



THA-ULI-GEN-P01, Thailand  
Reporting Period: January - June 2016

## Urban Light Bar Boy Project

**Budget:** \$ 20,000 – fully funded!

### Update:

This is the final six-month report for the project with Urban Light providing outreach health services to bar boys and male street workers in the red-light districts of Chiang Mai. Over the period in question Urban Light has conducted night outreach and mobile medical services at a range of locations where these young men can be found. Over 780 individual contacts were made during that time. 80-plus of these contacts went on to become clients of Urban Light in some way, shape or form, accessing support which can help to change their life.



Sleeping rough in Chiang Mai

One of the contacts made during a medical outreach was a young man called Ning\*. Ning had come from a hill tribe area, and had been introduced to methamphetamines by his step-father at the age of 10, after suffering neglect from his mother and abuse from his biological father. He moved to Chiang Mai when he was 17, walking for 2 days to escape his past. Once in Chiang Mai he became addicted to heroin and was involved in prostitution to support his habit. He was malnourished and living on the street. Through initial contact with Urban Light outreach workers, he became a client with Urban Light, entered rehabilitation and is now working in a restaurant and maintaining a drug free lifestyle. He remains connected with Urban Light for moral support and friendship.



Medical outreach

\*Not his real name

Each young man that Urban Light connected with has a story similar to Ning's. Through the medical outreach, connections are made and young men are given the chance to start life again. The Urban Light Bar Boy project Entrust has funded is now closed, but the impact we have had will continue on. Thank you for your part in making this possible.

Entrust Foundation has decided not to continue funding Urban Light at this stage due to internal management issues which the Urban Light Board are currently addressing. We are confident that our funds were spent as directed and that good outcomes were achieved. We wish Urban Light every success as they process the required changes to their organisation.