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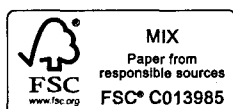
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Preface

This book is the culmination of work that spanned from 2009–2012 and I am thrilled that it may reach a wider audience. The book should not be seen as a definitive work on NGOs in Thailand, but represents a unique glimpse into the work of grass-roots actors in the field. Each NGO working to prevent human trafficking in Thailand faces a variety of unique contextual factors that greatly impact their work, yet some of the issues that they face are similar across Thailand and even the world-at-large. Human trafficking is a complex social problem that is not fully understood, and research on the subject often presents more questions than answers. This study attempts to address a sliver of the issues related to human trafficking but should be seen as an effort on the part of an educator to understand how NGOs address human trafficking through education, what problems the staff and the children face, and what successes staff and children believe they have experienced. My hope is that other researchers and practitioners in the field of human trafficking find something useful in the book to inform their own work and continue fighting human trafficking and exploitation of the vulnerable and disadvantaged around the globe.

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