



A PRAYER GUIDE FOR WOMEN

Lend your voice to pray for enslaved women and children.



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Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Thank you for your commitment to pray for women and children victimized by sex-trafficking. It will only be through prayer and petition to our Heavenly Father that we will see a change in this atrocity occurring all around the world.

Many years ago while visiting contacts in Nepal, I had the privilege of meeting a few women at a ministry where they had been delivered out of sex slavery. Meeting these women touched my heart, and I immediately saw the need for God's Church to be actively involved in rescuing women and children.

I was humbled by these women's genuine love for their savior Jesus Christ; they worshiped freely with hands raised and tears flowing down their cheeks. It was amazing to see how grateful they were to be rescued from the darkness, and how open they are to the love of Jesus Christ. I believe God's people need to work on all fronts to help these women and children by doing everything we can to rescue those trapped in red-light districts and by offering them a safe place and rehabilitation. I believe Jesus would be in the darkest places pulling them out of the pit, and we should do the same.



In 2019 the US Department of State
estimated that there were approximately

**24.9
MILLION**

victims of human trafficking around the world.

30%

of these victims are children.

*"Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy."
Psalm 130:2*



DAY 1 - THE PROBLEM

For most people today the problem of slavery is a distant one; slavery was abolished long ago. However, many do not realize that there is a hidden enemy called "trafficking." Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world generating more than \$150 billion dollars every year; approximately \$99 billion of this is profit from sexual exploitation and the commercial sex industry. It is a monster that affects all parts of the world, including the United States. Estimates suggest that about 50,000 people are trafficked into the US each year, and that does not include the number of women and children that are trafficked within the borders. There are more slaves in the world now than at any point in history. These are not just statistics: there are 24.9 million people worldwide each with their own name and story. With numbers these large, the problem can feel too overwhelming to handle. However, we must always consider the one. In a crowd of millions, we must never lose sight of the one woman rescued, the one girl saved, the one life changed. Jesus never asked us to change the world on our own, but He did ask us to love unconditionally the people that He puts in our path.

This is our challenge: loving and fighting for the one even in the face of 24.9 million others who are also enslaved. In the end, it will make all the difference for the one. Each of them are known and loved by God, but they are lost in the world's eyes, swept up in the mass suffering, abuse, and oppression caused by this evil. We must not let them go unnoticed. We cannot abandon them. "While there are many girls victimized every day, our work will always be about the one. The one girl deceived. The one girl kidnapped. The one girl raped. The one girl infected with AIDS. The one girl needing a rescuer. To succumb to the enormity of the problem is to fail the one. And more is required of us." - Sharon Cohn, IJM.

*"Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless."
Psalm 10:12*

PRAY

Pray that many more people would become aware of this horrible evil and pray for it to be abolished in Jesus' name.





DAY 2 - TRAFFICKING IN INDIA

Kana was only 11 years old when she was sold by her mother to a pimp. Her mother was desperate because she herself was trapped in work at a red light district in India, and she felt the only thing left to do was sell her own daughter into the same life. Thankfully, staff at a safe-house in Nepal heard about Kana's plight. They faced several hurdles in their attempt to rescue her: the borders between Nepal and India were closed, and the pimp that owned her had a reputation of being a dangerous man. However, by the grace of God, they were able to convince the police officers at every checkpoint along their route to let them pass, and they were able to rescue Kana and bring her to the safe-house. Kana is currently living there recovering and receiving therapy surrounded by people who are pouring out the love of Jesus to her. Kana's story is not unique in India, but her rescue is. Plagued with widespread poverty, government corruption, and cultural teachings that girls are often considered impure, inferior, or cursed, India is one of the worst countries in the world when it comes to trafficking. Indian women and children are trafficked both internally and across borders to other parts of Asia and the Middle East.

Many victims of these trafficking schemes have been sold by family members for as little as \$10. Fathers, mothers, brothers and sons sell their wives, sisters, mothers, or daughters into slavery for a few dollars out of desperation or selfishness. Other victims are lured by the promise of marriage, a good job, or freedom from poor conditions. These girls are then trapped in brothels or dance bars, working to pay off fabricated "debts" to their owners. Most are never able to pay off the "debt" and are kept by their owners until they die abandoned and alone or are killed. Very few are ever rescued or escape. Kana was one of the fortunate ones; many others are not as fortunate.

*"Again I saw all the oppressions that are done
under the sun. And behold, the tears of the
oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them"
Ecclesiastes 4:1*

PRAY Pray that there would be more opportunity to educate people and alternative ways to gain income rather than selling their family.





DAY 3 - IN THE INDIAN BROTHELS

Brothels litter many of the streets in the slums of India, and along the streets stand women, advertising themselves. These are not women who are selling themselves by choice: they are not prostitutes. These are slaves. They are the women that have been broken and can be trusted to stand in front of the establishments and attract men to come in. Often, these women have been left in a cage or a windowless room where they are beaten, tortured, starved and raped repeatedly until their spirit is crushed. Once they have been broken, they no longer have the will or the strength to escape, and they are sent out onto the streets. Women and girls in the brothels are expected to service as many as twenty customers a day in squalid conditions. Their owners receive about \$10 from each customer; \$5 if the woman is older. Girls as young as five years old are used by men with diseases like AIDS who believe that using a virgin girl will cure them of their illness. These men will pay around \$500 for a young girl; afterwards, the girl is only worth \$10 to future customers, unless she can be "fixed" surgically by a doctor and sold again for a high price to another man who believes she can heal him of his diseases.

It is estimated that more than 70% of the women in the red-light districts or other places of "business" become infected with various STDs themselves. Many also become pregnant. Some try to abort their own babies, while others carry the baby to term only for them to grow up hiding under her bed while she works or fleeing from men who are trying to use them as well. These children born into the brothels often end up trapped in the same work as their mother, and they grow up knowing nothing but a world of violence, deceit and abuse. They learn to trust no one, to abandon their emotions and to passively accept the life they know. Many of the women and children who are rescued take years to understand that not all people wish them harm and to work through the trauma they have endured.

"But I am afflicted and in pain; let Your salvation, O God, set me on high!"

Psalms 69:29

PRAY

Pray for the enslaved women, that they would be delivered and their spirit would be renewed by the love of Christ.





DAY 4 - BROTHEL OWNERS

In 1 Timothy 6:10 we read, "For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils." We know this to be true, and it plays out in the lives of many brothel owners, police officers and government officials.

A large source of income for many owners is charging humanitarian aid and NGO organizations hundreds of dollars to buy a single woman or girl out of trafficking. These organizations are doing their best to help the victims in the brothels and red-light districts, but the brothel owners walk away with a tremendous amount of money; most of which will likely be used to purchase more women for the brothels. For these owners, it is nearly as profitable to cycle through victims as it is to exploit them.

Police and government officials also have ways of making money in the red-light districts. Often, they will accept large bribes to turn a blind eye, while others become involved in selling victims themselves. NGOs and humanitarian aid organizations have been able to band together and push back against this corruption, forcing government leaders and officials to take action with some encouraging results. However, the problem is so widespread that it is difficult to win many victories.

Our contact in India shared this story with us: "God put it on my heart to minister to one of the wealthiest women in the red-light district. She owned three brothels. This woman was very hard hearted, and she would spit at me, slap me and call me filthy names. I kept praying for her. I wanted to show her the unconditional love of Jesus. After many years, this woman told me she was ready to repent from her sins and put her trust in Jesus Christ. I prayed with her for salvation. This woman has now closed all three brothels and told the girls that their debts are paid and they are free. She and I now hold Bible studies for other brothel owners in the red-light district." This is the hope we cling to: if brothel owners come to Jesus and close their doors, we are stopping one of the largest sources of this evil.

*"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray
for those who persecute you."
Matthew 5:44*

PRAY

Pray that God would convict and transform the brothel owners, police officers and officials who have a hand in this wickedness.





DAY 5 - TRAFFICKING IN ROMANIA

Victoria was only three years old when her father beat her mother to death. He was an alcoholic. After the death of their mother, Victoria and her two brothers were placed in an orphanage where they lived for many years. When she was sixteen years old, Victoria's father came and took her from the orphanage and brought her back home. It was not long before he kicked her out of the house leaving her homeless. She worked hard to find a job, but many nights she had nowhere to stay and had to sleep wherever she could. Eventually she got married, but her husband also became abusive. Once again, she found herself homeless and without a place to live. Praise God that a safe-house was able to take her in and give her a loving home while she could continue to work and pursue her dream of finishing high school. Her story could have ended very differently if not for the grace of God. According to a report by the US State Department, Romania is the primary source for sex trafficking in Europe. Many Romanian women are recruited for sham marriages elsewhere in Europe, and upon arrival they discover they are not actually married and are forced into the commercial sex industry.

The Romanian government has done little to combat the spread of trafficking in their country. Though they created a plan for action, they did not fund its implementation and officials often are unresponsive to trafficking reports. The full extent of the trafficking industry in Romania is unclear, but one thing is certain: girls like Victoria are at high risk. When Victoria is ready, she will leave the safe-house armed with an education, a place to live, a job and the knowledge of the love of Jesus. She will no longer be one of the women who is at high risk of trafficking. For many Romanian girls, however, a life of hardship leads them into brothels and red-light districts all over Europe. Though Romania is not the first place we think of when we think of trafficking, the girls who are at risk desperately need our prayers.

*"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them
from the hand of the wicked."
Psalm 82:4*

PRAY

Pray for the eradication of trafficking in Romania, and that the government would take a strong stand against this wickedness.





DAY 6 - RISK FACTORS IN ROMANIA

One of the greatest risks in Romania stems from how their state run orphanages operate. Embroiled in controversy, these orphanages had reputations during the communist era as being places of hunger, cold, beatings, squalid living conditions, misdiagnosis of mental illnesses, and sexual abuse for the estimated 500,000 children that lived in them during those years. After the fall of communism in 1989, the living conditions in Romanian orphanages were brought to the world's attention: pressure for change grew and improvements were made. However, even with outside influence, conditions are still far from perfect.

In many orphanages the children are not taught to read or write. Many have suffered from all types of abuse and need a chance to heal. They often do not get their nutritional and dietary needs met, and they also are never able to emotionally connect with caregivers as many experience neglect from early infancy. These children are usually far underdeveloped academically, physically, socially and emotionally. As a result, when they age out of the orphanages at eighteen, they are woefully unprepared for life in the outside world. Some children run away before they age out making them even more vulnerable to predators and traffickers.

Often times these children end up living on the streets, unable to find work and addicted to drugs. In such desperate situations, young women can be easily fooled by ploys such as an offer of a good job and a nice place to live in another country. They are among the most vulnerable to human trafficking.

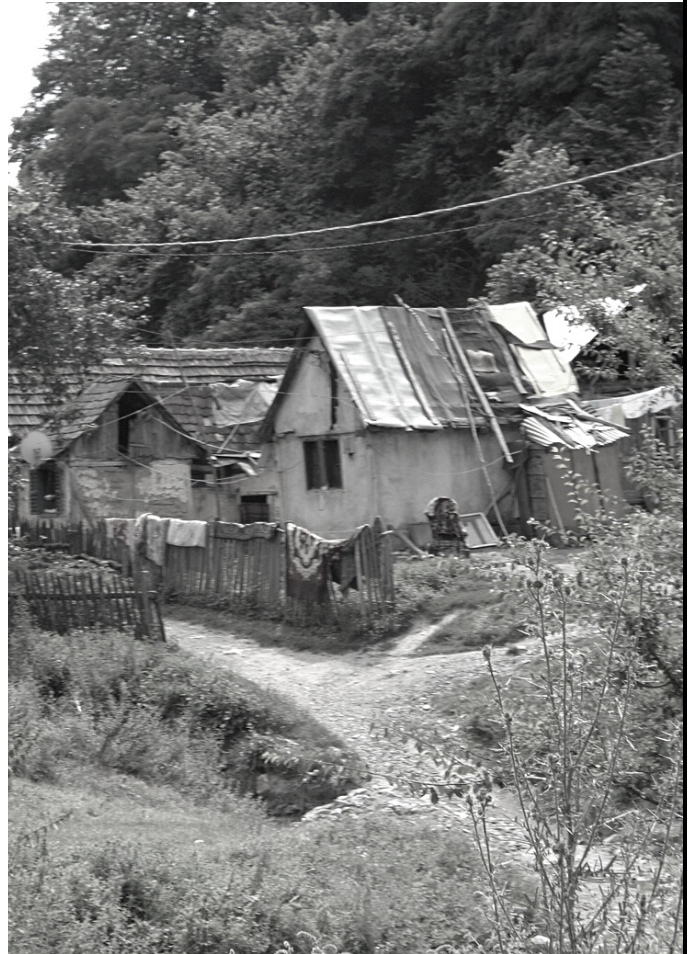
The solution for these young women can be as simple as a safe place to live while they learn basic vocational, educational and social skills. This gets them off the streets and allows them to gain the skills necessary to find safe work. It allows them to save money and prepare to go out on their own. The more these young people can be taken in off the streets and ministered to, the closer we will be to ending the cycle that lures young people in trafficking.

"Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry."

Exodus 22:22-23

PRAY

Pray that young adults that age out of orphanages are able to find safe places to live, learn and prepare for their future.





DAY 7 - GYPSY VILLAGES

Perhaps one of the most heartbreaking realities of trafficking is that, often, it involves family members selling their own relatives for just a few dollars. The feelings of loss, betrayal and abandonment in these situations are beyond comprehension. For someone to be sold by any family member is tragic. However, as we know from God's word, the most intimate relationship in the human world is between a husband and wife; it is, in fact, how God describes the relationship between Christ and His church. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25). In this relationship that is intended by God to be the most close and loyal of all human connections and a picture of Christ and the Church, second only to our relationship with the Lord, for a husband or wife to betray the other's trust is the ultimate act of abandonment and faithlessness.

Sadly, for many Romanian gypsy women, this abandonment and faithlessness is what they experience daily from their husbands. Rather than loving and caring for their wives, providing them with protection and safety, these husbands will sell them to passing Turkish truckers for just a few dollars several times a day.

Despite very poor living conditions, these men are not trying to find ways to support their families. The money made by selling their wives rarely makes it back to the family as it is most often used to buy alcohol or cigarettes. In addition, the women who are sold by their husbands must face the reality of their betrayal every single day as their husband acts not only as their trafficker but also as their pimp. To be sold is terrible enough, but to be sold over and over again by the person who is supposed to be the one whom you love and trust the most is truly incomprehensible. Although it is a different form of sex trade, it is still trafficking nonetheless and terrible to imagine.

*"The man who hates and divorces his wife, says the Lord, the God of Israel, does violence to the one he should protect, says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful."
Malachi 2:16*

PRAY

Pray that the wives sold by their husbands in Romania would know the true love of Jesus that will never fail them.





INDIA

Our contacts in India are working hard to help women and children in the brothels. They spend most of their time meeting with and talking to the women; finding out how they can help, providing food and basic medical care, praying with them, and providing means of escape when possible.

ROMANIA

Our contact in Romania focuses on prevention. She actively seeks out women and girls who are vulnerable to being trafficked or are in poor living situations due to abuse and brings them into the safe-house. These women and girls are given a safe place to live and are assisted in getting enrolled in school or finding a job.

NEPAL

Asha House of Rest is a safe-house and orphanage in Nepal that is actively rescuing women and children out of brothels and red-light districts in India and Nepal. They provide them with a safe place to stay while they recover from the trauma and abuse they have endured over the years.

MIDDLE EAST

Vision Beyond Borders is partnering with a ministry established in northern Iraq called Greater Change. This ministry works in IDP camps and seeks to educate and empower women, children and families who have escaped ISIS through practical classes and a variety of programs.



"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
Colossians 1: 13-14

DAY 8 - TRAFFICKING IN NEPAL



Deja was from a rural village in Nepal where she lived with her family. Although she was from a poor background and her father was not always kind to her, she lived a happy life with her mother. When Deja was 15 years old, her mother passed away. Heartbroken and left with a father who did not care for her, she had to fend for herself. One day, a man offered her a good job. He took advantage of her vulnerability and sold her into a red light district in India. Unmarried, far from home, and with no more living relatives to care for her, she had no hope of ever escaping.

Although Nepal has increased its efforts in recent years to combat trafficking, there is still corruption in all layers of government, law enforcement, and among law makers. This has caused the country to be a continued hub for trafficking into India, the Middle East, Malaysia, China, Japan, Australia, Europe, and even Kenya. Government officials are often complicit, and police officers often accept bribes in return for a turned head or falsely procured travel documents and may even take advantage of trafficking victims themselves. Many of the women who end up in trafficking are there because they were looking for legitimate work, were referred to an establishment by a friend or family member, and subsequently accepted a job.

Not long after taking the job, they find themselves trapped and sexually exploited. It is estimated that nearly 62% of female workers in these establishments began working when they were minors. Nearly 36 years after Deja had been sold into the brothel in India, she was discovered by volunteers from a safehouse in Nepal. She had many health problems including ovarian cancer, kidney failure, and an infected stomach and intestines from a failed surgery, but she wanted to die in her home country, Nepal. The volunteers were able to get her out of the brothel and bring her to the safehouse. There, she found Jesus as her Savior and received treatment for her medical issues; the doctor now says that she is cancer free. She continues to live in the safe house, ministering to younger children and praising God for the new life He has given her.

*"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,
says the Lord Almighty."
Zechariah 4:6*

PRAY

Pray that trafficking victims from Nepal will be saved and able to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.





DAY 9 - DISAPPEARANCES IN NEPAL

The consequences of trafficking are widespread and affect even the most remote villages. After traffickers eventually devastate these places by selling off the women and girls, they are quick to move onto another area, leaving the village in distress. Entire villages can disappear because women have been tricked by traffickers or sold by family members into the sex industry. With no young women for the young men to marry and no children to be the next generation, there will be no future for the village. As the last of the older generations die and the men move away to find wives elsewhere, the villages cease to exist. Heritage and history are lost and forgotten. In Nepal this is becoming an increasingly common reality.

Unfortunately, natural disasters such as the massive earthquake that struck Nepal in 2015 only add to the problem. In that quake, nearly 9,000 people were killed, thousands more injured, over 600,000 structures damaged or destroyed, and some 2.8 million people displaced. Economically, the impact was devastating. In a country already plagued with poverty, the loss of so many parents and relatives and the destruction of homes, businesses and schools left a vacuum that caused thousands of children and young people to be more vulnerable to trafficking than ever.

Since 2015, trafficking in Nepal has continued to increase. Although the magnitude and growth cannot be quantified it seems that, in many ways, an entire generation of Nepali women and girls is being lost as the crisis continues.

Trafficking is an evil with consequences that affect not only the perpetrators and the victims but entire cultures as well. There is no place where this is more apparent than in small villages in Nepal that are disappearing entirely. Trafficking is a crime that always requires more: more women, more money, more customers, and more traffickers. Left unchecked, trafficking is a problem that will destroy entire cultures and people groups before it is satisfied.

*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."
Proverbs 31:8-9*

PRAY

Pray that nations like Nepal would take a stronger stance against human trafficking.





DAY 10 - THE MIDDLE EAST

Zayda was 12 years old when a radical Islamic group ripped through her small village. Her family had no warning and no escape, so she and her mother watched as they beheaded her father and brother and then took them both, along with hundreds of other women and girls from their village, to be sex slaves. For four agonizing years, Zayda endured being raped over and over again; usually up to 25 times a day, every single day. She had long since been separated from her mother, and she was all alone. At 16 years old, she managed to escape from her captors and find a relative in an IDP camp. Though she was free, the past haunted her: she couldn't sleep at night, and when she did she would wake up screaming. She tried to commit suicide, but her relative found her and stopped her before she could. She would no longer go outside out of fear. She suffered from the physical aftermath of the abuse she had endured.

Trafficking is as invasive and brutal in this culture as any other, and there is an additional layer of abuse for women who are raped because it is considered to be her fault under Sharia law. Trafficking in the Middle East is not only the work of terror groups like it was in Zayda's case. Even some of the sheikhs (tribal or religious leaders) are guilty of running thriving trafficking rings under the table.

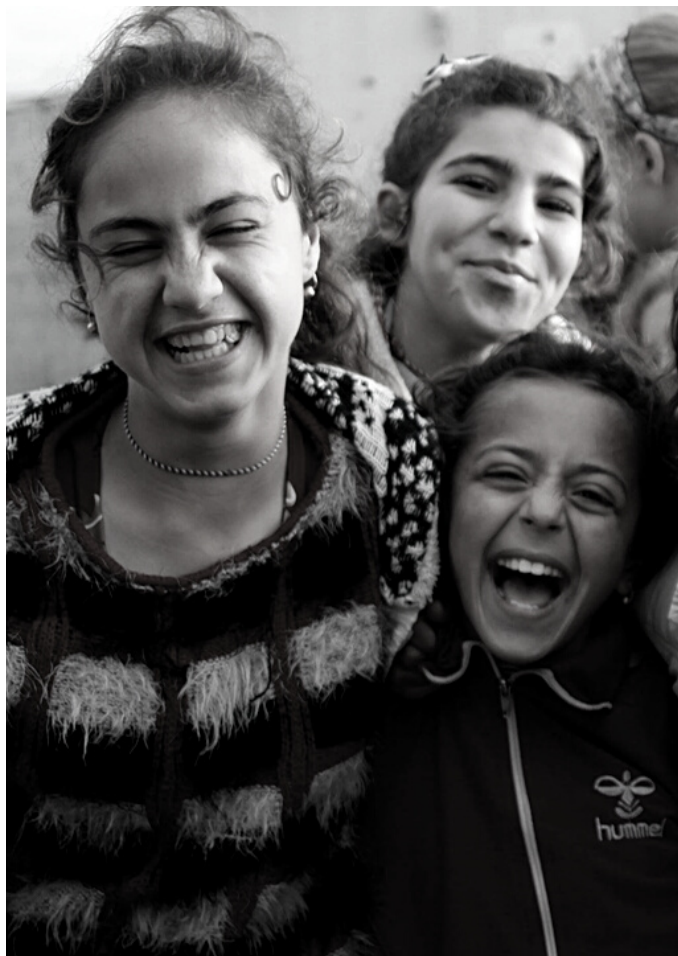
They find ways to work around the rules by tricking girls into short term marriages so that men can use women and girls "legally" and then annulling these marriages once the men are finished. Because it is considered their fault, most girls are too afraid to speak up and tell anyone what is happening to them.

Zayda was fortunate to have a relative who would care for her after everything she had suffered, but after so much physical and emotional trauma, no one was sure how she would recover. Even in the midst of all her suffering, though, a spark still burned in her. She told the foreign aid workers that she wanted to get a passport so she could visit another country she had always wanted to see, and, for just one moment, she looked up eagerly before dropping her eyes again. In that brief moment, a smile lit her face.

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord"
Jeremiah 30:17

PRAY

Pray that people in the Middle East would stop blaming women and children for the crimes done to them.





DAY 11 - ISIS

Standing for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, the extremist group, ISIS, has been one of the most publicly brutal and violent terrorist organizations. Even Al-Qaeda, another well known terrorist group, formally rejected ISIS and disavowed their activities. ISIS reached the height of their power in 2014 when they swept towards Mosul, Iraq (the ancient city of Nineveh), murdering, burning, pillaging, taking slaves, setting mines and causing tens of thousands of people to flee their homes. ISIS took control of Mosul and declared a caliphate; they remained in control there until Spring of 2017 when they were pushed back and out of Iraq. Although they no longer have the strength they once did, ISIS cells still carry out attacks and kidnappings in some of the more unstable parts of the Middle East. Because of ISIS's penchant for widely circulating videos of their heinous and horrific acts, few people are unaware of how violent and evil this group is; however, their crimes against humanity are even deeper and more perverse than what they publicly show the world. During their strongest offenses between 2014 and 2017, ISIS took thousands of women and girls as slaves and trafficked them all over the Middle East, often keeping them in horrible living conditions and using them as sex slaves and for forced labor.

Those who managed to escape, or were liberated, tell stories of indescribable torture, beatings, rapes, days without food and water locked in cages, and an existence completely devoid of humanity. Many of these women and girls have incurable medical side-effects from their time in captivity, and all of them suffer from the immense psychological damage. Many will never come home.

Though we cannot comprehend the depth of this injustice, we can be confident that God knows each and every woman and girl who has suffered or is still suffering at the hands of ISIS. We are confident that He knows their names and weeps with them in their pain. He sees every tear they cry and every drop of blood that falls. He loves each of them more than we can ever comprehend, and He has not abandoned them.

*"In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old."
Isaiah 63:9*

PRAY

Pray for the women and girls who are still captives of ISIS, that they would be freed from their slavery.





DAY 12 - THOSE WHO COME HOME

For many who escape or are freed from ISIS slavery, the horror of their story continues. Though they already face the tremendous physiological and psychological hurdles caused by the trauma they endured, they now face another, perhaps even more heartbreaking, challenge: their abandonment by those who used to love them the most. Upon rejoining their families, most of whom are living in IDP camps, they find themselves cast out and shunned because of what happened to them. Often considered unclean, many households refuse to accept them back into the family unit for fear that what happened to the woman or girl would bring shame to them in the eyes of their religion. Not only do these victims face rejection from their own family, but others ridicule and belittle them. This, on top of the PTSD they already struggle with as well as the absolute lack of hope for any future, causes many to attempt to, or successfully, take their own lives. The suicide rates among women and girls who have come back after ISIS captivity are astronomically high in many refugee and IDP camps. The Yazidi holy leader, head of the religion of many of these victims of ISIS, came up with the following solution: when the victims are liberated, their families can bring them to the holy site of the Yazidis. There they undergo a ceremonial cleansing, submerged in water in a rite similar to baptism.

They are then declared clean again. Many victims have been taken back into their families and have better stability and relations with them as a result of this rite. Though not Christian, it recalls the grace of God extended in Biblical baptism.

More than anything, these women and girls need the true, redeeming love and peace of Jesus Christ. The good news is that many of the Yazidi people, including these women and girls, are very open to the Gospel! Our hope is that many of them will come to find ultimate peace in the true Savior, and that there would be people willing to go to tell them about Him. Even those who have escaped their captivity are often still not free, but they can find freedom in Jesus!

*"Lord, do not forsake me, do not be far
from me, my God. Come quickly to help me,
my Lord and my Savior."*

Psalm 38:22

PRAY

Pray that the women and girls who are returning from ISIS captivity are welcomed back by their families.





DAY 13 - PRAYING FOR THE ENEMY

Maybe we feel anger towards the brothel owners in India who sell tiny virgin girls to men with AIDS and line their pockets with money. Maybe we feel contempt for the man who uses a trafficked Romanian girl and who is, ultimately, part of the driving reason the sex trade exists. Maybe we feel horror for the women and girls in Nepal who are sold by their own family members whom they loved and trusted. Maybe we feel hate towards ISIS who enacted such brutality upon women and girls in the name of their religion while feeling it was their right to do so. It is not wrong to feel righteous anger against those who do wickedness like this, but it is important to remember that the same wickedness is in our hearts too. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We all have the capacity to do tremendous evil to one another. It is only by the absolute grace of God that we are not right alongside them.

As difficult as it can be, we must remember that, ultimately, the brothel owners, the customers and all those who exploit other people are not the true enemy. They are only pawns of our spiritual enemy, Satan, who comes to steal, kill and destroy. Although the Lord hates the actions of those that do these terrible things, He loves them as people, and He requires us to do the same.

There are many stories of people involved with trafficking who have turned away from their sin and accepted Jesus as their savior. A brothel owner grieved at the thought of a little girl being left to the same life after her mother died in the brothel; he sent her away to safety. A brothel customer was confronted by a passerby who said it could be his daughter in the red-light district that he was abusing, and turned away and never went again. An ISIS fighter wept when confronted with a love he did not understand and, when he was told that this is the love of Jesus, repented and asked for forgiveness for all he had done. The perpetrators of these crimes need the love and forgiveness of Christ as much as the people they victimize. We must cry out to the Lord for their salvation as well.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”
Ephesians 6:12

PRAY

Pray that all those who are involved in trafficking would turn to Jesus for forgiveness.





DAY 14 - HOPE FOR THE RESCUED

The women and girls who are rescued or escape from trafficking bear deep emotional and physical scars from the trauma they have suffered. They have learned to trust no one and to abandon their emotions. Often, those placed in secular aftercare centers or safe-houses remain there for years, and tragically, some end up back in the brothels or in prostitution by choice because they know no other life and no other way to support themselves.

Christian involvement and safe-houses are crucial for those who have been rescued. For them to find freedom in Jesus is pivotal to them being able to effectively move forward with their lives outside of slavery. We know that He is the Great Physician, and only He can overwhelm all of the walls of bitterness and pain that have been created for these victims and bring healing both physically and emotionally to them. As they come to know the true love of Jesus, they can find hope, forgiveness and purpose and the beauty of joy radiates from these daughters of God! Although they will always carry some scars and wounds from their past lives, by the restoring power of Jesus they can have joy filled new lives. We can rejoice with the ones who have been rescued, not only from their physical bondage but also from their spiritual bondage as well.

At the safe-houses, women can take classes in reading, writing and math as well as vocational training in areas like sewing, cutting hair and making jewelry. Some women return to the brothels so that they can witness to others who are still trapped and help them escape. Other women share their stories and testimonies and explain how they were deceived in hopes that they can help and prevent other women and girls from being lured into trafficking.

The story doesn't end when a woman or girl is rescued out of trafficking; there is still a long road of recovery ahead of her. However, by the grace of God, with the love and hope of Jesus and the support of a Christian community, over time these women can go on to live joyful, peaceful and successful lives!

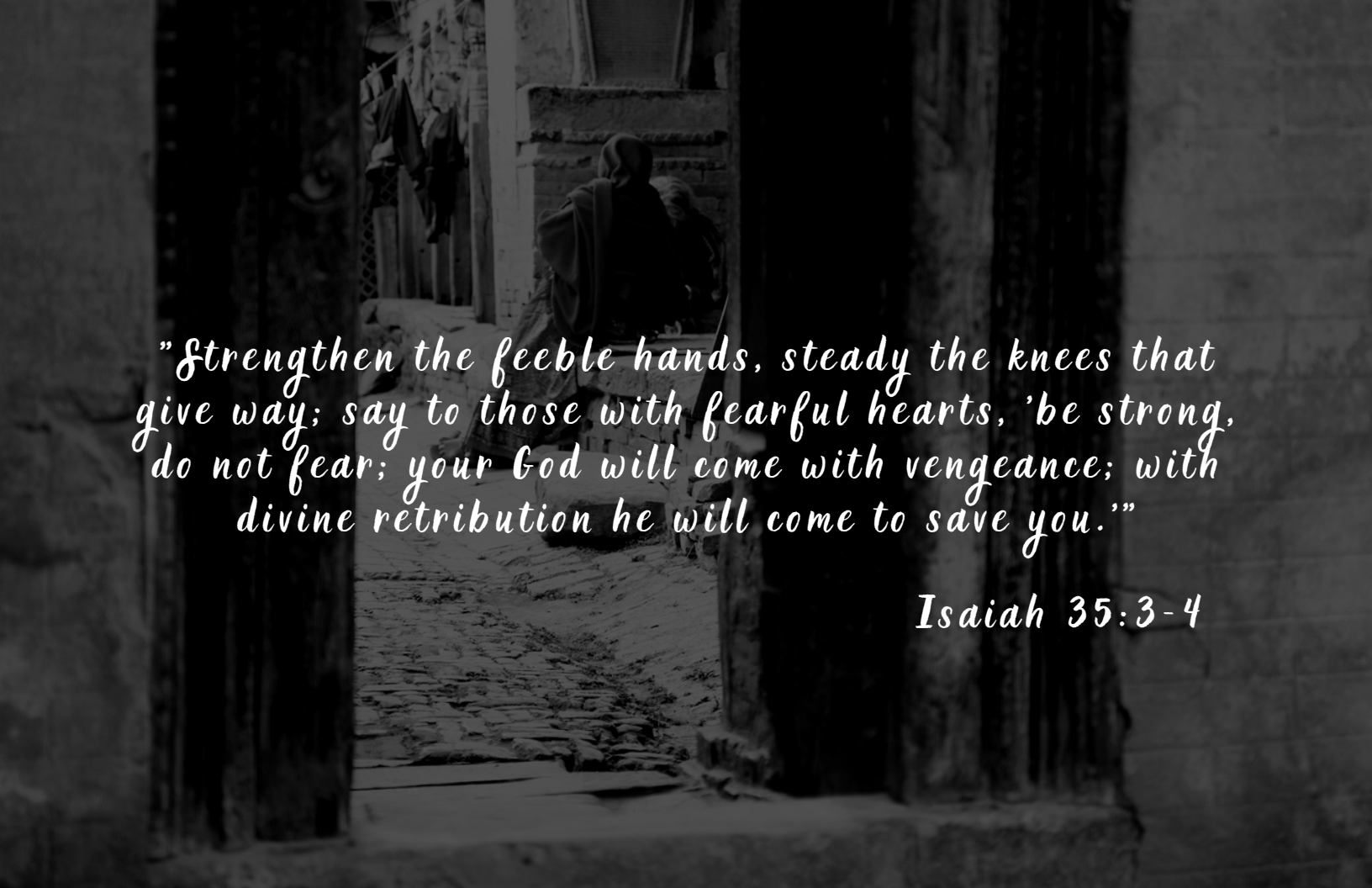
"O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief."

Psalms 143:1

PRAY

Pray that the women who have been rescued or have escaped from trafficking find peace in Jesus Christ.





"Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, 'be strong, do not fear; your God will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.'"

Isaiah 35:3-4

Ways that you can help:

SERVE



Dignity packs are delivered to women in brothels in India and IDP/Refugee camps in the Middle East. They include basic sanitary and hygiene items for a women's monthly needs.

If you are interested in putting together a dignity pack, please visit visionbeyondborders.org/serve/

GIVE



If you feel that God is leading you to financially support Vision Beyond Borders' work in India, Romania, Nepal and the Middle East, you can visit visionbeyondborders.org/give/

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If you are interested in working alongside our contacts in India or Romania, we have opportunities every year for teams to travel overseas! To learn more about these trips, please visit visionbeyondborders.org/go/



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