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Prayer Guide



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...for the Victims
of Sex Trafficking



Defining the Problem

What is Trafficking in Persons (TIP): A widely accepted definition of TIP has been created by the United Nations. The U.N. defines TIP as: *"The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs."*

The U.N. definition of trafficking in persons can be divided into three parts: acts, the means used to commit those acts, and goals for which those acts are committed. At least one element from each of the three parts of the trafficking definition is required to create a TIP case.

What is Sex Trafficking: Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.

What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation

(CSE): Sexual exploitation entirely, or at least primarily, for financial or other economic interests. The economic interests involved may be monetary or non-monetary (i.e., food, shelter, drugs) but in every case, involve the maximum benefits to the exploiter and an abrogation of basic rights, dignity, autonomy, physical and mental well-being of the persons involved. (R. Estes and N. Weiner, 2001) Distinct yet inter-related elements make up a continuum of abuse in CSE. These include strip-ping, live-sex shows, pornography, prostitution, and trafficking for these purposes.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Sex is an integral dimension of the human being, of the self. When it is treated as a thing to be taken, the human being is rendered into a thing, an objectification that not only violates human rights but also destroys human dignity. (K. Barry, p 33)
- The existence of prostitution is the only reason sex trafficking exists. (J. Friedlin quoting D. Hughes)
- [Sexual] trafficking is simply the global form of prostitution. (M. Farley, p xvii)
- Prostitution is sexual exploitation sustained over time. (K. Barry, p 29)
- Sexual trauma is unique from other forms of trauma. It is a violation of the most intimate and personal aspect of the self. One's own body becomes the setting in which the atrocities are perpetrated When an individual has been beaten into submission, has become passive and accepting of what is done to her because she is a captive, then any sexual encounter she has is rape. Even if she has worked hard to attract the customer, because she has no right to refuse consent, she is being raped. (W. Freed, p 138)

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Scope of the Problem

A General Overview

Globally:

Twenty-seven million people are enslaved in various forms of sexual and labor exploitation, more than at the height of the trans-atlantic slave trade. (K. Bales)



Amsterdam

UNICEF reports that across the world, there are more than one million children entering the sex trade every year and that approximately 30 million children have lost their childhood through sexual exploitation over the past 30 years.

The U.S. Department of State estimates that approximately 800,000 persons — mostly women and children — are trafficked across national borders annually. *[Note: This estimate does not include those trafficked within national borders.]*

Eleven countries score very high as countries of origin for trafficking victims. The countries are Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine (Commonwealth of Independent States), Albania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, China, Thailand, and Nigeria. (UNODC, 2006)

India:

More than 2.3 million girls and women were believed to be in the sex industry, and experts believed that more than 200,000 persons were trafficked into, within, or through the country annually. There were approximately three million trafficking victims in the country, and two thousand rescues a year. Women's rights organizations and

NGOs estimated that more than 12,000 and perhaps as many as 50,000 women and children were trafficked into the country annually from neighboring states for commercial sexual exploitation. (U.S. Department of State, 2005)

USA:

In fiscal year 08, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) opened 432 human trafficking cases, including 262 investigations of commercial sexual exploitation. During the same time span, the FBI opened 132 trafficking investigations. (U.S. Department of Justice, 2009)

Data collected by the HTRS, which collects information from state and local law enforcement agencies in the U.S., reveals that 82% of 2,515 suspected incidents of human trafficking between January 2008 and June 2010 were sex trafficking cases; 459 individuals (432 female/27 male) were confirmed to be victims of sex trafficking; 83% of sex trafficking victims were identified as U.S. citizens. (U.S. Department of Justice, BJS, 2011)

Despite an estimated prevalence of 100,000 to 150,000 (K. Bales) slaves in the U.S., fewer than 1,700 persons have been "certified" as victims of human trafficking through the efforts of the federal government since 2001, when services for trafficking victims were first made available. (U.S. Department of Justice, 2009)



Advocates in Washington, DC, speak out about the demand for sexually trafficked women at the 2006 World Cup games held in Germany.

Demand

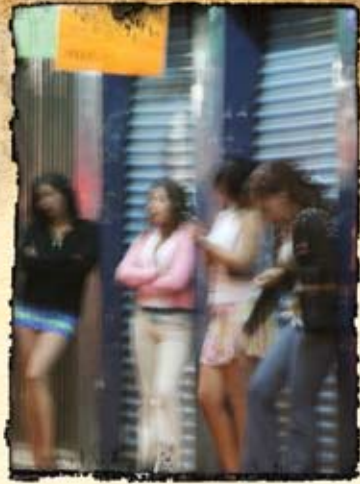
Belgium, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Thailand, Turkey and the United States are countries ranked “very high” as destination countries of trafficked persons. (UNODC, 2006)

Prostitution in the Philippines is a de facto legal industry that is now the fourth largest source of gross national product (GNP) for the country. 300,000 sex tourists from Japan alone are believed to visit the Philippines every year. (A. Trinidad, 2005)

The sex industry in the Netherlands is estimated to make almost \$1 billion each year. (UNECE, 2004) It is a major Western European destination country for trafficked women with 2000 brothels and numerous escort services, using an estimated 30,000 women. (D. Hughes, 2002) Conservatively, 68-80% of women in its sex industry are from other countries, a factor highly indicative of sex trafficking.



A Salvation Army program in Bangladesh helps women develop the work skills necessary to prevent them from being trafficked, or to help restore the lives of those already trafficked.



(Photo by Judy Silverstein for Concerned Women for America.)

Impact

Foremost among the health risks of prostituting persons is premature death. In a recent US study of almost 2000 prostituting persons followed over a 30-year period, by far the most common causes of death were homicide, suicide, drug- and alcohol-related problems, HIV infection and accidents – in that order. The homicide rate among active female prostitutes was 17 times higher than that of the age-matched general population. (*Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 2004)

89% of 785 people in prostitution from nine countries wanted to escape prostitution. 75% of those in prostitution have been homeless at some point in their lives. 68% of 827 people in several different types of prostitution in 9 countries met criteria for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The severity of PTSD symptoms of participants in this study were in the same range as treatment-seeking combat veterans, battered women seeking shelter, rape survivors, and refugees from state-organized torture. (M. Farley, 2003)

Preparing our hearts & minds

Remembering the Victims

But this is a people robbed and plundered;
All of them are snared in holes,
And they are hidden in prison houses;
They are prey, and no one delivers;
For plunder, and no one says "Restore!".

~ Isaiah 42:22 ~

Do not degrade your daughter
by making her a prostitute,
or the land will turn to prostitution
and be filled with wickedness.

~ Leviticus 19:29 ~



A mural in West Africa warns community residents about trafficking in persons.

(Source: F.A.I.T.H. Consortium)

They cast lots for my people and
traded boys for prostitutes;
they sold girls for wine
that they might drink.

~ Joel 3:3 ~

Considering the Traffickers and Exploiters

Why, O LORD, do you stand far off?
Why do you hide yourself in times of
trouble?

In his arrogance the wicked man hunts
down the weak,
who are caught in the schemes he devises.

He boasts of the cravings of his heart;
he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.

In his pride the wicked does not seek Him;
in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

His ways are always prosperous;
he is haughty and your laws are far from him;
he sneers at all his enemies.

He says to himself, "Nothing will shake me;
I'll always be happy and never have trouble."

His mouth is full of curses and lies and
threats;
trouble and evil are under his tongue.

He lies in wait near the villages;
from ambush he murders the innocent,
watching in secret for his victims.

He lies in wait like a lion in cover;
he lies in wait to catch the helpless;
he catches the helpless and
drags them off in his net.

His victims are crushed, they collapse;
they fall under his strength. *continued >>>*



This sign on a strip club in Ecuador announces a show with girls from Colombia.

He says to himself, "God has forgotten; he covers his face and never sees."

Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God.
Do not forget the helpless.

Why does the wicked man revile God?
Why does he say to himself,
"He won't call me to account"?

But you, O God, do see trouble and grief;
you consider it to take it in hand.
The victim commits himself to you;
you are the helper of the fatherless.

Break the arm of the wicked and evil man;
call him to account for his wickedness
that would not be found out.

The Lord is King for ever and ever;
the nations will perish from his land.

You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted;
you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,
defending the fatherless and the oppressed,
in order that man, who is of the earth,
may terrify no more.

~ Psalm 10 ~

God's Purposes

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,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion —
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

~ Isaiah 61:1-3 ~

Life and Liberty through Christ

So if the Son makes you free,
you shall be free indeed.

~ John 8:36 ~

I have come that they may have life, and
that they may have it more abundantly.

~ John 10:10 ~

The True Fast

Is not this the kind of fasting
I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

~ Isaiah 58:6 ~

Prayer Requests

Rescue and Restoration

Pray for the rescue and restoration of the victims of sexual trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, expressly for:

- an end to their exploitation and sexual abuse;
- safe and secure shelters to provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs;
- loving caretakers to provide comfort and a sense of family;
- training and education opportunities to provide survivors with productive livelihoods;
- medical treatment to meet their many health concerns;
- that the Gospel message reach their ears and be received in their hearts.

Breakdown of the Sex Industry

Pray for the breakdown of the sex industry which fuels sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of persons, including:

- the demise of the pornography industry;
- closure of brothels, strip clubs, massage parlors and other so-called “sexually oriented businesses”;
- strong law enforcement efforts the world over to enforce obscenity laws, fight corruption, as well as to arrest/convict pimps, sex traffickers, and sex buyers.

Reduction of Demand

Pray for efforts to reduce the demand for commercial sex, such as:

- defeat of attempts to legalize prostitution in countries around the world;
- the repeal of laws which legalized prostitution in the Netherlands, Germany, New Zealand, parts of Australia, as well as portions of Nevada, U.S.;
- development and success of programs known as “john schools” for men convicted of soliciting sex;
- development and success of ministries which help people plagued with sex addiction;
- that God convict the hearts of sex traffickers/pimps and sex buyers, and turn their hearts to Christ;
- the end of cultural attitudes and beliefs that sustain the oppression of women.

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Poverty leaves women and children vulnerable to traffickers*

**Children pictured in this booklet are not sexually abused. They represent a segment of the population at risk.*

Development

Pray for the development of impoverished nations so that the peoples in such countries may know a decent standard of living, have meaningful education and employment opportunities, and thus escape the desperate circumstances that make people vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

World Leaders

Pray for world leaders, that they will confront sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation by dedicating their time and energy and national resources to eradicating it.

The Church

Pray for the church and its response to sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, including:

- more Christian workers to establish programs for prevention of sex trafficking, as well as for provision of restoration services for survivors;
- the Church – its members and leaders – become sexually pure and that they not participate in any form of sexual exploitation;
- increased networking and cooperation among Christian groups working on this issue;
- strength, fortitude, wisdom, integrity, and vision for Christians working to address this issue.
- that Christian individuals and institutions divest from investment funds which include businesses that promote the commercial sex industry

The General and the World President of Women's Ministries call the worldwide Salvation Army to a weekend of prayer for the victims of sex trade trafficking.



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