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Salem YWAM

Youth With a Mission Supports the Akha Ethnocide.

Youth With a Mission Salem has an office at the south end of town.

We wrote Youth With a Mission (YWAM) and asked them about the youtube.com video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uu4SEpe-8PE

This video about YWAM's **Eden House Children's Home** portrays the culture of the Akha people as dark and evil. We find this highly racist and as Akha activists we would like the people of Salem to know what Salem missionaries are up to. **Still plantation owners.**

Eden House Children's Home, run by the American Vern takes Akha girls away from their families, villages, culture and language. **Only girls mind you.** We think this is wrong number one, but we think its really strange too. Weird. Sick. Twisted.

Vern's website is here: www.ywamthai.org/chiangrai/edenhouse.htm

The video claims they are saving the girls. But no mention is made on the defense of the Akha people, only some white dude taking away their children and making it sound justified. Like in Australia or what was done to the Indians. No mention is made of human rights. No mention is made on Vern's website that the Thai government kills these people, takes their farm lands, makes them into paupers. The donor is not supposed to know those details, only that Vern is "saving the girls." For who? By removing the girls from the village he separates them from their people and makes them people of another group, which according to the Geneva Convention is Genocide. They never go back. **Vern knows this.**

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Write YWAM SALEM:

Let them know what you think. Salem missions shouldn't be connected to or promoting the destruction of a people's culture, the villification of that culture, the removal of their children, the destruction of their language. Since **YWAM Salem** is part of the YWAM network based in Hawaii and Montana, they need to take responsibility for what their group is doing, and people in Salem need to make sure that our kids are not being told to destroy the culture of other people as the acceptable thing to do as long as its done in the name of religion.

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**Why does YWAM discriminate against the culture of the Akha People?
The Akha Don't Need YWAM Racism.**