



“Incorporating volunteering into my travels has provided me with so many opportunities to experience Thai culture in an in-depth way, learn some of the language and have a richer experience.”

Kristal
Volunteer

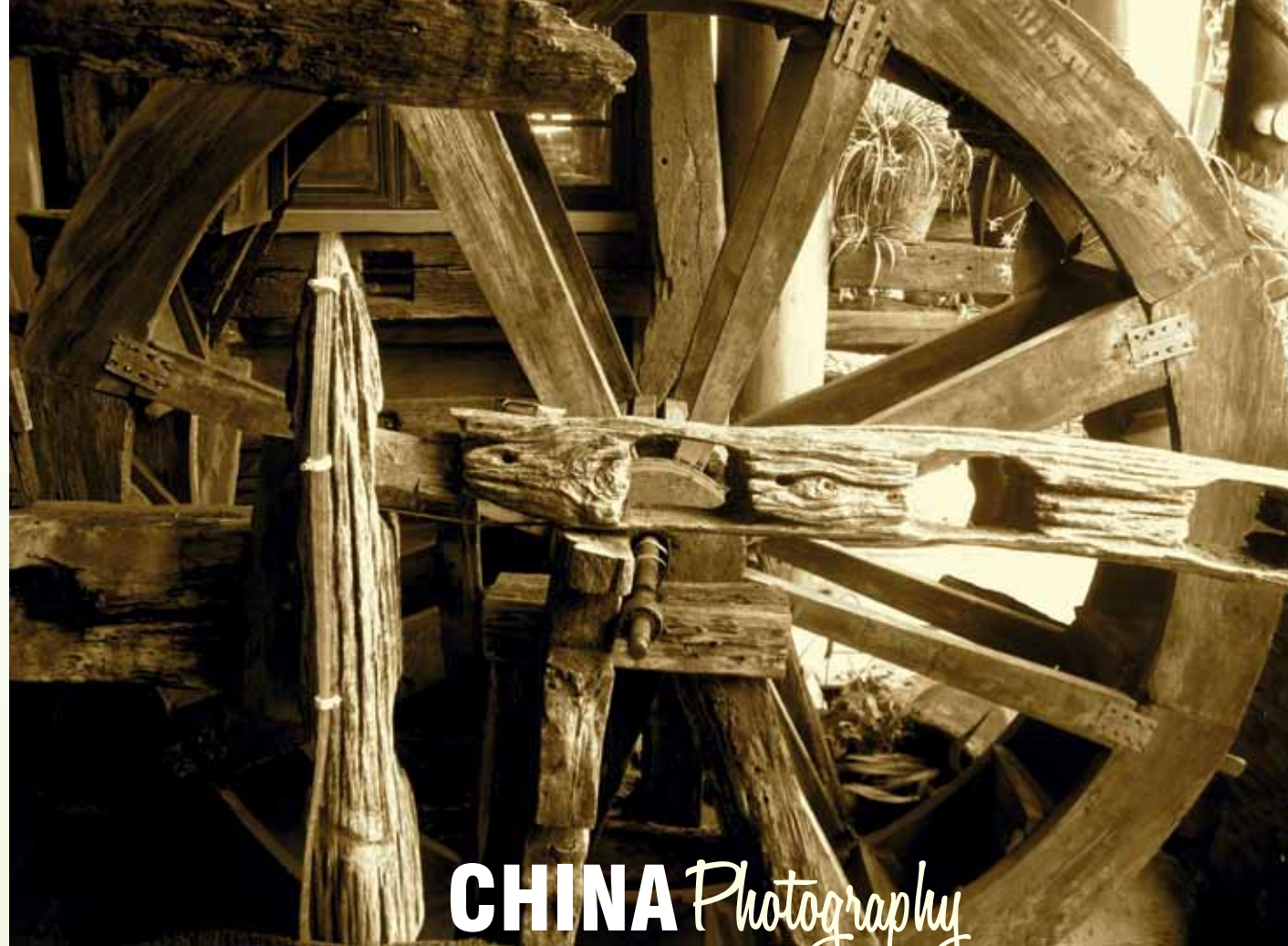
ASIA

China and Thailand

Asia is the place where the original idea for the Do Good As You Go movement was born. As founders Jay and Alice were camping out near a rural Cambodian temple, they had a vision of travelers coming together as a network to leverage their skills and make a real and sustainable difference during their trips. After establishing North America, Latin America and Africa, Do Good As You Go finally kicked off in Asia in 2012.

Working with our travelers, we started with Choice to Choose in China with a photography program and delivery of much needed supplies. We've explored Vietnam, with Mike and Anne Howard of Honeytrek, Cambodia at the Ponheary Ly Foundaion with Andy and Megan Scott and their family, and much of India with our ambassadors and volunteers.

We currently have established partnerships in Thailand with the Human Development Foundation – Mercy Centre in Bangkok and The RainTree Foundation in the Chiang Mai area. These organizations see an influx of long term volunteers as well as short term visitors, often coming with their families making strong connections between youth. Some of the most impactful volunteering occurs when corporate travelers are able to leverage their skills to make a significant impact through sharing their expertise, providing mentorship and creating international business connections. We are growing in Asia quickly and look forward to welcoming more partnerships and youth to our global family.



CHINA Photography



Choice to Choose in Dali, China. Their mission is to equip orphans with skill sets that would be helpful as they are going into the "real world".

They also give the orphans connections needed to get their foot in the door as they are searching for their first jobs, as relationships are vital to the Chinese.



Pat and Alison Wilson decided to take some time to do good as they were traveling in China. In collaboration with Choice to Choose, they were able to teach some of the children basic photography skills. Considering most of the orphans had never operated a camera before, the photos they took are quite amazing!



"Igniting the latent curiosity that existed in these bright and budding minds through a continuous dance of observation and adaptation was by far one of the most humbling and privileged experiences of our lives. We will never forget the faces of Pai, Xiong, Zhou, Sha, and LiChun and that (literally) speechless week we spent together"

Pat and Alison Wilson
Volunteers



THAILAND *Education*

Mike Welch has been a volunteer for over two years, working with students who attend the Redeemer International School in Bangkok. Originally, Mike started working with two Mercy Grade 8 students, Ton and Kwan, assisting them with their English language skills. The group of Redeemer students has now expanded to up to six children at any given time. Mike focuses on encouraging and helping them to improve their reading and writing skills, as well as assisting them with their homework and test preparations.

“ I had a proud moment recently when Nancy, one of the 7th grade students who I work with, told me her teacher said that her essay was one of the best in the class. It’s moments like these, seeing the proud smiles on their faces, that really makes everything worthwhile.”

Mike Welch, Volunteer



The Mercy Centre in Bangkok, Thailand works to help the children and communities of the many slums of Bangkok. They build and operate schools, improve family health and welfare, protect street children’s rights, combat the AIDS crisis, respond to daily emergencies, and offer shelter to those in need – always together, hand in hand and heart to heart with the people they serve.

Kristal has been a weekly volunteer at the Mercy Centre since October 2012. She has been teaching English to preschool children, as well as assisting Mercy with its funding initiatives.



“Every Tuesday morning I’ve walked into the Mercy Centre never really knowing what to expect. It’s been both daunting and exhilarating. The only thing I really know is that I will see the smiling, laughing faces of a bunch of three year olds.”

Kristal
Volunteer



The RainTree Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand, is a grassroots social non-government organization, operating in Thailand among rural and underdeveloped communities. Their aim is to help people through education, appropriate technology and self-help projects to improve their living standards.

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