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Presentation

Presentation of the non-profit
association **TOUK – for Life**

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The non-profit association **TOUK – for Life** was born out of a cry for help, an insight that there are people in vulnerability in Laos and Southeast Asia, who need our help. The association was formed in response to a – as we understand it – call to provide such help. Together, therefore, about fifteen people formed the non-profit association **TOUK – for Life** on 11 July 2020.

The association's values include the key words care, peace, kindness, humility, reconciliation, trust, restoration and courage. But also a holistic view of life, respect, cooperation, honesty and sincerity. The first word in the association's name (TOUK) is Laotian and roughly means "filled" or "to be filled". The meaning of the name is therefore "To be filled with life", or "To be filled with life". It refers to everyone's right to live a harmonious and better life. The association is registered with the Swedish Tax Agency (corporate identity number 802531 – 5683).

The challenges are so great that we need help and we are therefore happy to cooperate with both individuals, associations, parishes and the business community – as long as we can agree on the purpose of the work. However, we have chosen not to be included as part of other activities or through leadership.

We are aware that each country has its individual context regarding religion, politics, history, tradition and culture. However, we do not want to let this define who the people are, just include it as a reference. It is all about individuals, people with names and families, tears and joy, dreams and hopes and which are also covered by the UN's human rights. There is a lot in many countries you can be AGAINST, but we choose to focus on what we are FOR.

We believe that children and young people have the right to be children and young people, without being humiliated by, for example, trafficking, drugs and crime. Our diaconal activities are therefore about establishing family homes for lonely young girls and boys and helping them with so-called family books, which in practice means a public recognition of them as national citizens and a right to go to school and enjoy civil rights.

This diakonia often arouses the respect, wonder and curiosity of villagers and neighbors. When they understand our diaconal driving force, many want to know more about the background. We therefore also want to help them create environments for exchanging experiences and conversations. Giving Swedes and Westerners insight and understanding about this is another of our challenges and we want to actively talk about the life transformation and new living environment in which they now live.

Our basic view is holistic where man's physical, mental, social and existential needs considered. The association addresses all people regardless of age, ethnicity, gender and background.

The organizational form non-profit association is chosen because it best describes the idea-driven nature of the purpose, which in no way has the purpose of promoting the financial interests of its own members, like, for example, an economic association. All profits in the association are therefore always returned to the business. Our organization follows traditional democratic principles with the annual meeting as the highest decision-making body where, among other things, a board is elected that leads the work during the financial year. We have an open approach so that both natural and legal persons can become members of the association and influence the business.

The association **TOUK – for Life** makes a difference for many people in Laos, not least young adult girls and boys. But we are not stronger than our weakest link! We have knowledgeable and experienced employees on site in Southeast Asia, but we also need a strong carrier team in Sweden. As a member (individual, association, company or group of friends) you can get an important t.o.m. necessary role in **TOUK – for Life**.

Both natural and legal persons can become members of the association and thereby receive our membership letters. We believe that membership makes us involved with friends in Laos and Southeast Asia. What they often express is gratitude for knowing that we know about them and help them. The membership fee is low, but of course there is no upper gift limit! Your support is important to so many wonderful people living in vulnerability in Laos, whether it is through empathetic participation, financial gifts or otherwise!

More details about the work can be found in our business plans.

Welcome to support the work!

