

Off to Cebu

I hope you are well. As many of you know, I am in a yearlong internship at Regeneration, my church in Oakland. I wanted to let you know about my missions trip to Cebu, Philippines this April, which will place myself and my fellow interns in an intense, 12-day immersion trip with a new organization called the Red Window Project*.

We will be exposed to all areas of the human trafficking industry, from being on the street witnessing the stories behind the sex work industry, to working in garbage dump villages. We will be in contact with organizations on the front lines, learning firsthand what the issues and roadblocks are to bringing justice to seemingly hopeless situations.

This issue is one close to my heart because it's a chance for me to open our eyes to the realities of the human trafficking trade which takes place in our own backyard in Oakland. Whether here locally or overseas in the Philippines, my hope is to take what I've learned and seen there to be better informed and equipped to face the evils of human exploitation here at home. It's personally an dark, uncomfortable, and paralyzing issue for me to enter into, but I know that God's heart is close to the poor, the marginalized, the brokenhearted, and he is moving his kingdom into these broken places. May his Gospel light transform these communities (and ours).

What does it look like for perpetrators to turn into believing witnesses? How could trafficked women and children reintegrate with society in a way that maintains their human dignity in man's-and God's-sight? Could dark streets filled with the evils of exploitation, darkness, and lust be transformed into avenues of praise? *Maranatha*, God, come.

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- April 20 to May 3
 - Four interns
 - \$2000 support needed
 - Partnering with local churches, IJM, community organizations

We need your prayers. Please find out how to pray for us by visiting our blog: interns.regenerationweb.com

Contact me at andrewhao@gmail.com if you'd like to receive email updates.

*Finally, donations are accepted thru Paypal or a written check can be made out to "Regeneration" with "Andrew Hao Missions" on the memo line. Mail your checks to: **Regeneration, PO Box 10045, Oakland CA 94610***

**not the real name*