

Today's world is home to millions of women and children enslaved to sex trafficking and red light districts. Suffering under indescribable oppression and abuse, they live in fear and hopelessness.

This is our prayer for them...



"O Lord, hear my voice, Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy."



Psalm 130:2

It is difficult to delicately convey the depth of this atrocity. How can one graciously speak of such barbarity? This is not an easy issue to talk about, but we must put aside discomfort. The women and children in bondage need a voice. We cannot abandon them.

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A 15 DAY PRAYER GUIDE

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“Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God.

Do not forget the helpless.”

Psalm 10:12

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Thank you for your commitment to pray for women and girls enslaved to sex trafficking. It will be only through prayer and petition 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 girls from sex trafficking and red light districts. This not only affects the lives of hundreds of thousands of women and girls but also their families, children, and their culture.

I was humbled by these women's genuine love for their Savior Jesus Christ; they worshipped freely with hands raised and tears flowing down their cheeks. They had been hardened to their daily lives and it was amazing to see how grateful they were to be rescued from the darkness and open to the love of Jesus Christ. I believe God's people need to work on all fronts to help these women and girls. First by educating villagers of the dangers of sexual predators and getting orphans off the streets and into Christian homes where they are loved and cared for and raised as disciples for Jesus Christ. Then we must also do everything we can to rescue the women and girls trapped in the red-light districts, offer them a safe place and rehabilitation. One woman once said to me, "Please rescue us out of this hellhole!" I believe Jesus would be in the darkest places pulling them out of the pit and we should do the same.

In Christ,
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PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray you will use this Prayer Guide to give us a heart to pray for women and children in need of a Savior. As we learn of the brutality of the sex-trafficking industry, we find ourselves questioning, like Habbakkuk in 1:13. "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?" We know, just as you answered Habbakkuk, so you will answer us. We know your justice is coming, and though it lingers, we wait patiently for it. Father, teach us to pray as you would have us to pray and show us what you would have us do to demonstrate your love to those in such great need.

In Jesus Name we Pray, Amen



DAY 1. THE PROBLEM

For most people today, the problem of human slavery is thought to have been abolished long ago. But this is a far cry from the truth. There are currently 27 million slaves in the world, more than at any other point in history. A large percentage of these are being trafficked for the growing sex trade industry.

There are an estimated 600,000 to 800,000 children, women, and men trafficked across international borders annually. Millions more are trafficked within their own countries. Women and children are exploited for the profit of their owners and in some cases their own families. They have little or no freedom. This illegal industry profits over 32 billion dollars a year for its perpetrators. (U.N.)

Trapped in harsh cycles of poverty, and corrupted by hopeless religions, families often sell their own wives, mothers, and children for as little as \$10 dollars.



PRAY

FOR THE ABOLITION OF SEX TRAFFICKING. THAT PEOPLE WOULD BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND BE CONVICTED TO PRAY.

DAY 2. THE WOMEN

Ladki was married in her Nepali village when she was fourteen. She got epilepsy and her husband divorced her. She went back to live with her family, who tried many treatments. Finally, her brother said he would take her to Mumbai for treatment. "Truly, I trusted him" says Ladki. When they arrived in Mumbai, her brother sold her into a brothel. She discovered that her sister had also been sold in Bombay by her brother. Ladki's parents were aware of her brother's plans. "It was very bad and [the] worst place. Many customers used to come. I felt very bad and thought 'my life will be finished here.'" Many girls from Ladki's village both "big and small" were sold by their own brothers. "We used to sit and cry a lot. We had no hope" One day, 'Auntie B' went to the brothel and shared the Word of God with them. The women believed, as did the brothel owner who set them free. Ladki came home and shared the gospel with her family. Her brother has not accepted salvation, but her parents came to Christ and were baptized.

Brothels
litter many
of the streets
and alleys in
the slums of
Mumbai, Phnom



Penh, Rio De Janeiro, and many others. Victims are forced to line the streets, advertising themselves. Most women are forced to serve up to twenty customers a day. They live in deplorable conditions. Sickness is rampant throughout the brothels, and it is estimated that up to 70% of victims become infected with AIDS. These women are kept until they die often abandoned and alone, are killed, or in the case of a blessed few, are rescued.

PRAY

FOR THE ENSLAVED. PRAY THAT THEY WOULD BE DELIVERED
AND THAT THE LOVE OF CHRIST WOULD HEAL THEM.
PRAY THAT HIS JOY WOULD FILL THEM COMPLETELY.



“O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER, LISTEN TO MY CRY FOR MERCY; IN YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS COME TO MY RELIEF.”

PSALM 143:1

DAY 3. THE GIRLS

In some areas, girls as young as five are kidnaped or even sold by their families. They enter the brothels at such young ages that they grow up knowing nothing but their world of violence, deceit, and abuse. Many who are rescued take years to understand that not all people in the world wish them harm. They learn to trust no one, to abandon emotions and to passively accept their torment. The city of Mumbai alone has over two million minors enslaved to trafficking.

It is often hard to remember that each number or statistic represents an individual. "While there are many girls victimized every day, our work will always be about the one. The one girl deceived. The one girl kidnaped. 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

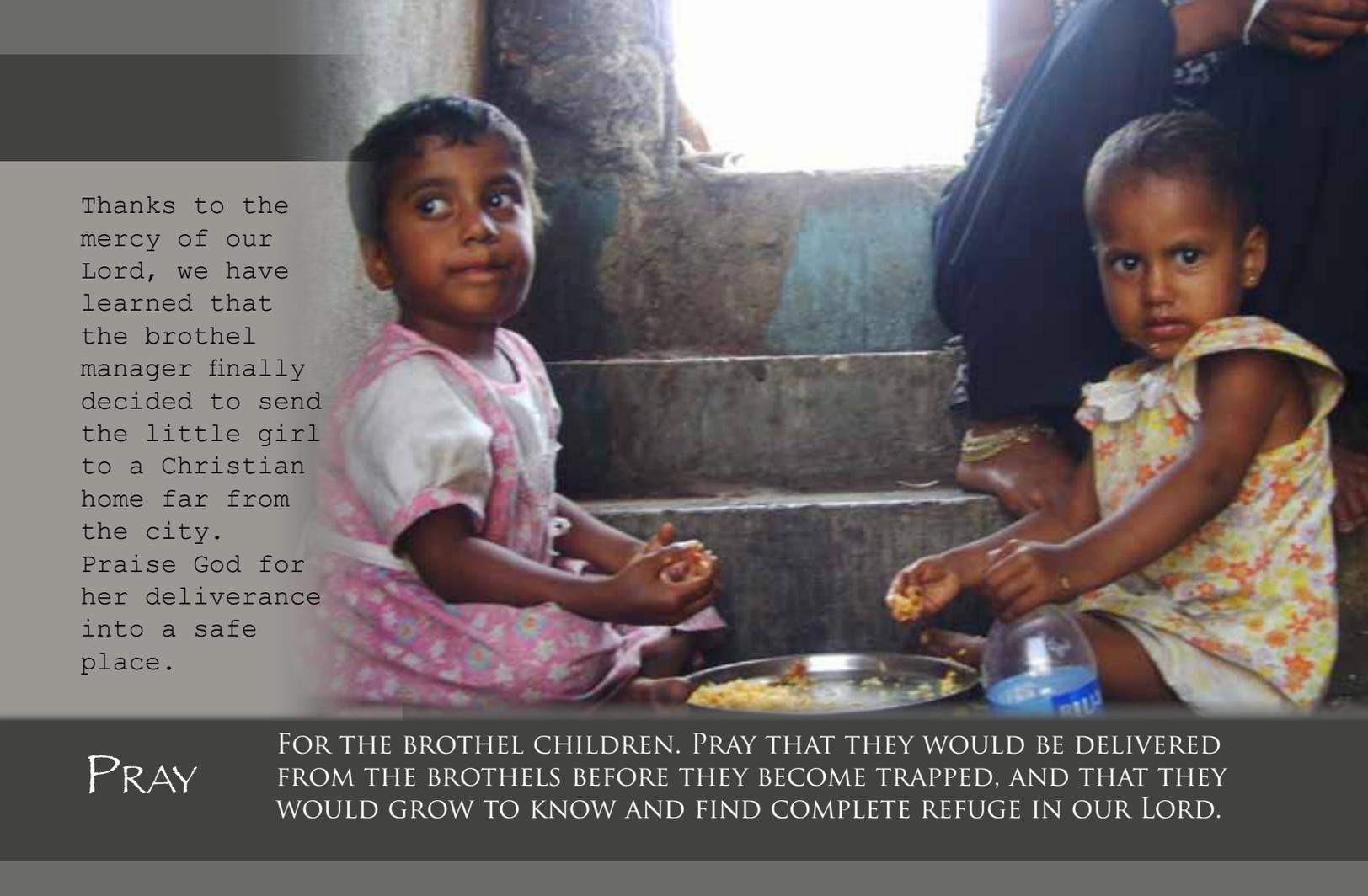


PRAY

FOR THE YOUNG GIRLS. PRAY THAT THEY WOULD BE RESCUED; THAT GOD'S LOVE WOULD DRAW THEM IN AND HEAL THEM COMPLETELY.

DAY 4. BORN INTO BROTHELS

One of our contacts in Nepal traveled to Mumbai to find and witness to the Nepalese slaves. Entering a brothel, he saw a little girl huddling in the corner. He offered her a piece of candy, but she ran away frightened. The man asked the brothel manager why she was in this evil place. Her mother had been one of the women enslaved in the brothel. The little girl lived under her mother's bed while she "worked" for several years. The filth of the brothel itself is repulsive, and this child spent her life in the most squalid part, coloring or simply laying there while her own mother was used throughout the day. One of her mother's customers had noticed her one day and grabbed her and tried to use her, she barely escaped but now the sight of a man terrified her. Her mother had died from AIDS a year before our contact visited and she was still being held in the brothel. He pleaded with the manager to let the girl go. "This is no place for a child. Please let me take her away from here." The woman started crying "She is all I have in this life," and refused to relinquish her. Nothing our contact said would convince the woman to part. The man, usually joyful and energetic, mourned for three days and returned home discouraged.



Thanks to the mercy of our Lord, we have learned that the brothel manager finally decided to send the little girl to a Christian home far from the city. Praise God for her deliverance into a safe place.

PRAY

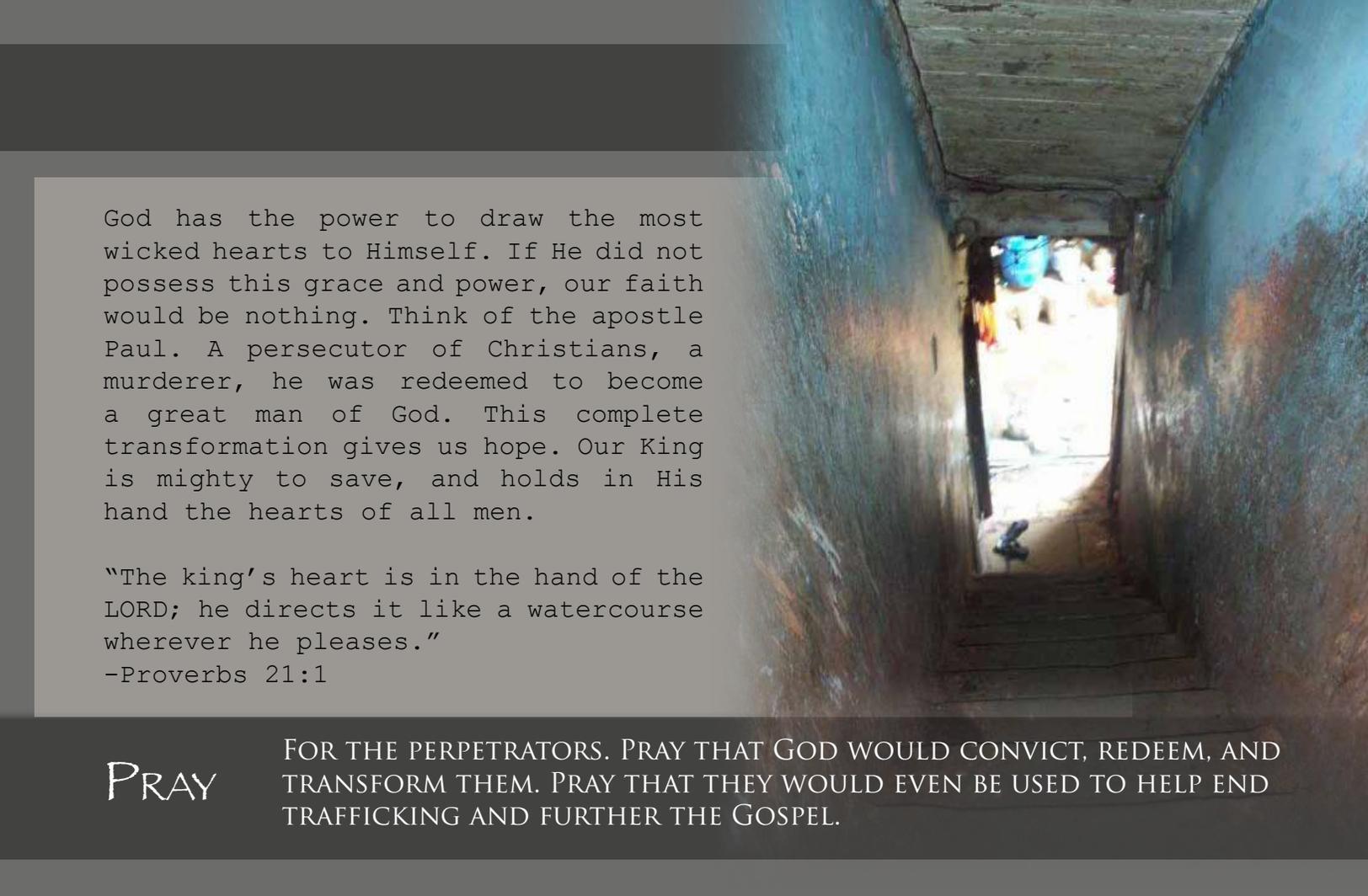
FOR THE BROTHEL CHILDREN. PRAY THAT THEY WOULD BE DELIVERED FROM THE BROTHELS BEFORE THEY BECOME TRAPPED, AND THAT THEY WOULD GROW TO KNOW AND FIND COMPLETE REFUGE IN OUR LORD.

DAY 5. BROTHEL OWNERS

"But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
-Matthew 5:44

We can donate millions of dollars and spend our life's years in buying girls out from the brothels. But when they are sold into the brothel for \$10 or \$15, and freed at the cost of hundreds, it is nearly just as profitable for brothel owners to cycle through girls as it is for them to exploit them. If, however, we entreat our God to bring salvation to the perpetrators, this slavery will see its demise. We need to pray for the brothel owners and perpetrators to bow before a holy God. We must believe it is possible, for we have been rescued by a God who "... gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." -Titus 2:14

**"BEING THEN MADE FREE FROM SIN, YOU BECAME THE
SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS." -ROMANS 6:18**



God has the power to draw the most wicked hearts to Himself. If He did not possess this grace and power, our faith would be nothing. Think of the apostle Paul. A persecutor of Christians, a murderer, he was redeemed to become a great man of God. This complete transformation gives us hope. Our King is mighty to save, and holds in His hand the hearts of all men.

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases."

-Proverbs 21:1

PRAY

FOR THE PERPETRATORS. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD CONVICT, REDEEM, AND TRANSFORM THEM. PRAY THAT THEY WOULD EVEN BE USED TO HELP END TRAFFICKING AND FURTHER THE GOSPEL.



When we work to understand the root causes of the suffering of so many women and girls, we can begin to see opportunities for change. There are many factors that play into the acceptance of sex trafficking and forced prostitution. Religion plays a vital role in areas predominately Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist; where women are often thought as impure or inferior to men and prostitution is sanctioned in the eyes of many. Fierce poverty also plays a huge part in the increasing numbers of victims. With large families, parents are often forced to view children as commodities in order to provide for the rest of the family. In many areas, commercial sex has become more accepted, less shocking and political corruption is rampant. An increase in industrialization has caused an economic growth allowing a higher number of men the extra funds to buy sex.

DAY 6. CULTURAL CHANGE

Even while more and more laws are put into place, the number of women trafficked is increasing. We believe that if we can promote change in the cultural thinking it will in turn cause a change in the statistics. It is important to educate the people of the risks involved in the sex trafficking industry and offer them hope in Jesus Christ. We also think it is important to help provide options for families to create ways of income without having to resort to the unthinkable. It is imperative to get children off the streets and into safe homes before they are scooped up into this growing industry of commercial sex.



FOR A CHANGE IN THE CULTURE BEHIND SEX TRAFFICKING. THAT WE WOULD HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE AND OFFER WAYS TO GAIN ALTERNATIVE INCOME. AND, FOR A CHANGE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE SANCTIONING THIS ACT.

PRAY



DAY 7. CORRUPT LEGAL SYSTEMS

There have been numerous accounts around the world, of police officers and other government officials being paid off or bribed to “turn a blind eye” to what’s going on. Law enforcement officers often choose to be involved, by accepting bribes to look the other way, “losing” important documents, and in some cases working directly with traffickers. There have been reported incidents where the officials have demanded sums of money from the traffickers or else they would imprison them (for two to three days). The officials then take the girls that are being trafficked and sell them to other traffickers. Indirectly police and the government have aided traffickers by simply refusing to investigate trafficking incidents.

In 2003, the International Justice Mission (IJM) answered the cry of 27 Cambodian girls, some as young as five. Several rescues were attempted, but the police they were working with repeatedly tipped off the brothel owners. They would break into empty brothels and have to go back to square one. Their attempts were futile until the legal system was pressured to cooperate. When this happened, many



girls were rescued, brothels were vacated, and a whole town built around exploitation crumbled. One very encouraging aspect of this whole story was the role that the American citizens played. The Cambodian legal system, from the lowest branches up, seemed to care little for justice. Those who could make money off ruling did so, and their superiors did nothing to stop them. Many US based NGO's rallied the nation to pressure our government. Our leaders acted, and used their influence to compel the Cambodian government to act justly. "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." Matthew 6:24

PRAY

FOR THE LEGAL SYSTEMS. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD OPEN THE EYES OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THAT THEY WOULD BECOME A REFUGE TO THE HELPLESS.

DAY 8. THE BORDERS

It is estimated that 600,000 - 800,000 victims are trafficked internationally each year. Women are forced to migrate to certain cities along the borders considered "high supply zones" as part of an



organized trafficking network. According to a UN special report on violence against women, "the brothels of India hold between 100,000 and 160,000 Nepalese women and girls, 35 percent were taken on the false pretext of marriage or a good job." While India is bringing in Nepalese girls, they are sending thousands of women and children from India to the nations of the Middle East.

*"... 'Not by might nor by power', but by my Spirit, Says
the LORD Almighty."* **ZECHARIAH 4:6**

Girls are often taken from their home and illegally sold in another city as the customers want something "different or exotic". Many are promised good work in another country and they arrive to discover that they have been tricked into slavery. Being there illegally, they have no legal rights, they find themselves far from home, with no one to stand up for them. "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14



PRAY

**FOR THE BORDERS,
THAT THEY WOULD CLOSE TO THIS TYPE OF TRADE AND BECOME A
STRONG OBSTACLE FOR THOSE PROMOTING THE SEX TRADE INDUSTRY.**

DAY 9. THE CUSTOMERS

Millions of girls trapped in forced prostitution requires millions of customers utilizing them. Western sex tourists and local people stream into the brothels. Real people with names and faces, everyday people heartlessly use the girls. One man, a regular customer to one of Mumbai's brothels spent most days in or near the brothel. One day, a VBB contact working in the area confronted the man. "What if it was your daughter trapped in a brothel?" He turned from the brothel and has never come back.



He turned from the brothel and has never come back. It seems strange that this man had never thought of the question asked him, but the abuse he instigated had evolved slowly enough that he thought little of his own actions; he had become hard and calloused to this mindless torment. Many have been blinded, and only the light

of Christ can break through the cover of darkness surrounding them. "You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the Lord abhors." Psalm 5:4-6



"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." GALATIANS 6:7

PRAY

FOR THE CUSTOMERS. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD CONVICT THEM AND BRING THEM HUMBLY TO HIS THRONE OF MERCY. PRAY THAT THEY WOULD BE USED TO END TRAFFICKING.

DAY 10. A RESCUE

"Sara" is one of our contacts working in the red-light districts. She ministers to women still in the brothels as well as those rescued from it. She has a beauty salon in the brothel area. While other salons will not serve the brothel girls, Sara openly and warmly receives them. She witnesses to them while doing their hair and nails. By God's grace, she has been able to rescue several girls out. Here is one of her stories:

"Our visit to the red light, we went up fourth floor of red-light building. We saw one girl was sitting on the corner. She was very sad. We tried to approach her, but we were not allowed to talk to her. The brothel Owner was watching us. Still, I whispered to the girl 'You try to come out.'

Our next visit later that same month, again we saw her. We had a chance to talk to her and we told her 'you make a plan to come out', but she replied that she had no money. She was very fearful.



During the next month, I felt the need to go back to red-light and tried to call my new found friend on the phone. I went again the same day and told her to hide in the bathroom, and after a few minutes I followed her to the bathroom, and gave her a phone number and fifty rupees, and told her 'You try to run from this place and you call me'.

On the same day we had an all-night prayer in our Church. Pastor prayed specially for this girl. A few minutes after we came home, we received a phone call from her. We went to one side of the city and picked her up by auto rickshaw. Once she was safe, she shared with us of how God helped her to run from that terrible place."



PRAY

FOR A RESCUE. PRAY FOR WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT FOR THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO GET WOMEN AND GIRLS OUT. PRAY FOR THE "MOTHERS" TO THE RESCUED, THEIR JOB IS NOT AN EASY ONE, AND THE ENEMY CONSTANTLY TRIES TO HINDER AND DISCOURAGE THEM. PRAY FOR THEIR STRENGTH AND PERSEVERANCE.



DAY 11. THE RESCUED

The women and girls rescued from trafficking bear deep emotional scars. They have learned to trust no one and to abandon feelings. Those placed in aftercare centers often remain remote for years and it is rare that a girl will quickly heal or connect with anyone. Hundreds end up back in the brothel systems after leaving the centers. Most do not know how to live as free people, and often drift back to the only familiar thing they have known out of fear and a feeling of desperation. Many who come out of the system fall into prostitution simply because they know of no other way to support themselves. In Christian aftercare centers the women often come to know Christ and find peace that passes understanding. The perfect love of God is the only thing strong enough to overwhelm such walls of bitterness and pain. As His presence heals each scar, the beauty of joy radiates from His daughters. They find hope, forgiveness, and purpose. The aftercare centers we are affiliated with also teach the women a vocation so that they can support themselves and live independently from the home. Many of these women have returned to the brothel areas so that they can witness to the ones they left behind and help to get more rescued.



“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

PRAY

FOR THE GIRLS AND WOMEN RESCUED OUT OF THE BROTHELS. THAT THEY WOULD COME TO KNOW CHRIST AND THAT HIS LOVE WOULD HEAL THEM COMPLETELY.

DAY 12. EDUCATION

We rejoice over each woman rescued, who is saved. However, healing takes times, and the women who have been abused are never fully whole. By the restoring power of Jesus Christ, they are regenerated, but they always carry some scars and wounds from their past lives.

One of the greatest tools we have in the fight against sex-slavery is prevention. Through education and awareness training, many girls can be saved from ever having to face this frightening reality. We believe prevention is an important solution to the sex-trafficking industry.



Many of the women in this industry are lured or trapped. They are promised good jobs in other areas, and willingly follow their abductors. Once they realize what job they really are receiving, it is too late. By informing girls and young women about the dangers, they will not

be as vulnerable. Thousands of girls can be protected simply by informing them of the risks involved.

Asha Nepal is publishing awareness materials in a monthly Christian Newspaper in Nepal. In high trafficked areas across Nepal, they travel to villages to speak about the realities and dangers of trafficking and to train local leaders to take an active role to prevent trafficking in their areas. Women who have been rescued give their testimonies and explain how they were deceived, and they also speak about prevention. Youths are challenged to make a plan to enhance awareness programs in their areas. Many of the girls and boys cry as they listen to the testimonies, and as a result of the awareness program, many youth leaders have returned home with a burden for the women who are exploited.



PRAY

GOD WILL OPEN PEOPLE'S EYES TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS PROBLEM.
PRAY EVERY YOUNG GIRL WILL HEAR THE TRUTH, AND NOT FALL PREY TO
PREDATORS.

DAY 13. THE WORK

Isaiah 61:1-2 says, "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,"

It is our responsibility to reach out to women trapped in sex-slavery with the pure love of Jesus Christ. Only He can heal their wounds. Without the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the healing power of Jesus Christ, there is no hope for their deep wounds. And more than that, He can bestow the crown of beauty, the oil of gladness, and the garment of praise on them, and display His splendor in and through these women.

Encourage those who have given their lives to work in the slums, brothels and red-light districts. Lift their hands as they are weary from battle while they rescue women and girls from this nightmare and share with them the hope and healing love of Jesus Christ.



PRAY

FOR GOD TO SEND LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELDS. PRAY FOR A CLEAR VISION, WISDOM AND STRENGTH FOR THOSE PERSEVERING IN THIS MINISTRY.

DAY 14. YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Our purpose is not to simply expose the deeds of darkness, but to call the church to act on behalf of those who cannot help themselves. We are to shine Christ's light for those trapped in darkness. The greatest gift we can give is prayer, as it is truly God alone who can save. Psalm 82:3-4 says, "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Most of the women trapped in sex-slavery have not heard the name of Jesus Christ. They do not realize he has come to set them free from bondage and oppression. They do not know to call on His name. We must call for them; we must cry out on their behalf.

AS YOU PRAY, ASK GOD HOW HE WOULD HAVE YOU INVOLVED. PLEASE ASK HIM TO REVEAL WAYS FOR YOU TO SHINE HIS LIGHT OF TRUTH ON THIS SITUATION. THESE WOMEN DO NOT HAVE A VOICE, SO WE MUST LEND THEM OURS. WE CANNOT SIT SILENTLY WHILE THESE ATROCITIES ARE OCCURRING. AS YOU PRAY, ASK GOD WHAT HE WOULD HAVE YOU DO ON BEHALF OF THESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. PLEASE ASK OTHERS TO PRAY AS WELL; THE GREATEST IMPACT WE CAN HAVE IS ON OUR KNEES!



DAY 15. HOPE

The dark and crushing world of sex trafficking seems to leave little room for hope. But, thanks to the work of many who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of justice and freedom for these girls, we can rejoice for those who have been rescued and have come to know the peace, love, and righteousness of Christ.

Madhu and her friend each got married after courting for a year. The two couples were extremely happy and Madhu was pregnant after only 6 months. Both husbands suggested that they all go to India for a holiday. The women were delighted and dreamed of the fun they would have. After being in Bombay for a few days, they were sold into a brothel.

Madhu and her friend cried and begged to return to Nepal but they were beaten and raped. Finally they had to surrender and lived as "dead flesh for 7 years". Madhu contracted HIV there.

Asha Nepal rescued her in 2001. She stayed in the safe house and learned to become a seamstress. Eventually she was restored and wanted to go back to her village. She went there in 2009 and started a small tailoring center in her home. Her mother passed away and she cared for her aging father. A man in the village began to pursue her and while she was fearful, Madhu



“BUT I WILL RESTORE YOU TO HEALTH AND HEAL YOUR WOUNDS,’ DECLARES THE LORD.” JEREMIAH 30:17

shared with him her story. He lovingly accepted her past. They got married in February of 2011. Madhu designed her own wedding dress. Praise Jesus who restored her wounds, and has given her His joy in place of suffering.

Sarah has ministered to victims in the brothel for years. She is currently trying to set up a day-care for the brothel children in the red light district so they can live and learn in a wholesome environment. The children are taught from the Bible and given an education, she is helping to break the cycle of trafficking. She recently sent a report saying that three more children have been rescued. Another girl from Asha recently finished high school and will now be entering college. The women and children are attending a daily devotion and Bible study and are growing spiritually. We recently received a report that two women were rescued and have decided to return to the red-light districts to rescue more women and share the restorative power of Jesus Christ.



PRAISE

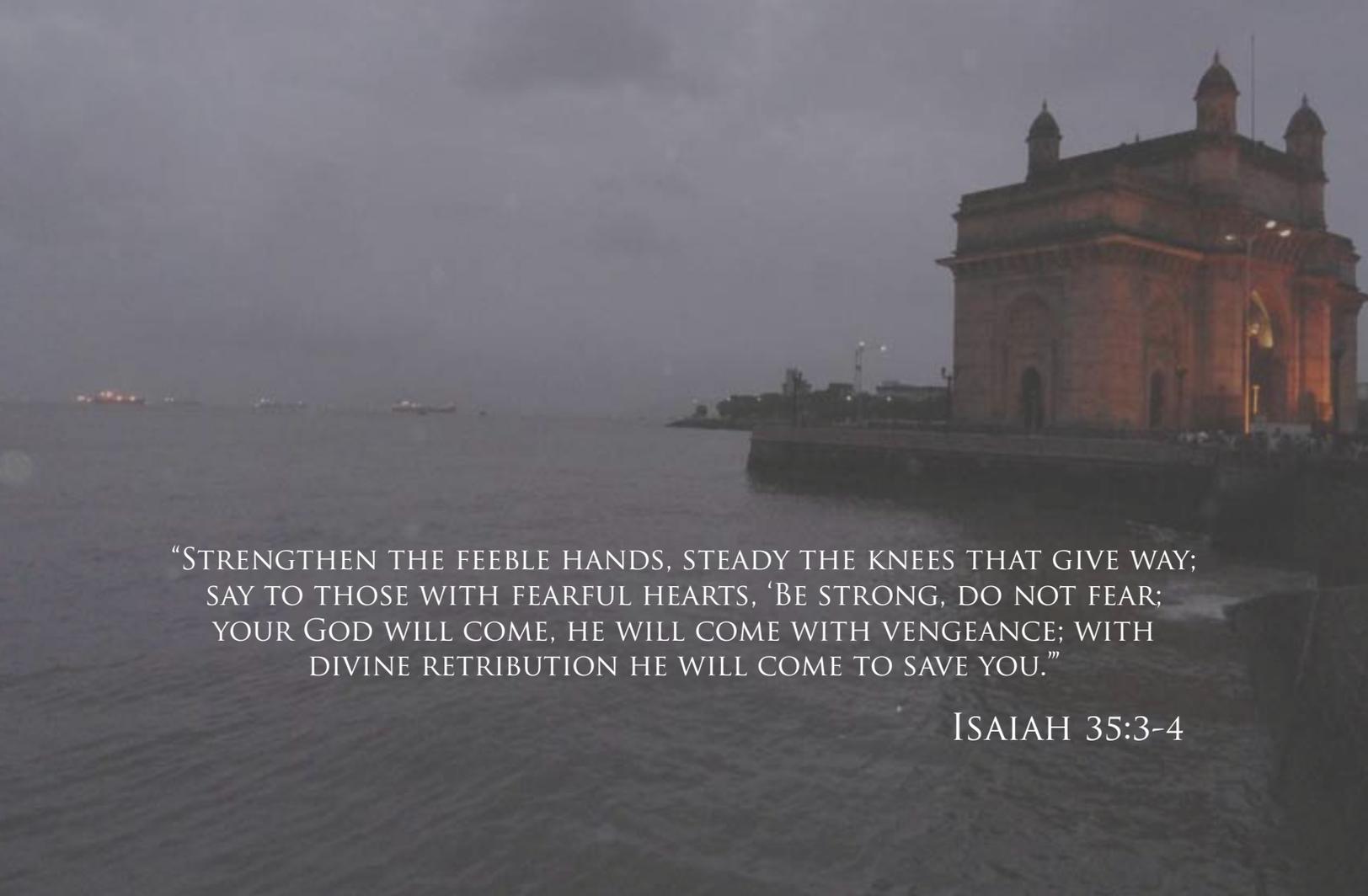
THANK HIM FOR OPENING HEARTS, HEALING, AND GIVING LIFE. PRAISE HIM FOR ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS. PRAISE HIM FOR HIS IMMACULATE GRACE AND LOVE, FOR RESCUING SOULS FROM DARKNESS AND MAKING THEM HIS BRIDE.

We serve a God who still moves on behalf of the prayers of His people. He has not changed since the days of old. The God who parted the Red Sea and allowed the Israelites to pass through on dry ground is the same God we serve. He does not change. He still moves in answer to our prayers, and he sees the suffering and the tears of His children. It is our prayer that the



hand of God will move on behalf of these women and children and in response to our prayers, God alone will receive all the glory. Hezekiah prays in Isaiah 37:20, "Now, O Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O Lord, are God."





“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, HE WILL COME WITH VENGEANCE; WITH
DIVINE RETRIBUTION HE WILL COME TO SAVE YOU.’”

ISAIAH 35:3-4



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