

# Mentor@MaeSot

A Travel-Impact Program

## Background & Mae Sot

The 2021 military coup in Myanmar displaced thousands of individuals, driving diverse ethnic groups to seek refuge along the Thai border. Many young people now reside in refugee camps and border villages, facing significant challenges in accessing safe shelter, food, and education. While migrant schools and NGOs have stepped in to address these needs, these resources are overstretched. With no immediate prospects for safe repatriation, the educational and developmental needs of these youth remain pressing.

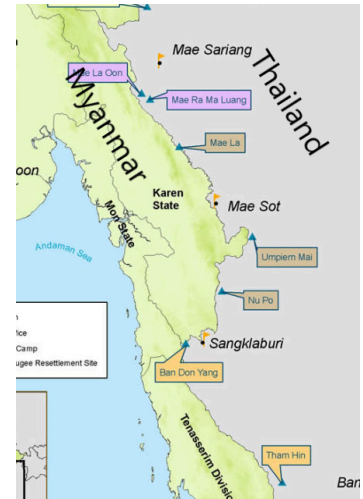
**Mae Sot** is a vibrant border town & center for these migrants. Home to diverse cultures, including Thai, Karen, Mon, Burmese, and Rohingya communities, it serves as a hub for trade and businesses with Myanmar, but also faces challenges such as cross-border trafficking, scam gangs and other illicit activities, which heighten vulnerabilities for migrant youth, especially girls. Mae Sot offers infrastructure and connectivity, including a small airport, bus services, and daily flights from Bangkok, making it an accessible location for program operations. **Mentor@MaeSot** is a response to this critical situation, aiming to connect mature, compassionate mentors with displaced youth to provide guidance, support, and inspiration.

## Project Summary

Living Waters Ministry plans to establish a youth mentoring program in Mae Sot, Thailand. This initiative will equip young migrants with essential life skills, resilience, and hope for the future. Volunteers and associates will contribute through program fees, covering operational costs and enhancing the project's sustainability. This program will leverage partnerships with churches, NGOs, and local schools to ensure a holistic approach to the development of these youth, preparing them to uplift others and contribute positively to their communities.

## Vision and Mission

Vision: To foster a generation of resilient & responsible individuals equipped to uplift their communities.



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Mission: To supplement the resources of migrant schools and community organizations with a holistic mentoring program focused on practical, ethical, and spiritual growth.

## Program Goals

1. Mentorship: Provide father/mother figures and role models for displaced migrant youth.
2. Support: Augment the resources of overwhelmed migrant schools in Mae Sot.
3. Training: Deliver programs on personal development, entrepreneurship, life skills, and spiritual well-being (e.g. Beyond Success Transformational Leadership Program).
4. Resource Mobilization: To establish a center / platform to engage the youths in a holistic manner.

## Mentor Recruitment

We seek individuals and church partnerships to recruit mentors who are/have:

- Financially independent, ethical work experience and English proficiency
- Committed to the program and to a 2–5 weeks of field assignments in pairs or small teams
- Prepared to undergo approval and safety measures, including submitting a liability and indemnity form. Ideal mentors include retirees, gap-year participants, professionals between jobs, and mission interns.

## Partnership Opportunities

Churches and Organizations - We invite churches and organizations to partner in underwriting and supporting the program. The first-year setup and operations budget is RM 155,000. Contributions will enable sustainable operations, directly impacting the lives of migrant youth.

## Living Waters Foundation

Based in Chiang Mai, Living Waters Foundation provides refuge for outpatients and caregivers. "Mentor@MaeSot" will operate as an independent branch aligned with local laws and dedicated to mentoring initiatives. To learn more, visit [www.livingwaters.asia](http://www.livingwaters.asia)

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