

# Grace in Action

Stories of God at work in and through the GIS community

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ZOE

## Training Repurposed

**re·pur·pose** rē'pərpəs/ to give a new purpose or use to

Kenny was enjoying a fulfilling career in law enforcement in the U.S. when he and his wife, Catherine, felt God “changing the game” for them. Through some twists and turns of events—as they were seeking God for what He might have for them—the couple was introduced to Zoe International. They made a trip to Thailand in 2012 to investigate for themselves how it might work for them to join Zoe’s important work here. Zoe’s mission of reaching people with the love of God and rescuing children from human trafficking resonated with the couple.

Kenny and Catherine were eager to serve God, but they also felt the weight of fulfilling the responsibility they have to their three children—two biological daughters (now in grades 3 and 6) and a 4-year-old adopted son. Seeking out the educational options available was an important piece of their vision trip to Chiang Mai. Grace’s reputation as a great school reached their ears, and, through a visit to GIS, the couple saw that their coming to Thailand to serve was not going to diminish their kids’ abilities in the future. “Our kids could get a good education at Grace with the Bible at its core, woven through the life of the school, not as an after thought,” Kenny said. With their kids’ needs for a good education in place, Kenny and Catherine moved forward with plans to relocate to Chiang Mai, arriving in 2015.

Kenny’s background as a police officer is a huge asset to the role he has at Zoe. It’s as if God has repurposed his training and experience to be used in new ways and in new scenarios here in Thailand. Kenny’s know-how holds weight, and it allows him to “support the efforts of law enforcement here in Thailand.”

As a cop, Kenny often saw people at their worst and felt the darkness associated with their actions; but he also knew the joy of helping people in tough situations. A career as a police officer can take a toll on a person over time. “The trauma that others experience—you take on a little bit of that, too,” Kenny says. “But it also serves to motivate you.” Kenny and Catherine are thankful that Kenny’s training and their collective life experience are having an impact here in Thailand.

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