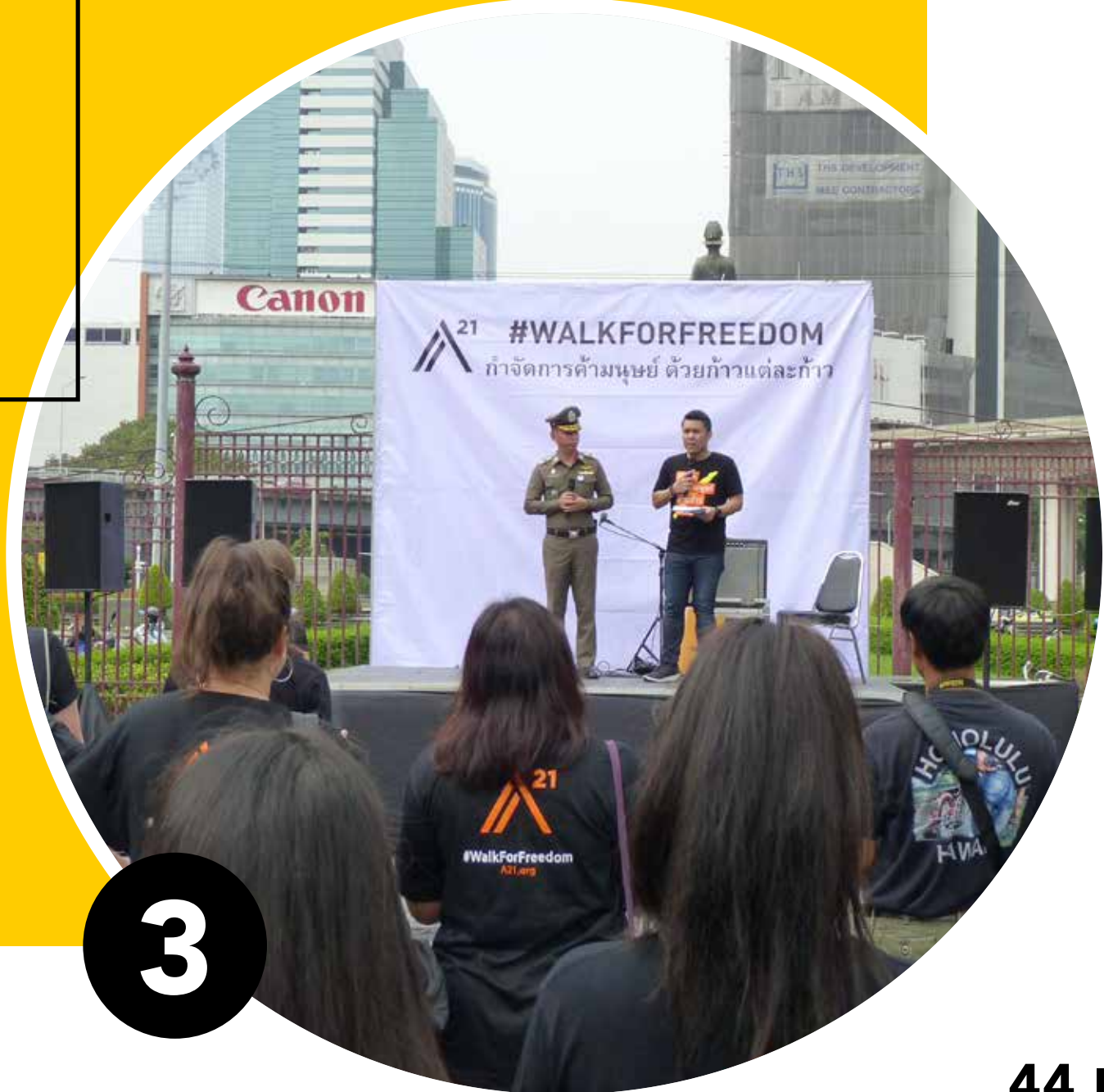
World Day
Against
Trafficking
in Persons



NGO Booth at ISDI

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A21
Walk for
Freedom,
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**Beyond Awareness:
The Next Step
in Fighting
Human
Trafficking**



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UL Soccer Cup



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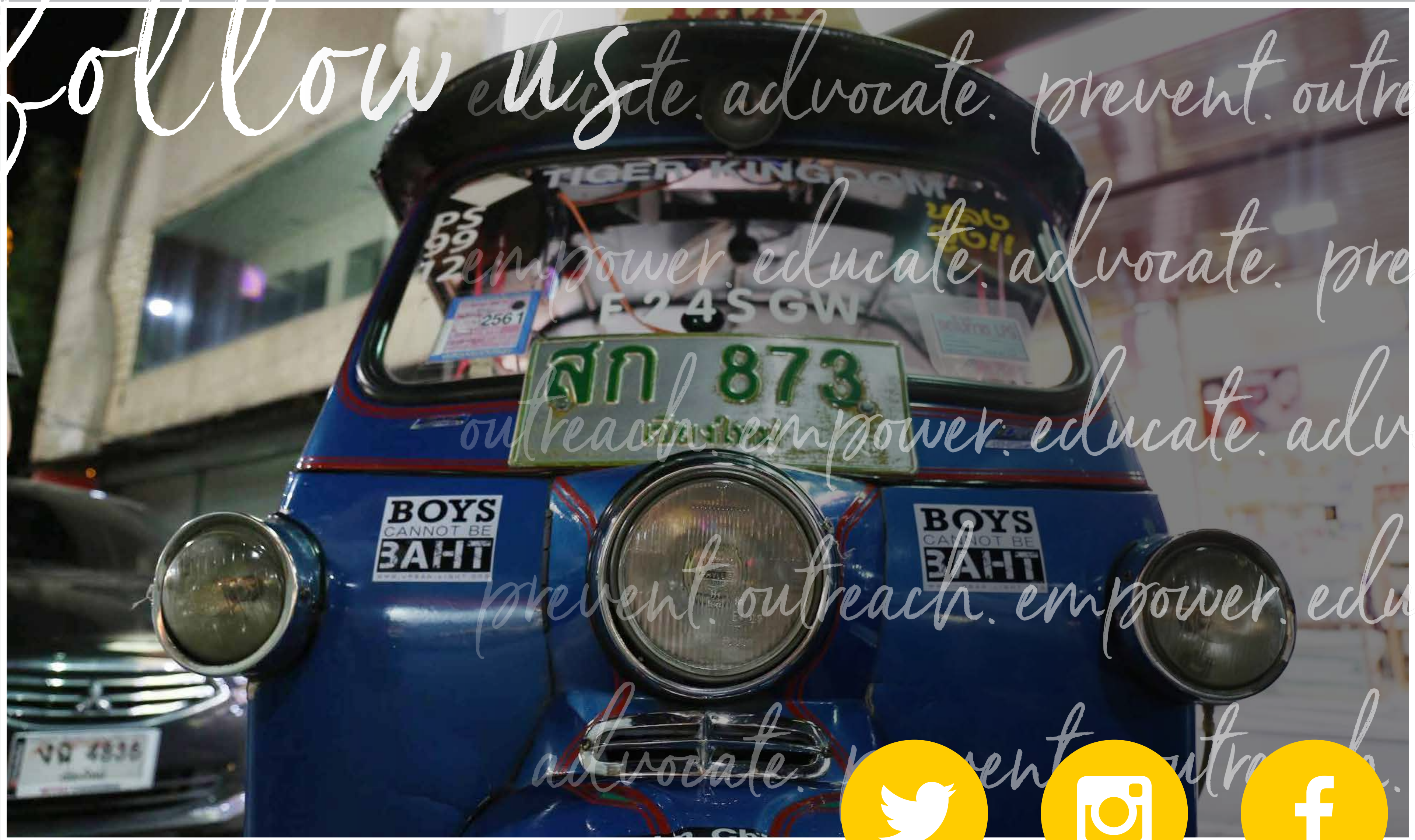
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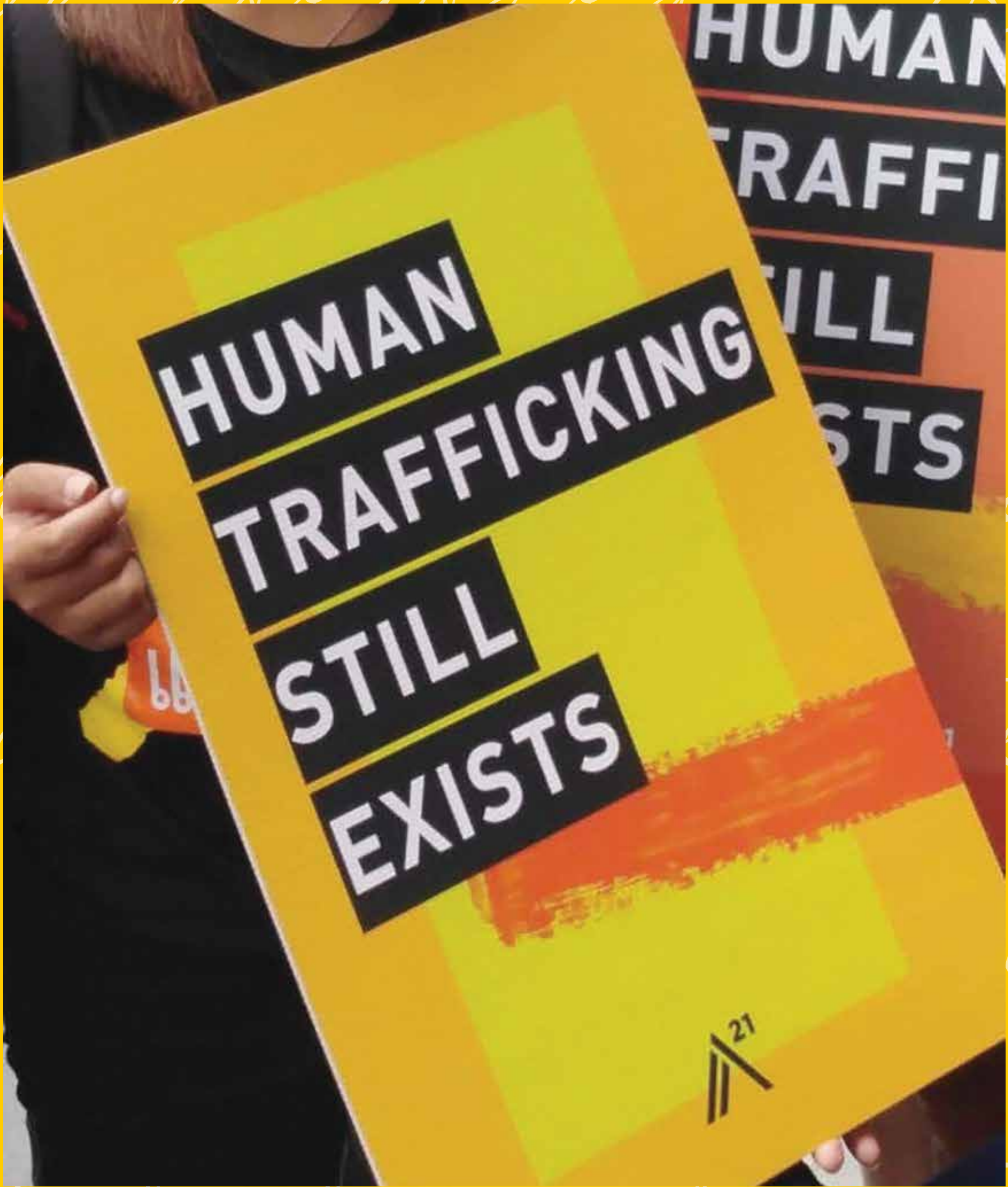
**Light Up
The Night:
Tuk Tuk
Campaign**



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advocate. prevent. outreach. empower
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TAKE ACTION

The identity and privacy of all Urban Light Boys is strictly enforced by the Urban Light Child Protection Policy which is strictly enforced and followed by all staff, visitors and partners. The word "Boy(s)" is used to describe our male clients. Urban Light also serves adult men who are included in these numbers.