

Empowering
Women
to **Change**
the **World**



Resource book
2012

Welcome to the Empowering Women to Change the World resource.

This year the Territorial Women's Ministries Team set a goal to raise awareness of current international issues affecting women and collate reference material for use in the Divisions.

Three areas to be highlighted in 2012 are:

- Domestic Violence
- Human Trafficking
- The plight of missing girls.



The following pages are a sample of the plight of women around the world. Some are stories, others are thoughts, some are data, while others are information about websites that will provide more information.

Recently a group of women gathered together at THQ for a breakfast bible study, in one of the early lessons we were challenged and encouraged by the words of Matthew Arnold an eighteenth century poet and cultural critic, who worked as an inspector in the British school system.

*“If ever there comes a time
when the women of the world come together
purely and simply for the benefit of mankind,
it will be a force such as the world has never known.”*

We believe we are in those days, oppression of women is real and the consequences are profound. Where women are rising up, communities and economies are growing.

In a recent interview with Lyn Goldsmith, Editor in Chief at Christian Women Australia, Amanda Well, Principal of Coaching Business at Passion 2 Product, was asked the following question, *“How do you see the importance of women in business and ministry?”*

“I think they are imperative. If you look at history – women have taken the world out of nearly every crisis that it has ever been in. You go back and look at Debra, look at Esther, Ruth – right through the Bible. Then we go back and look at World War 1 and when the men came home broken emotionally and physically it was the women who really got the world back and financially got the family back together. It was the same with the women in World War II and just recently we have seen in England, David Cameron, the Prime Minister, actually put a call out for women to rise up and be entrepreneurs and he is giving them 15,000 pounds to start business. He even recognizes that women have such an effect on the economy that we can actually change the world. I think women need to understand this. We are born to be nation changers.”

Quote taken from Christian Women Autumn 2012, p12

We trust as you look through this resource you will be challenged to view some of the DVD's, read up, and speak out on behalf of the oppressed women and children of our world. In doing so you are part of the empowering process.

Blessings

Sally-Anne Allchin (Major)

Family and Resource Secretary

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Half the Sky

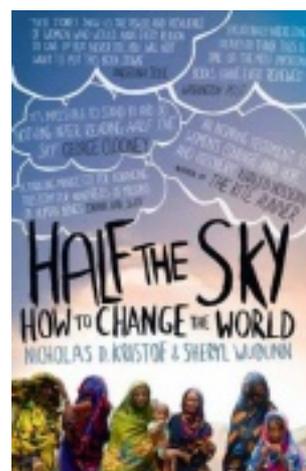
- how to change the world.

Niholas D. Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn

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From two of our most fiercely moral voices, a passionate call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world.

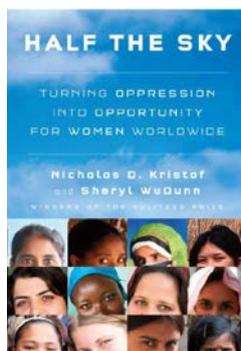
With Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn as our guides, we undertake an odyssey through Africa and Asia to meet the extraordinary women struggling there, among them a Cambodian teenager sold into sex slavery and an Ethiopian woman who suffered devastating injuries in childbirth. Drawing on the breadth of their combined reporting experience, Kristof and WuDunn depict our world with anger, sadness, clarity, and, ultimately, hope.



They show how a little help can transform the lives of women and girls abroad. That Cambodian girl eventually escaped from her brothel and, with assistance from an aid group, built a thriving retail business that supports her family. The Ethiopian woman had her injuries repaired and in time became a surgeon. A Zimbabwean mother of five, counseled to return to school, earned her doctorate and became an expert on AIDS.

Through these stories, Kristof and WuDunn help us see that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women's potential. They make clear how so many people have helped to do just that, and how we can each do our part. Throughout much of the world, the greatest unexploited economic resource is the female half of the population. Countries such as China have prospered precisely because they emancipated women and brought them into the formal economy. Unleashing that process globally is not only the right thing to do; it's also the best strategy for fighting poverty.

*Deeply felt, pragmatic, and inspirational,
Half the Sky is essential reading for every global citizen.*



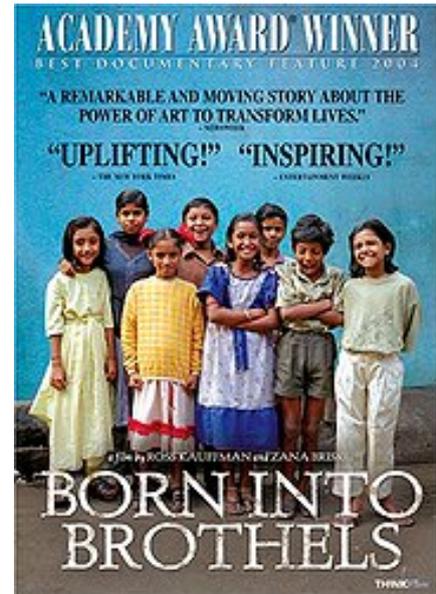
About the authors

Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn are the first married couple to win a Pulitzer Prize in journalism; they won for their coverage of China as *New York Times* correspondents. Mr. Kristof won a second Pulitzer for his op-ed columns in the *Times*. He has also served as bureau chief in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Tokyo, and as associate managing editor. At the *Times*, Ms. WuDunn worked as a business editor and as a foreign correspondent in Tokyo and Beijing. They live near New York City.

book is available from the Territorial Women's Ministries resource library.

Born into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids

Born Into Brothels is an 85min documentary about the inspiring non-profit foundation *Kids With Cameras*, which teaches photography skills to children in marginalized communities. In 1998, New York-based photographer Zana Briski started photographing prostitutes in the red-light district of Calcutta. She eventually developed a relationship with their children, who were fascinated by her equipment. After several years of learning in workshops with Briski, the kids created their own photographs.



The widely acclaimed film, written and directed by Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman, won a string of accolades including the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature in 2004.

Amidst the apparent growing prosperity of India, there is a dark underbelly of poverty, another side of the nation that is little known. For a child born to a prostitute in Calcutta's Red Light District, the future is as bleak and despondent as the mother's profession. Zana went into the city to photograph the working ladies of the area, only to find her subjects refuse. What she discovered, however, was the bright-eyed eagerness of the prostitutes' sons and daughters.

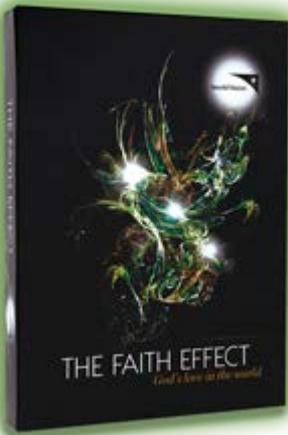
After several years of learning in workshops with Briski, the kids created their own photographs with point-and-shoot 35 mm cameras. Their images capture the intimacy and colour of everyday life in the overpopulated sections of Calcutta. Proceeds from the sale of the children's photographs go to fund their future education. Directed by Briski and filmmaker Ross Kauffman.

The photography is splendid, rich in colour and subject matter, and the video camera following Briski through the squalid red light district, pausing to hear abusive mothers and drugged fathers deny their children passage into a better life, hearing the wisdom of the elders who desire something more for these children, captures a world few know. Devoted as Briski and Kauffman are to their dream, they remain realistic and document an element of life in a third world country that is illuminating. This is a touching film without being maudlin, beautiful without ignoring reality. In English and with subtitles for the children's commentary.

This Academy award winning film is less about prostitution and more about eight children who with the help of a motivated film maker strive to make a better life than they were ever supposed to have.

(Directed By: Ross Kauffman , Zana Briski, US Box Office: \$3.4M,Think Film)
To view trailer: freedocumentaries.org/film.php?id=125

**# DVD is available from the Territorial Women's Ministries resource library.
OR available for purchase through ebay.**



The Faith Effect

-God's love in the world

World Vision

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Publishers Description

The Faith Effect:

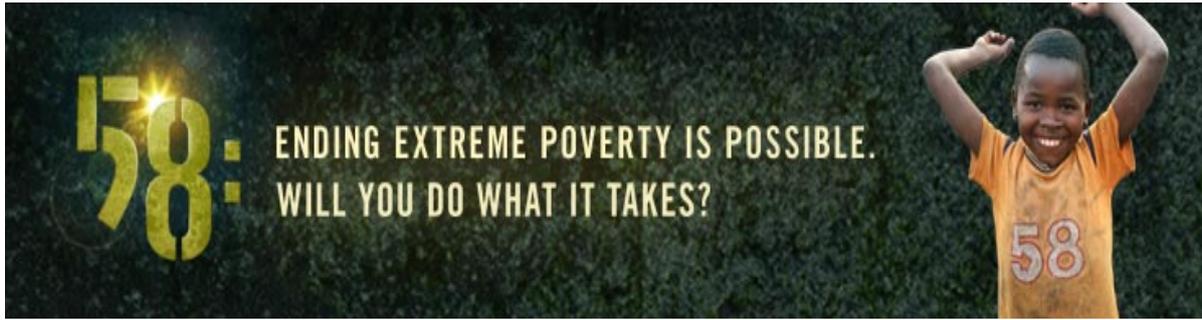
God's Love In The World Leader's Guide + DVD

While Christian faith is personal, it is never private. Christians are called to participate in God's passion for justice and his concern for the vulnerable and oppressed. This five-session interactive bible study, developed by World Vision Australia, is designed to help Christians become more informed about issues of global poverty and injustice, from a biblical perspective. Experience powerful insights from contributors including Bishop NT Wright, Rev Dr John Dickson, Rev Tim Costello and Rev Dr Joel Edwards.

*“This is earth in its poverty and its pain.
If God hasn't given up on this place, then as a Christian, I
can't give up.”*

- Rev Tim Costello, CEO World Vision Australia

**# Resource is available from the Women's Ministries resource library.
Or Purchase from Koorong Bookstore for approx. \$40.00**



- and It's Possible in Our Lifetime

ABOUT 58

58: The Film tells the inspiring true story of the global Church in action, from the slums of Kenya and the quarries of India to the streets of New York. It's a journey that confronts the brutality of extreme poverty and introduces those who are already living out the true fast of Isaiah 58.

58: The Film is confronting, inspiring and eye-opening—but **58:** is so much more. It is our hope that everyone who sees the film will be moved to take action. There are some clear ways for you to get involved with Compassion and 58:

58: is a **global movement** answering the call of Isaiah 58 to fast as God desires by taking a stand against injustice, poverty and oppression. We CAN end extreme poverty in our lifetime - find out how as we join together to **live 58**

***“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

That's what Live 58: is all about — Christian organizations coming together to provide opportunities for pulling the plug on extreme poverty.



“I am a quarry worker, trapped and bound to repay my debt.”

Soundarya's parents are caught in the trap of bonded servitude. Every day, all day, they break rocks with a sledgehammer for a debt that they will never be able to repay.

Families in this trap have no hope. No way out. Their children will inherit the debt, then pass it on to their children. This extreme destitution leads many mothers and fathers to sell their own children into the horrors of the commercial sex trade.



58: invites us to see the possibilities and become part of them.

Consider the facts:

- Over the past eight years, the number of kids dying from measles has declined by **78%**.
- 22 countries have cut their malaria rate in half in only six years.
- In the 1990's the number of children dying from preventable causes dropped from 40,000 to 33,000 per day. In 2008, that number decreased to 24,000. Today, it is 21,000. In one generation, we've cut the number of children dying from preventable diseases almost in half!
- The number of children dying before their fifth birthday has also decreased even while the number of overall births is increasing.
- In less than ten years, a third of children who couldn't afford to go to school now can. And literacy rates are rising worldwide.
- The spread of HIV has been curbed. New HIV infections have been cut by 16 per cent globally.
- Two hundred years ago, the average life expectancy was about 30 years. Today, many of us have a life expectancy of 75 to 80 years.
- In the same 200 years, we've gone from over 90 per cent of the world's population living in extreme poverty to about 1.4 billion people as of 2005 (the latest census numbers). That's still way too many people. But here's the good news: In 1981, 52 per cent of the world's population lived in extreme poverty. By 2005, that number was cut in half down to 26 per cent: all in one generation!

We still have a long way to go,
but ending extreme poverty in our lifetime is possible.

Thank you for joining us on this journey to -

Fast

Forward

The end of poverty.

***# DVD and Study is available from the Territorial Women's Ministries resource library.
Contact Compassion for a free copy of the DVD.
For discussion guides and supporting resources go to live58.org.au
For Study material go to www.willowcreek.org.au/***





***It's a Girl* Documentary Film**

In India, China and many other parts of the world today, girls are killed, aborted and abandoned simply because they are girls. The United Nations estimates as many as 200 million girls⁽¹⁾ are missing in the world today because of this so-called “gendercide”.

Girls who survive infancy are often subject to neglect, and many grow up to face extreme violence and even death at the hands of their own husbands or other family members.

The war against girls is rooted in centuries-old tradition and sustained by deeply ingrained cultural dynamics which, in combination with government policies, accelerate the elimination of girls.

Shot on location in India and China, *It's a Girl* explores the issue. It asks why this is happening, and why so little is being done to save girls and women. The film tells the stories of abandoned and trafficked girls, of women who suffer extreme dowry-related violence, of brave mothers fighting to save their daughters' lives, and of other mothers who would kill for a son. Global experts and grassroots activists put the stories in context and advocate different paths towards change, while collectively lamenting the lack of any truly effective action against this injustice.

Currently in post-production, *It's a Girl* will be available in September 2012 for screening events globally.

For more information

Or

View the trailer go . . .

www.itsagirlmovie.com/



HOW YOU CAN HELP

As filmmakers, we're doing all we can to raise awareness about gendercide through *It's a Girl*. But in order to fuel an entire movement against gendercide, we need your help! We'll be updating this page with a number of ways to get involved in the fight against gendercide as the fall release approaches. But there are ways you can help right now:

Bring It's a Girl to Your City

It's a Girl will be available for locally hosted screening events around the world beginning fall 2012. Details will be available soon, but let us know if your interest in hosting a screening now!

Share the trailer

Post the trailer to your Facebook page or send a link by email to your friends, family and anyone else who will listen. Tell them the film is coming, and ask them to share the news as well!

Partner with us

If you represent an organization that supports the fight against gendercide, we'd love to hear from you through our Partner Interest Form.

Help us make connections

Do you know of organizations that might be interested in partnering with us in the fight against gendercide? We're actively reaching out to many organizations around the world, but if you have any connections at local, national or global organizations working on behalf of women's' rights and/or human rights, we'd love to be introduced!

Stay connected with us

Sign up for our email updates (use form at right) and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter for periodic news about the film and gendercide. And don't miss our blog (Subscribe by RSS)!

One viewer comment . . .

After seeing the It's a Girl trailer, this one viewer said he was "instantly moved" and inspired to write this rap. "I think what shook me the most was the fact that women also participate in the killing of girls. Like you, I just felt that the world needs to see this message" he shares.

The World's most dangerous place for women.

youtube:BBC the world's most dangerous place for women.

Duration: 1 hour

Twenty-three-year-old Judith Wanga grew up in London but was born thousands of miles away in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Sent away by her parents to live in Britain as a small child, she's now going back to Congo - 20 years later - to meet them for the very first time.



Judith with her father Pierre in Kinshasa

She wants to understand the childhood she missed and the country she was forced to leave. After reuniting with her parents in the capital, Kinshasa, Jude heads east to an area of the country that's been devastated by war. It is here she meets the victims of rape, the perpetrators, the reason behind the war, and some amazing women who have risen above their trauma, to lead and inspire other women.

Judith takes the viewer to the 'City of Joy', where the challenge is offered – **"What can you do?"** Before concluding Judith return to London to begin taking up the challenge to make a difference.



Judith and Chloe

Why Congo is the world's most dangerous place for women

- Judith Wanga
- The Observer, Sunday 28 March 2010
- Excerpt of the article

I was unemployed, trying to kick start a career in political journalism, when I received a call from a BBC producer making a documentary about the Democratic Republic of Congo. My uncle works in the Congolese community in north London, translating, teaching English, offering advice; the documentary makers had come to him looking for a young woman, living in Britain but born in DRC, who had not been back for a long while. I fitted the bill.

I thought they would want a quick interview, maybe to use my words in a voiceover. After a couple of meetings it became apparent they had something much grander in mind. They wanted to take me to eastern Congo, home of the deadliest conflict in Africa, to learn first-hand about the violence that is devastating the region.

DRC is a country as large as western Europe, and rich in its natural resources. It's also trapped in a system of recklessness, lawlessness and impunity. For over a decade a conflict has been raging in the east of the country, where soldiers from rebel factions – including an 8,000-strong Hutu militia called the FDLR – fight for the control of diamond and mineral mines. The factions may be many and various but the victims never change: they are always women.

In eastern Congo, rape and sexual violence are routinely employed as weapons to subjugate villages and terrorize entire communities. From old women to young children, the soldiers do not discriminate; the stories of their brutality and torture are so horrific that they rarely reach western ears. Inside the country, however, the locals have accepted mass rape as the status quo; even women who have been attacked will tell you: "This is just Congolese life."

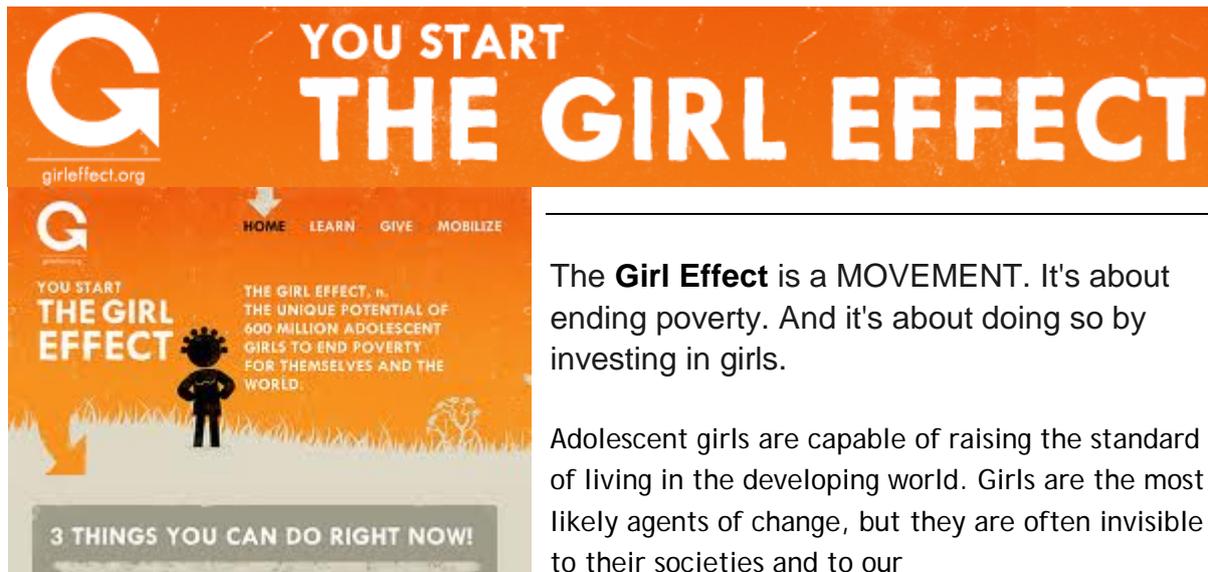
I was to meet the victims of this systematic abuse, and the brave women who are both caring for them and standing up against the prevailing, misogynistic culture – which often invites further attack. Visiting the region is an intimidating proposition, not least for a British woman who hasn't been "home" in 20 years. But I felt it was important to find out more, and to tell the stories of these women who otherwise didn't have a voice; and if I was afraid of what I might encounter, there was another, compelling reason to go – it would offer me the opportunity to meet my parents properly for the first time.

It was 33c when we arrived in Kinshasa, with no sunshine and no breeze, so that the heat hung over the dusty, rundown city like a smog.

It was hard for my parents to let me venture to eastern Congo, where the dangers are so well-known; and harder still to talk about the things I'd seen and heard when I returned. I thought I knew plenty about the conflict before I left – but my worst-case scenario wasn't even close to the reality.

The extent and extremity of the sexual violence that goes on, on a daily basis, was more shocking than I could have imagined: many women are gang raped, some are mutilated with sticks and knives, others doused in petrol and burned. Some of the attacks are performed by child soldiers, while their commanders urge them on, and some performed on children, even those as young as three. Aside from the horrific internal injuries sustained – as well as pregnancies, and the spread of HIV – there is a social cost; husbands regularly throw raped wives out of their homes, like soiled goods. There are no reliable statistics on rape in Congo. In one village we visited, the local hospital admits hundreds of cases in a year, but reported cases are the tip of the iceberg – many women keep rape hidden; some can't walk to the hospital.

My parents have lived in Kinshasa for 50 years, since Congo was given the independence their parents and grandparents had fought for; now their country's fallen into ruin, worse off than it was under colonial rule, and that's hard to stomach. But all I've seen, and come to understand, has made me feel even closer to the people who loved me so much they sent me away. I'm hoping to go back next summer with my boyfriend. My mum will be delighted to meet him.



When everyone- girls, parents, teachers, executives, artists, hairdressers, forest rangers, rock stars, presidents, investors, advertisers, skateboarders, truckers, cowboys, organizations, chefs, teenagers- knows about the Girl Effect, then real change can happen. This site is just the beginning. The end is nothing less than ending poverty.

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Champions

The Girl Effect is a movement driven by girl champions around the globe. The Nike Foundation created the Girl Effect with critical financial and intellectual contributions by the NoVo Foundation and Nike Inc. and in collaboration with key partners such as the United Nations Foundation and the Coalition for Adolescent Girls.

Other girl champions include the International Center for Research on Women, the Population Council, CARE, the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, the Center for Global Development, Plan, and the Girl Hub.

BRAC is a Girl Effect pioneer, as seen in the stories of Shumi and Sanchita on this site. We also thank those who work for girls every day, in schools, villages, cities, offices, agencies and governments.

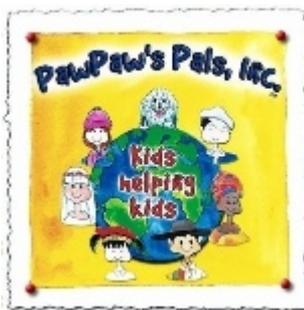
Can we put a dent in the world's child trafficking industry?

Diana Scimone : Jun 19, 2008 : PawPawsPals.org

I was early evening in Mumbai, India, as a guide quietly drove journalist Diana Scimone down a crowded street. This wasn't your usual tourist destination. It was Falkland Road, Mumbai's notorious red-light district. "The doorway of every building was packed with young women waiting for customers," recalls Scimone, who writes frequently about human and religious rights. "Every woman had the same look on her face: hopelessness and shame." Scimone's guide, whose ministry reaches out to prostitutes, pointed at something barely visible in an open window on a second floor. "See that?" he asked. "Those are the cages that hold little girls smuggled from Nepal.

"Horrorified, Scimone learned that the caged girls—some as young as 5—are raped and tortured until they no longer have a will to resist. Only then are they ready to become child sex slaves. Scimone has been to more than 40 countries and written about the devastation that many of the world's children face. India has half a million child prostitutes. In Thailand and Cambodia, brothels are filled with little girls. In Moldova, traffickers wait outside orphanages to lure new recruits. Each year more than 1 million children enter the sex trade. "Child sex trafficking is everywhere, in every country," Scimone says. In most countries, it's possible to buy a child—for the night or for life.

It is global organized crime. "In fact, human trafficking is the third most lucrative illegal industry in the world, after guns and drugs. " You can sell a gun or drug only once, "Scimone says, "but you can sell a child over and over again."



To respond to the needs she saw, Scimone launched a non-profit organization, **Paw Paw's Pals Inc.**, and looked for a way to help. She knew God wasn't calling her to rescue girls, build shelters, or provide after-care for traumatized kids. She couldn't do any of those things—but she could write. Everywhere I went, I was told that kids get taken because they don't know any better," she explains. "They think they're going to be models or waitresses in the big city. Parents believe traffickers who promise to educate Scimone was meeting with safe-house directors in northern

Thailand when she had an idea." If I write awareness materials for kids and parents," she asked, "could you use them? "The answer was an enthusiastic yes. "Whenever kids get awareness training," Scimone says, "the rate of trafficking plummets. There's just not enough of it or in languages for kids who are most at-risk." Scimone launched the Not For Sale child-trafficking awareness campaign, and started writing. Awareness is not the only answer, but it is something we can do now to prevent more little girls from being enslaved."



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The Social Justice Department of
The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory

The Social Justice Department, derives its purpose from The Salvation Army's fourth mission intention . . .

Reforming Society

This is attained through balancing the mission of faith and mercy with that of justice in the attitudes and structures of society. We endeavour to do this by participating in God's holistic mission of social justice. As Christians We have a God given mandate for social justice, both locally and globally.

Key area of interest are . . .

POVERTY

Just Salvos seeks to restore dignity and life to those deprived by poverty.

REFUGEES + ASYLUM SEEKERS

Just Salvos advocates for the development of compassionate and pro-active human rights for all refugees and asylum seekers in need of protection and a home.

WOMEN + CHILDREN

Women and children are the most oppressed group in the world. Just Salvos continues to fight to end their oppression and the violation of women and children.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Just Salvos strives to free the 27 million people enslaved around the world and searches for the means to destroy any structures enabling further enslavement.

INDIGENOUS

Just Salvos fights for the right of Indigenous Australians to feel safe at home in their own land.

+ OTHER ISSUES WE CARE ABOUT

Homelessness
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Gender Equality
Environmental Protection
HIV Aids

For more information, resources and how to become involved go to . . .

www.salvationarmy.org.au/justsalvos/





ANTI-POVERTY 14 - 20 October 2012 WEEK

What is Poverty?

Poverty describes the inability to afford essential goods and services that most people take for granted. People living in poverty not only have low levels of income, they also miss out on opportunities and resources such as adequate health and dental care, housing, education, employment opportunities, food and recreation. Consequently, the living standards of people in poverty fall below overall community standards. Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.

In Anti-Poverty Week, **YOU** can help fight poverty and hardship!

The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:

- Strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia;
- Encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

Everyone is encouraged to help reduce poverty and hardship by organising an activity during the Week or taking part in an activity organised by others.

By accessing the website you can obtain information and resources that will be suitable in assisting you in preparing an awareness presentation. Over the coming weeks The Salvation Army will be preparing and making available a number of resources that you will be able to utilise in small group activities through to sermon notes and study material.



Postcards, flyers and posters for Anti-Poverty Week 2012 available now.

Contact us at apw@antipovertyweek.org.au to obtain hard copies.

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White Ribbon Day

25th November

Australia's campaign to stop violence against women



White Ribbon is an organisation that is working to prevent the most common and pervasive form of male violence – that towards women. All forms of violence are unacceptable. White Ribbon believes the prevention of violence against women will change society for the better.

White Ribbon believes in the capacity of the individual to change and to encourage change in others. It believes that our generation can and must work towards stopping men's violence against women.

Through primary prevention initiatives and an annual campaign, White Ribbon works to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to men's violence against women.

Break the silence about violence by Talking about it. In the past, domestic violence was something that happened behind closed doors and was 'no-one else's business' but the profound medical social and economic consequences of this violence are too grave to ignore. It's everyone's business.

Brush up on the issue, know your facts and use them to communicate to others why this is a widespread community problem.

Start by reading the resources on

www.whiteribbon.org.au/resources.



Owing to the nature of this ministry the following is an explanation of who and what we do.

The purpose of including this page is to encourage you to join in praying for the support teams.

Just Salvos Brothel Support Teams visit girls who work in clubs and brothels to be a friendly face and to offer a point of

contact. We call in regularly and bring cup cakes to share. We can sit and chat, share a cup of tea or help connect girls to support services they might need. We do build long term relationships with women in the brothels we visit. We network with a number of other agencies for positive long term outcomes for the workers.

We recognise that in this ministry, partnership is key. The Just Salvos Brothel Support Teams are a ministry of The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory, but our team is made up of Christian women from a variety of churches. We have 17 Salvos on our team and 8 team members from other churches. Our greatest recruitment need is for members with language skills – in particular Korean and Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese). Please pray for God to bring us people with those skills.

This is an 'under the radar' type ministry. The women we serve, and our access to them is not helped by media or public 'noise' drawing attention to our activities in this space. BUT we're acutely aware of the broader social issues related to this industry about which we do need to raise awareness. **IT IS NOT OK THAT ANY HUMAN CAN BE BOUGHT OR SOLD FOR THE SEXUAL GRATIFICATION OF ANOTHER.** At the same time as doing the grass roots relationship building and serving the women who find themselves being prostituted for whatever reasons, we do need to play a role in reforming society – changing the society which accepts as normal the legalisation of prostitution. The Salvation Army needs to lead in helping Victoria, Australia and other places where prostitution is accepted as ok, to deal with issues of demand.

Please pray

for our teams and the women we are meeting with, the brothel managers, owners, pimps and traffickers.

- God is not pleased with what's going on, and our prayers activate action on earth – so please be part of that!

For prayer information please contact

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STOP THE TRAFFIK
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD



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

Joel 3:3

In 1807 William Wilberforce headed the parliamentary campaign against slavery. 26 yr later in 1833, The Slave Trade Act was signed.

TODAY millions of Women, Children and Babies are trafficked every year into Western Europe, The Americas, The Caribbean, Australia and the numbers are increasing at a rate of 1 person every minute. People Trafficking is the fastest growing illegal industry.

Trafficking is happening here in Aust. Australia is a destination country predominantly from SE Asia.

What is trafficking

Trafficking is the buying, selling and transporting of men, women or children for the purpose of exploitation.

According to United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, by definition trafficking is made up of three elements:

The Act (What is done)

Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons.

The Means (How it is done)

Threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim.

The Purpose (Why it is done)

For the purpose of exploitation, which includes exploiting the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices and the removal of organs.

Where does trafficking occur?

EVERY country is affected by the issue of people trafficking.

Countries can be:

Origin countries. These are places where people are sourced from eg. Thailand, Nepal, Moldova etc.

Transit countries. Places where people are moved through eg. Malaysia.

Destination countries. Places where people are taken to eg. US, Australia and the UK.

Countries are often all three. For example people are trafficked from India, through India and to India from surrounding countries. Trafficking also occurs within countries.

Countries can also unwittingly fuel trafficking by importing and consuming products that have been made by people who have been trafficked in other parts of the world.

Nature of trafficked victims Work

People are trafficked into a range of industries.

The sex industry is generally what comes to mind for most people when talking about people trafficking. However, the International Labour Organization estimates that for every trafficking victim subjected to forced prostitution, nine people are forced to work in labour situations.

Men, women and children are trafficked into a wide range of industries such as:

- Sex work
- Agriculture
- Construction
- Hospitality
- Garment factories
- Begging
- Organ harvesting
- Cleaning
- Domestic servitude
- Beauty salons
- Child soldiers

The fight against trafficking is a dangerous business. Gangs involved in people trafficking make an est. profit of US\$30 bil. each yr. competing with drugs, 2nd only to the illegal Arms trade.

For more information, resources and how to become involved go to . . .

www.stophetraffik.org/

Stop the Traffik is a global coalition working together to help stop the sale of people, to see the traffickers prosecuted and to protect the victims of human trafficking.



India's unwanted girls

India's 2011 census shows a serious decline in the number of girls under the age of seven - activists fear eight million female foetuses may have been aborted in the past decade. The BBC's Geeta Pandey in Delhi explores what has led to this crisis.



My mother-in-law said if I had a daughter, my husband would leave me. Thankfully, I had a son."
Deepali Sah Health worker

Kulwant has three daughters aged 24, 23 and 20 and a son who is 16. In the years between the birth of her third daughter and her son, Kulwant became pregnant three times

Each time, she says, she was forced to abort the foetus by her family after ultrasound tests confirmed that they were girls.

"My mother-in-law taunted me for giving birth to girls. She said her son would divorce me if I didn't bear a son."

Kulwant still has vivid memories of the first abortion. "The baby was nearly five months old. She was beautiful. I miss her, and the others we killed," she says, breaking down, wiping away her tears.

Until her son was born, Kulwant's daily life consisted of beatings and abuse from her husband, mother-in-law and brother-in-law. Once, she says, they even attempted to set her on fire.

"They were angry. They didn't want girls in the family. They wanted boys so they could get fat dowries," she says. India outlawed dowries in 1961, but the practice remains rampant and the value of dowries is constantly growing, affecting rich and poor alike.

Kulwant's husband died three years after the birth of their son. "It was the curse of the daughters we killed. That's why he died so young," she says.

Her neighbour Rekha is mother of a chubby three-year-old girl. Last September, when she became pregnant again, her mother-in-law forced her to undergo an abortion after an ultrasound showed that she was pregnant with twin girls.

"I said there's no difference between girls and boys. But here they think differently. There's no happiness when a girl is born. They say the son will carry forward our lineage, but the daughter will get married and go off to another family."

Kulwant and Rekha live in Sagarpur, a lower middle-class area in south-west Delhi.

Here, narrow minds live in homes separated by narrow lanes.

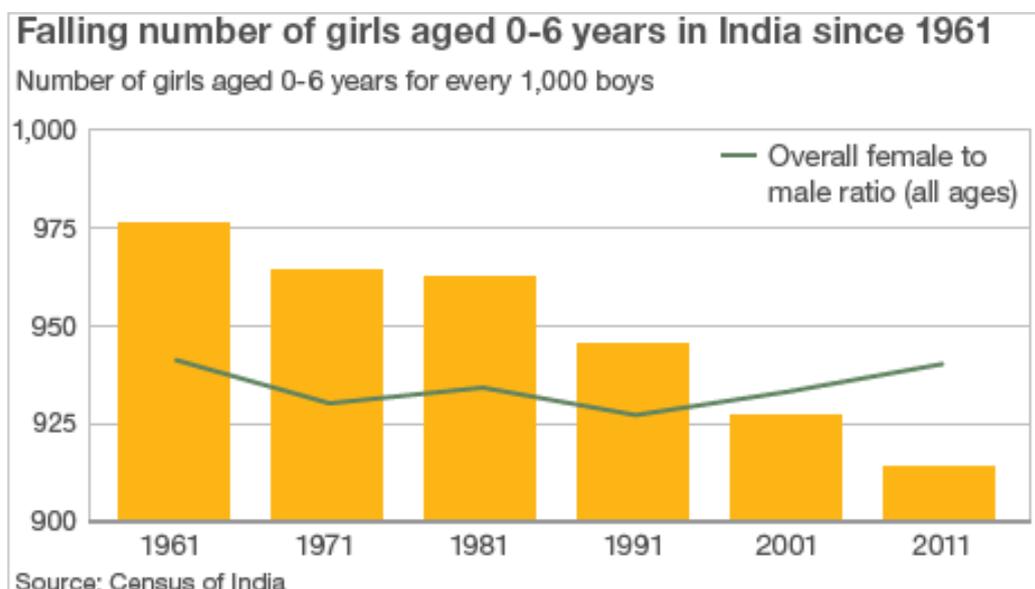
The women's story is common and repeated in millions of homes across India, and it has been getting worse.

In 1961, for every 1,000 boys under the age of seven, there were 976 girls. Today, the figure has dropped to a dismal 914 girls.

Although the number of women overall is improving (due to factors such as life expectancy), India's ratio of young girls to boys is one of the worst in the world after China. Many factors come into play to explain this: infanticide, abuse and neglect of girl children. The government has been forced to admit that its strategy has failed to put an end to female foeticide.

But campaigners say the decline is largely due to the increased availability of antenatal sex screening, and they talk of a genocide.

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'National shame'

"Whatever measures have been put in over the past 40 years have not had any impact on the child sex ratio," Home Secretary GK Pillai said when the census report was released. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described female foeticide and infanticide as a "national shame" and called for a "crusade" to save girl babies.



But Sabu George, India's best-known campaigner on the issue, says the government has so far shown little determination to stop the practices. Campaigners say India's strategy to protect female babies is not working.

Until 30 years ago, he says, India's sex ratio was "reasonable". Then in 1974, Delhi's prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences came out with a study which said sex-determination tests were a boon for Indian women.

It said they no longer needed to produce endless children to have the right number of sons, and it encouraged the determination and elimination of female foetuses as an effective tool of population control.

"By late 80s, every newspaper in Delhi was advertising for ultrasound sex determination," said Mr George.

"Clinics from Punjab were boasting that they had 10 years' experience in eliminating girl children and inviting parents to come to them."

In 1994, the Pre-Natal Determination Test (PNDT) Act outlawed sex-selective abortion. In 2004, it was amended to include gender selection even at the pre-conception stage. Abortion is generally legal up to 12 weeks' gestation. Sex can be determined by a scan from about 14 weeks.

"What is needed is a strict implementation of the law," says Varsha Joshi, director of census operations for Delhi. "I find there's absolutely no will on the part of the government to stop this."

Today, there are 40,000 registered ultrasound clinics in the country, and many more exist without any record. Something's really wrong here and something has to be done to put things right"



Ms Joshi, a former district commissioner of south-west Delhi, says there are dozens of ultrasound clinics in the area. It has the worst child sex ratio in the capital - 836 girls under seven for every 1,000 boys

'Really sad'

Something's really wrong here and something has to be done to put things right"

Delhi's overall ratio is not much better at 866 girls under seven for every 1,000 boys.

"It's really sad. We are the capital of the country and we have such a poor ratio," Ms Joshi says.

The south-west district shares its boundary with Punjab and Haryana, the two Indian states with the worst sex ratios.

Since the last census, Punjab and Haryana have shown a slight improvement. But Delhi has registered a decline.

"Something's really wrong here and something has to be done to put things right," Ms Joshi says.

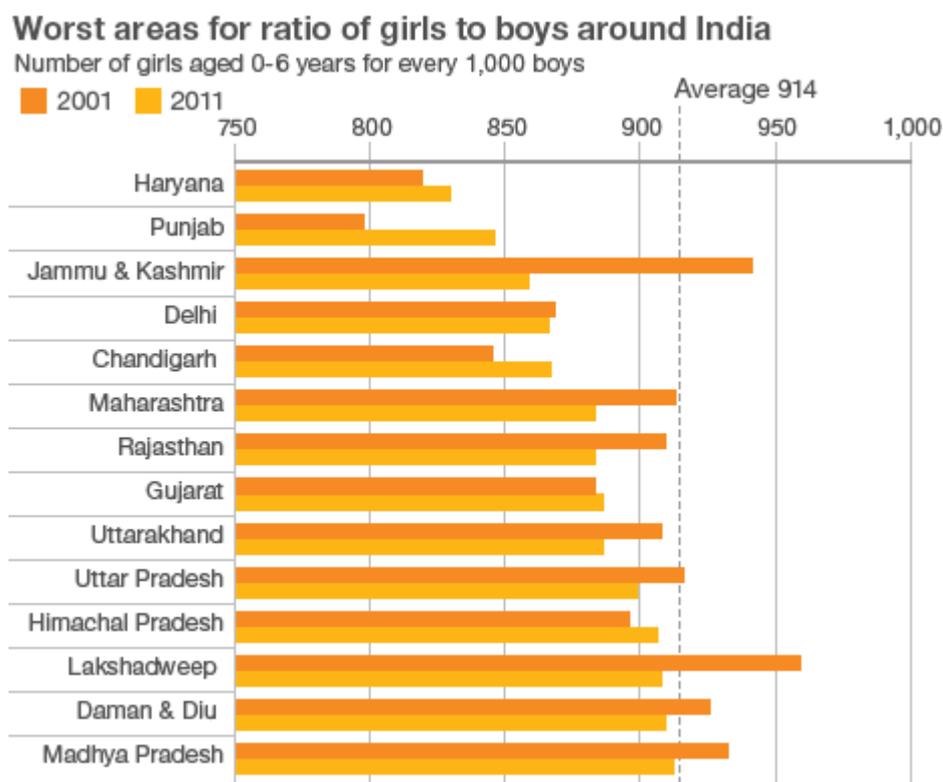
Almost all the ultrasound clinics in the area have the mandatory board outside, proclaiming that they do not carry out illegal sex-determination tests.

But the women in Sagarpur say most people here know where to go when they need an ultrasound or an abortion.

They say anyone who wants to get a foetal ultrasound done, gets it done. In the five-star clinics of south Delhi it costs 10,000-plus rupees (\$222; £135), In the remote peripheral areas of Delhi's border, it costs a few hundred rupees. Similarly, the costs vary for those wanting an illegal abortion.

Delhi is not alone in its anti-girl bias. Sex ratios have declined in 17 states in the past decade, with the biggest falls registered in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ms Joshi says most offenders are members of the growing middle-class and affluent Indians - they are aware that the technology exists and have the means to pay to find out the sex of their baby and abort if they choose. "We have to take effective steps to control the promotion of sex determination by the medical community. And file cases against doctors who do it," Mr George says. "Otherwise by 2021, we are frightened to think what it will be like."



Source: Census of India

Hundreds of Indian Girls Named 'Unwanted' Choose New Names

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Girls hold certificates stating their new official name during a renaming ceremony in Satra, India.

Mumbai, India – more than 200 Indian girls whose names mean “unwanted” in Hindi have chosen new names for a fresh start in life.

A central Indian district held a renaming ceremony Saturday that it hopes will give the girls new dignity and help fight widespread gender discrimination that gives India a skewed gender ratio, with far more boys than girls.

The 285 girls -- wearing their best outfits with barrettes, braids and bows in their hair -- lined up to receive certificates with their new names along with small flower bouquets from Satara district officials in Maharashtra state.

In shedding names like "Nakusa" or "Nakushi," which mean "unwanted" in Hindi, some girls chose to name themselves after Bollywood stars such as "Aishwarya" or Hindu goddesses like "Savitri." Some just wanted traditional names with happier meanings, such as "Vaishali," or "prosperous, beautiful and good."

"Now in school, my classmates and friends will be calling me this new name, and that makes me very happy," said a 15-year-old girl who had been named Nakusa by a grandfather disappointed by her birth. She chose the new name "Ashmita," which means "very tough" or "rock hard" in Hindi.

The plight of girls in India came to a focus after this year's census showed the nation's sex ratio had dropped over the past decade from 927 girls for every 1,000 boys under the age of 6 to 914.

Maharashtra state's ratio is well below that, with just 883 girls for every 1,000 boys -- down from 913 a decade ago. In the district of Satara, it is even lower, at 881.

Such ratios are the result of abortions of female fetuses, or just sheer neglect leading to a higher death rate among girls. The problem is so serious in India that hospitals are legally banned from revealing the gender of an unborn fetus in order to prevent sex-selective abortions, though evidence suggests the information gets out.

Part of the reason Indians favor sons is the enormous expense of marrying off girls. Families often go into debt arranging marriages and paying for elaborate dowries. A boy, on the other hand, will one day bring home a bride and dowry. Hindu custom also dictates that only sons can light their parents' funeral pyres.

Over the years, and again now, efforts have been made to fight the discrimination.

"Nakusa is a very negative name as far as female discrimination is concerned," said Satara district health officer Dr. Bhagwan Pawar, who came up with the idea for the renaming ceremony.

Other incentives, announced by federal or state governments every few years, include free meals and free education to encourage people to take care of their girls, and even cash bonuses for families with girls who graduate from high school.

Activists say the name "unwanted," which is widely given to girls across India, gives them the feeling they are worthless and a burden.

"When the child thinks about it, you know, 'My mom, my dad, and all my relatives and society call me unwanted,' she will feel very bad and depressed," said Sudha Kankaria of the organization Save the Girl Child. But giving these girls new names is only the beginning, she said.

"We have to take care of the girls, their education and even financial and social security, or again the cycle is going to repeat," she said.



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Does Empowering Women Improve the Economy?

Last week's Lunch with the FT column featured an interview with Esther Duflo, MIT economist and co-author of *Poor Economics*. Duflo and her co-author Abhijit Banerjee run MIT's Poverty Action Lab, where they use randomized control experiments – a model borrowed from drug testing – to evaluate the effectiveness of development projects. The book is a combination of lessons from these experiments about what approaches work, and an attempt to understand and explain why the poor sometimes make choices that seem 'irrational' to outside observers. It's a great read, and I highly recommend it.

But I'm troubled by Duflo's response to a question from the FT's John Gapper about the role that women's empowerment plays in eradicating poverty.

"Giving more to women will to some extent come at the expense of men. People sometimes try to sweep that under the rug by saying you will create so much additional resources that everyone will be better off." She smiles wryly but firmly. "I don't think that's true."

Duflo's greatest contribution to development economics has been her emphasis on local data and her wariness of sweeping generalizations, so it is a surprise to find her making a generalization – without data – about the cost to men of women's empowerment. It's doubly surprising given that there is a wealth of research showing just the opposite:

1. A 2007 Goldman Sachs report concluded that closing the gap between male and female employment would add 9% to US GDP, 13% to European GDPs and 16% to Japan's GDP. Moreover, policies to facilitate female employment – like child care and parental leave rules that make it easier to work and have children – boost low fertility rates in the developed world. That means more women in the work force would actually alleviate one of the heaviest burdens on developed economies: an aging population's expensive entitlements.
2. The World Bank reports that if women in the Middle East and North Africa were fully integrated into the workforce, average household earnings in the region would increase by 25%.
3. The Economist reports that rising numbers of women in the workforce in the developed world over the past decade have added more to global growth than China has. In the U.S., the State Department says the productivity gains attributable to the increase in female employment account for 25% of current U.S. GDP.

In other words, female economic empowerment *does* create additional resources, lots of them, that make everyone better off. It is sweeping data under the rug to say otherwise

Organisations Supporting Women

www.creatinghope.org

Creating Hope operates schools and other programs for women and girls in Afghanistan and in the border areas of Pakistan.

www.apneap.org

Battles sex slavery in India, including in remote areas in Bihar that get little attention.

www.amddprogram.org

Is a leading organization focused on maternal health.

www.care.org

CARE tackles underlying causes of poverty so that people can become self-sufficient. Recognizing that women and children suffer disproportionately from poverty, CARE places special emphasis on working with women to create permanent social change.

www.cedpa.org

is an internationally recognized non-profit organization that improves the lives of women and girls in developing countries.

www.ecpat.net

Realisation of the right of all children to live free of child prostitution, child pornography and child trafficking for sexual purposes

www.equalitynow.org

to achieve legal and systemic change that addresses violence and discrimination against women and girls around the world

www.globalfundforwomen.org

The Global Fund for Women plays a leading role in advancing women's rights by making grants that support and strengthen women's groups around the world.

www.globalgrassroots.org

Global Grassroots is to catalyze the development of conscious communities of change agents who will work independently, collectively and systemically to advance social change for vulnerable women and girls

www.newlightindia.org

The mission of New Light is to promote gender equality through education and life-skill training, thereby reduce harm caused by violence and abuse to women and young children.

www.promujer.org

Pro Mujer provides poor women in Latin America with the means to build livelihoods for themselves and futures for their families through microfinance, business training and healthcare support.

www.sewa.org

Self Employed Women's Association is a union for poor, self-employed women in India.

www.sharedhope.org

Shared Hope International exists to rescue and restore women and children in crisis.

www.somaly.org

It is estimated that over two million women and children are sold into slavery each year. The Somaly Mam Foundation is dedicated to ending sex slavery around the world with a results-oriented, three-step approach: Action, Advocacy & Awareness.

www.tostan.org

Tostan is one of the most successful organisations in overcoming female genital cutting in Africa.

www.whiteribbonalliance.org

Every day, 1,000 girls and women die needlessly in pregnancy and childbirth. Almost all of them are in the developing world. This has been going on for too long – yet together we can put an end to it.

The White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood is a global movement, with members uniting to push for change so that all women and newborns in every country have the life-saving healthcare which is their right.

www.womenforwomen.org

Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies. Changing the world one woman at a time.

www.womensdignity.org

Facilitates the repair of obstetric fistulas in Tanzania.

www.fistulafoundation.org

Raises awareness of and funding for fistula treatment, prevention and educational programs worldwide.

www.healafrika.org

HEAL Africa is a Congolese-led organisation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, working to eradicate poor health, poverty and the oppression of women.

www.learningpartnership.org

Women's Learning Partnership emphasizes women's leadership and empowerment in the developing world.

www.womensrefugeecommission.org

The **Women's Refugee Commission** advocates for laws, policies and programs to improve the lives and protect the rights of refugee and internally displaced women, children and young people, including those seeking asylum—bringing about lasting, measurable change.

www.camfed.org

Camfed fights poverty and HIV/AIDS in Africa by educating girls and empowering women to become leaders of change.

www.womensworldbanking.org

Women's World Banking is a non-profit micro-finance organisation that works globally to economically empower poor women and their families.

www.womenthrive.org

Women Thrive Worldwide works to create a world in which women and men work together as equals so that they, their families and their communities can thrive.

www.worldwidefistulafund.org

The Worldwide Fistula Fund is a non-profit organization that provides exceptional health care services for women suffering from and at risk of obstetric fistula in sub-Saharan Africa.

www.familycareintl.org

Works to improve maternal health, primarily in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

www.icrw.org

The International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) works to make women in developing countries an integral part of alleviating global poverty.

www.iwhc.org

The International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) promotes and protects the sexual and reproductive rights and health (SRRH) of all women and young people, particularly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, by helping to develop effective health and population policies, programs, and funding.

**Focused
Prayer
Stations
for the
Disempowered
and the
Trafficked**



We trust the following will assist you in setting up your Prayer Stations.

Set each station up as an independent station, with the provision of a display and sufficient space to allow each participant the opportunity to sit and reflect without feeling they are stepping into another participant's space.

We suggest you print a copy of the station title, placing it above the designated station.

To assist the participants in praying:

-  copy the prayer page, placing the page in a prominent place at the station.
-  alternatively copy enough of each prayer page, placing them at the designated station.
-  Or copy and collate the pages, giving them to each participant at the commencement of the prayer time.

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Strips of paper large enough to write on and staple to create a paper chain.

Pens

Stapler and Staples

Posters of organisation who partner to end human trafficking

Red Light District

Globe of the World

Red Light/Globe

Money

Healing for Survivors of the Sex Industry

Enlarged photo copy of a band aid

First Aid Kit contents

Bible

Large black heart

Glue

Pens

The Trafficked Children

Children's clothes

Children's toys

Cut outs of children's clothes

Pens

Clothes line

Memorial for the Captives of Trafficked Industry

Bible

T light candles

Matches/Lighter

Large Cross

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*“The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!”
And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”*

*On the contrary,
those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,
and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour.*

*And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,
while our presentable parts need no special treatment.*

*But God has combined the members of the body
and has given greater honour to the parts that lacked it,
so that there should be no division in the body,
but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.*

*If one part suffers, every part suffers with it;
if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.”*

1 Corinthians 12:21-26

There is a growing response to the trafficking of persons in the world today, but we need to pray that the response to this terrible injustice would be increasingly formulated with a united front. In order to eradicate the activity of the traffickers and exploiters, we need to respond to their actions with the same, and even greater degree of organization, determination, and unity.

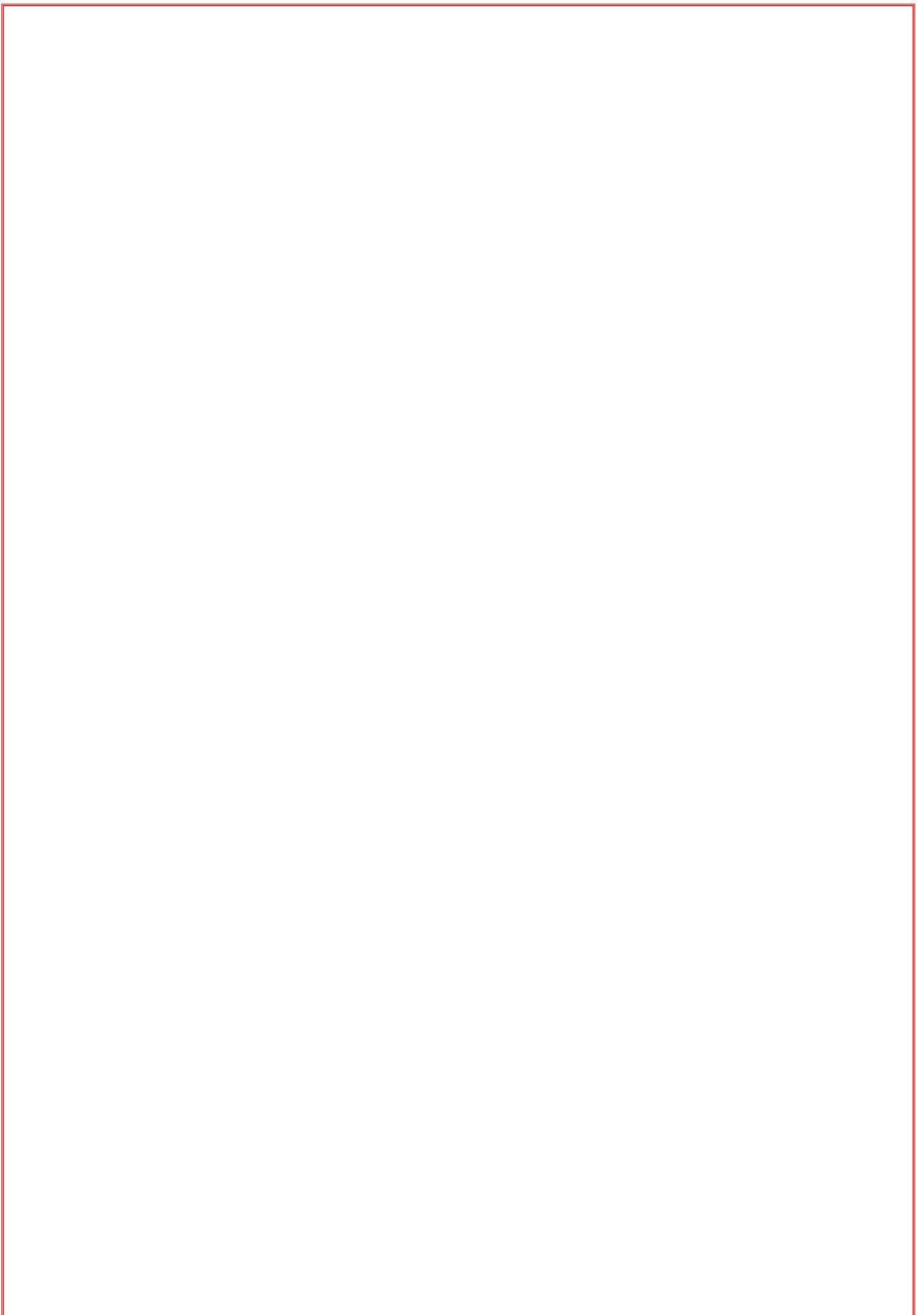
Prayer Points

- Ask God to protect all those who are working to combat commercial exploitation of people.
- Pray that God would unify the various groups who are working on behalf of the trafficked.
- Ask God to raise up public officials with integrity and strength who have a passion for ending commercial exploitation of people.
- Ask God to make you a voice for the trafficked.

 Take a strip of paper

 Write your name on the strip

 Add it by stapling your name to the chain



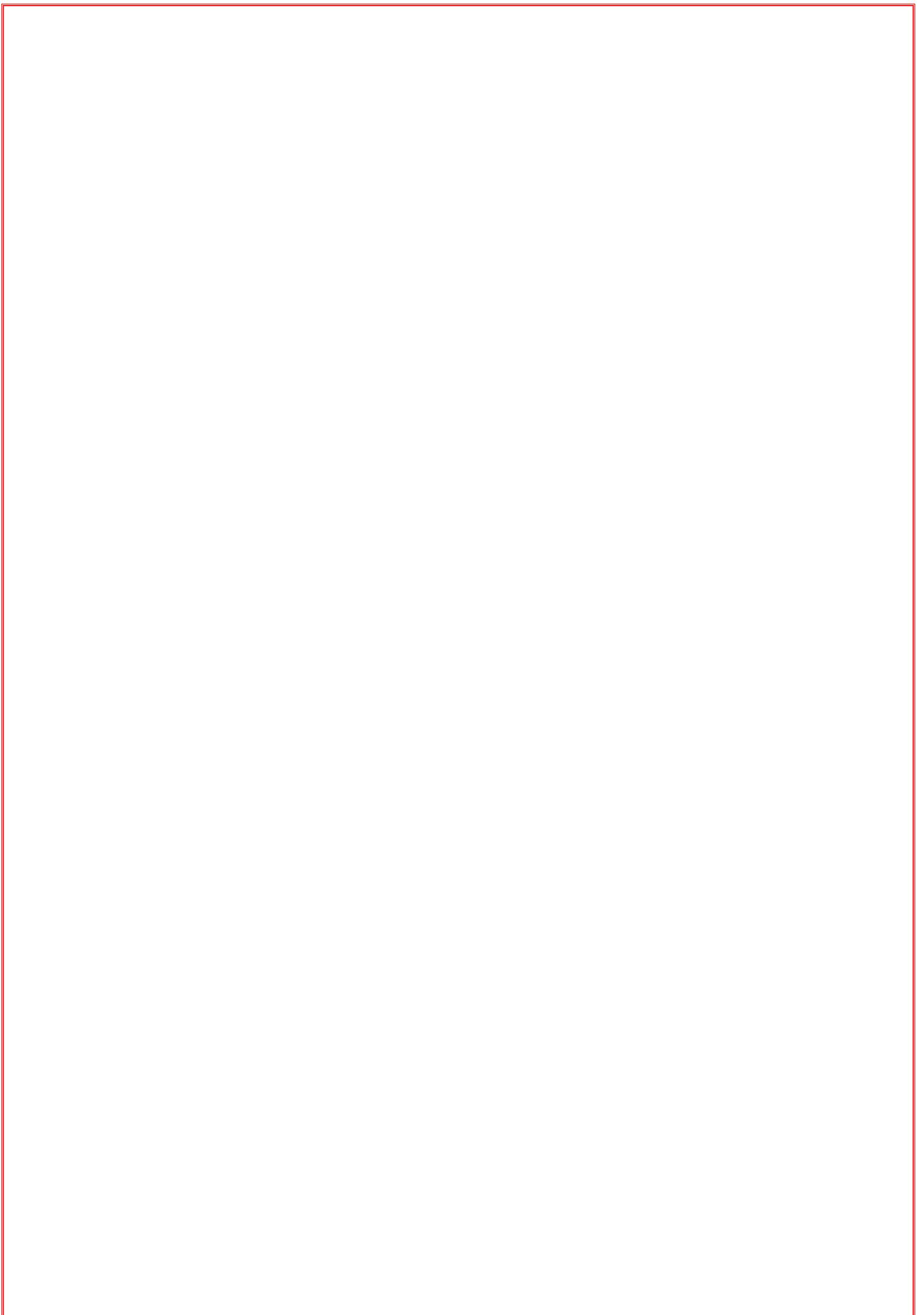
Red Light District

*“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 comfort the broken hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the
prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn, and to 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.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour.
They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.”*

Isaiah 61:1-3

Prayer Points

- Pray that the demonic strongholds and resulting bondage over the red light districts of the world, would be broken in Jesus name.
- Pray for physical and spiritual freedom for all those who are living in red light districts.
- Pray that God would send more Godly messengers of love and compassion into the red light districts.
- Ask God to highlight a specific area of the world to your heart, so that you can hold the women and children in that place before Him in prayer.



Healing for Survivors of the Sex Industry

*“I will restore you to health and heal your wounds’, declares the Lord,
‘because you are called an outcast, Zion of whom no one cares.”*

Jeremiah 30:17

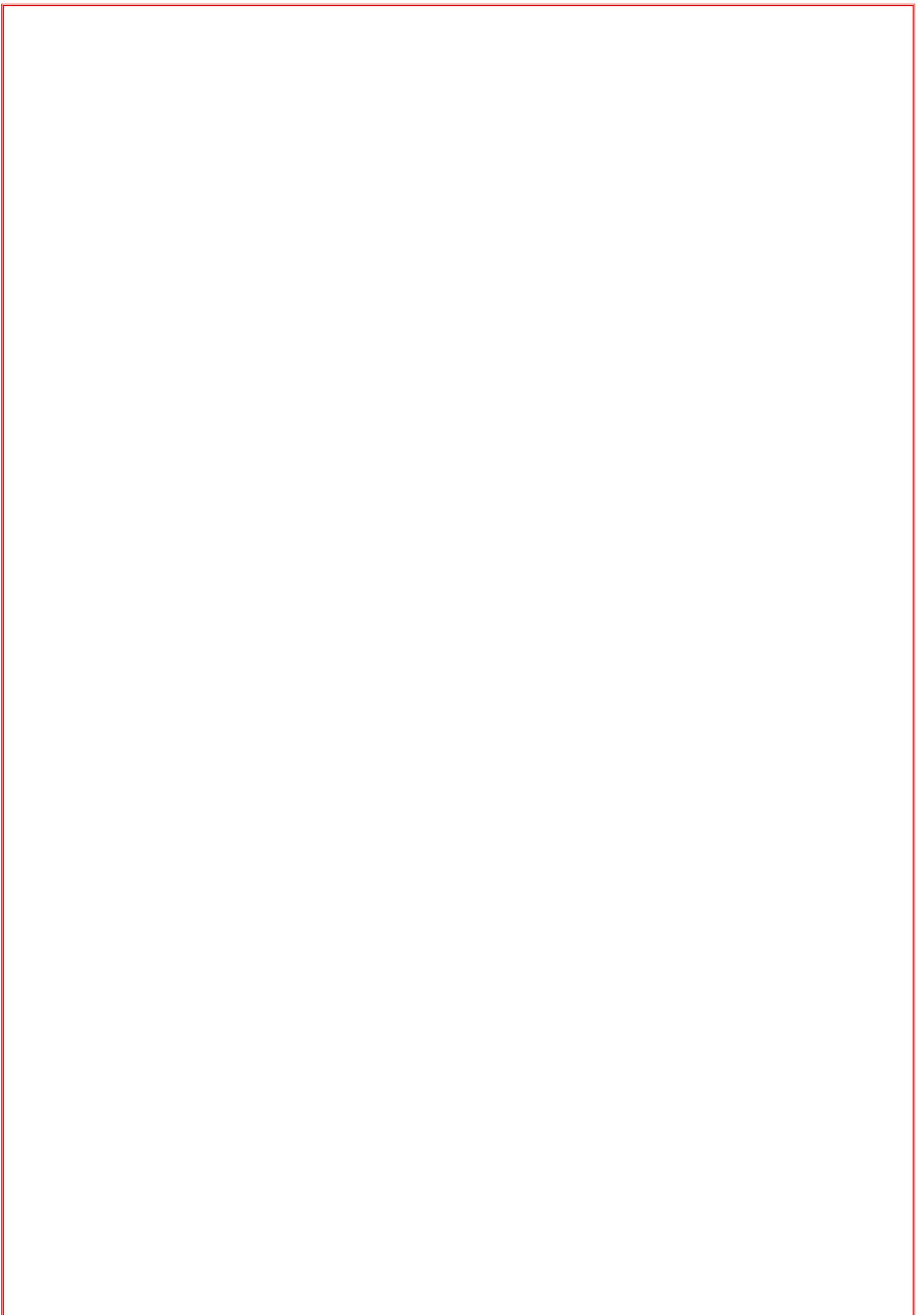
Sexual exploitation has devastating effects on a person’s physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual well-being. The abuse done to those who have been prostituted is inconceivably evil, and can ravage the whole person. When a person has been rescued from prostitution/trafficking, they carry a well of excruciating experiences that can severely impair their ability to lead a fulfilling life. The good news is that there is hope. There is a value in every person that is indestructible. No matter how devalued a person has been, God’s value of a person never diminishes. God valued people so much that He sent His Son Jesus to offer His life as a sacrifice on the cross. Through this precious sacrifice, healing and new life is available to all who will believe.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the survivors of sex trafficking exploitation would receive new life through the love of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a supernatural restoration of all that was lost during their time of abuse.
- Pray for healing for victims of sex trafficking; inner healing, emotional healing, physical healing, psychological healing, and spiritual healing.
- Pray that God would call more people to minister His healing to Survivors.

 Take a band aid and write brief prayer, glue it on the black heart.

 Pray.



The Trafficked Children

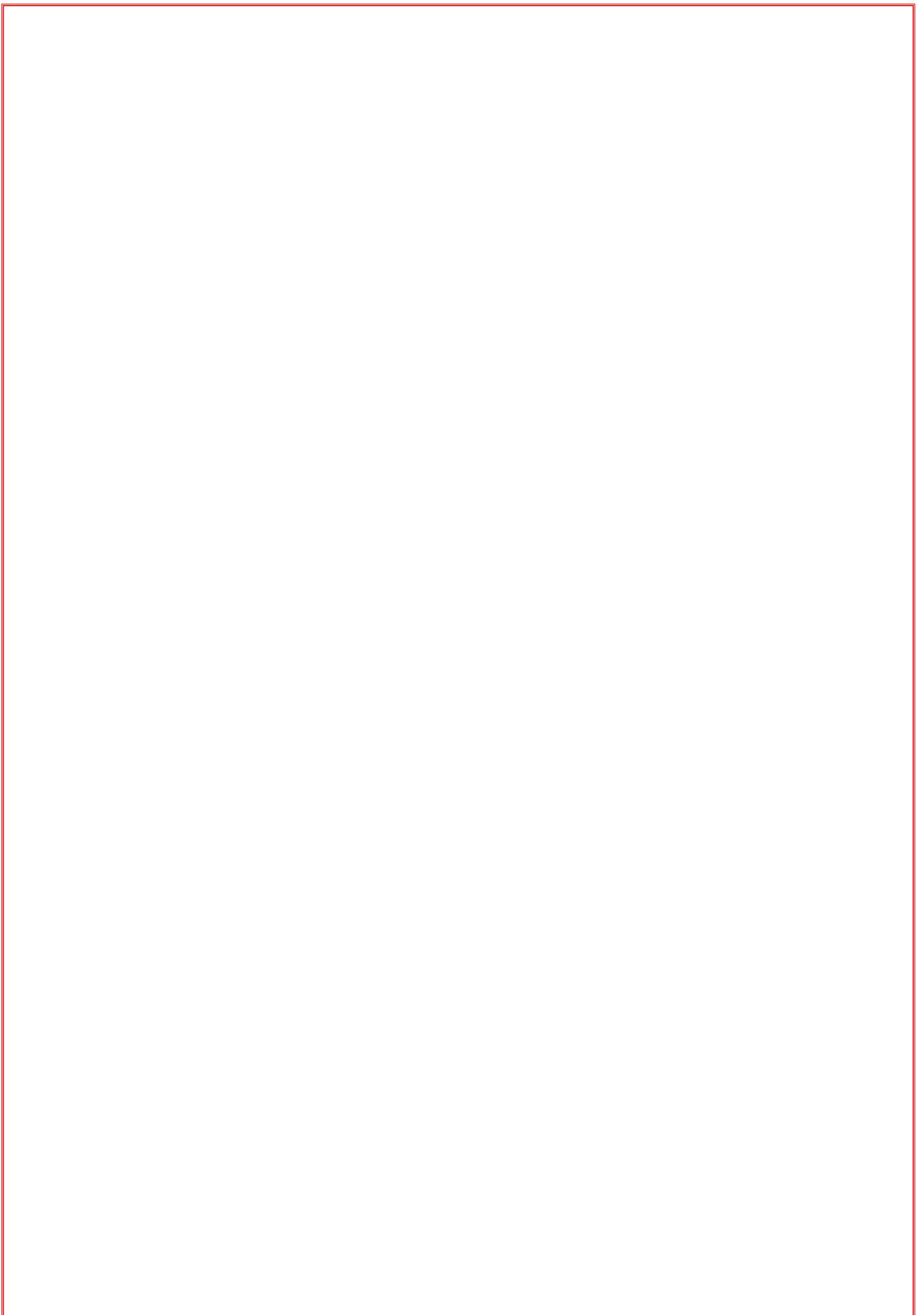
*“For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them
came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God.
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.”*

Psalm 139:13-18

Have a look at the children’s items in front of you. Think about what it was like to be a child, to wear children’s clothes, play with children’s toys. Now reflect on the life of a trafficked child, they will never wear children’s clothes or play with children’s toys, their day is filled with harsh labour, abusive instructions and there is no hope for a life like the average Australian child.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the sacredness of childhood, and that all that is innocent and precious about that time would be preserved for children.
 - Pray God’s protection over the children who have been trafficked. That the hearts of their ‘owners’ will be softened to see the injustice of their practice.
 - Pray for parents of children who struggle, that selling their children is not an option.
 - Pray for the laws to be changed to make illegal such practice.
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- ✚ Take a cut out of some clothes.
 - ✚ Write your prayer on one of the clothing articles.
 - ✚ Once you have finished, hang it up on the clothes line / airier.
 - ✚ Commit your prayer to God.

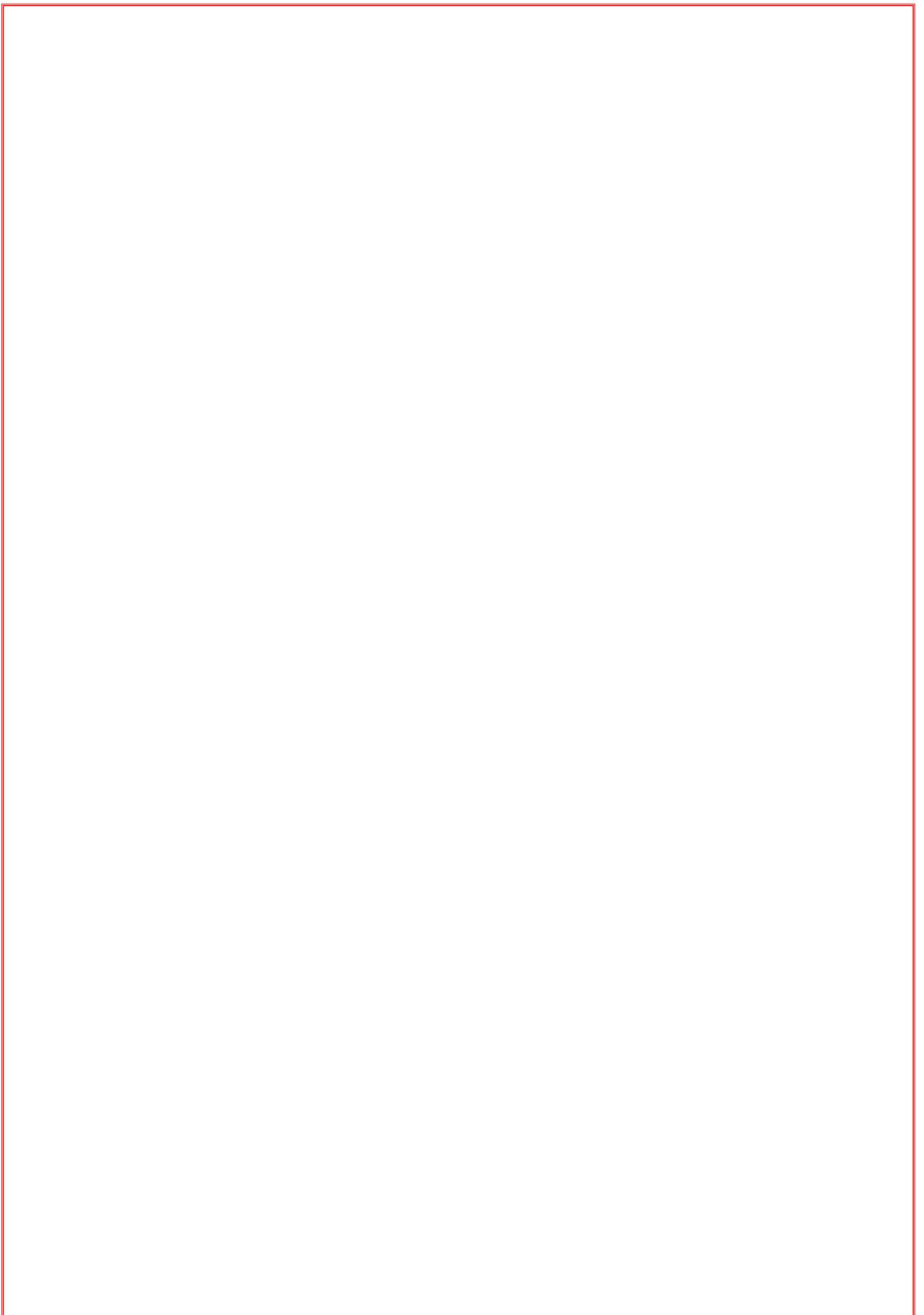


Memorial for Captives of the Trafficking Industry

*“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.
Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*

Luke 12:6-8

- ✚ You are at a memorial to women, children and men, who are captives of the trafficking industry. These candles represent the countless lives of those who are currently caught up in, or trafficked into slavery.
- ✚ Take some time to be still before the Lord and offer yourself as a vessel of prayer on behalf of those who are victims of commercial trafficking exploitation.
- ✚ If you wish, light a candle as a memorial to those enslaved, and as a symbol of your offering of prayer unto the Lord on their behalf.



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The Trafficked Children



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