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Hi [REDACTED]

With the clocks changing and the days getting darker, it can be easy to lose sight of the light. But never forget that **you're helping bring hope into the darkest places, alongside inspiring survivors around the world like Tin Tin\***.

**Tin Tin leads a survivor group in Thailand, aptly named the 'Light of Hope'**. Supported by IJM, she raises awareness of her own experience of forced labour and encourages others to seek help.

Tin Tin was once trapped inside a jelly sweet factory. She was forced to work over 12 hours a day with barely enough food and water, and no proper place to sleep except for pieces of cardboard on the floor.

*"It was so dark. No one could've imagined that we were being abused inside."* – Tin Tin

But in the words of Andrew Wasuwongse, IJM Thailand's director, **"Light shines brightest in the darkness."** Thanks to the support of people like you, IJM brought Tin Tin's abuse into the light.

**IJM worked with police to bring Tin Tin and 12 others to safety**, supporting them to heal and see two perpetrators convicted. Today, Tin Tin is happily married to a caring husband. She has a stable job and, in one of her proudest moments earlier this year, **she spoke on stage at Thailand's 2024 Modern Slavery Conference**.

*"Thanks to IJM and all the help that I received, I am hopeful,"* Tin Tin shares.

We all need reminding to hold onto hope sometimes. For more stories of light breaking into the darkness, you can visit our website:

[Read more stories of hope >>](#)

Thank you for helping shine a light into the darkness of slavery and violence.

Warmest wishes,

**David Westlake**  
Chief Executive, IJM UK

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*\*Pseudonym. To protect Tin Tin, her face has been obscured. Consent gathered for all images.*

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