

transform toolbox

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINITIONS

- **Human Trafficking**—a form of modern-day slavery that is generally broken into two categories: labor and sex trafficking.
- **Labor Trafficking**—the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.
- **Sex Trafficking**—modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under the age of 18.
- **Trafficker or "Pimp"**—anyone who profits from the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor.

RESOURCES for FURTHER RESEARCH & INVOLVEMENT

www.polarisproject.org
www.iempathize.org
www.combathumantrafficking.org
www.praxus.org
www.sharedhope.org
www.traffickinghope.org
www.thea21campaign.org

BOOKS

Undaunted by Christine Caine
Rescuing Hope by Susan Norris
Half the Sky by Nicholas D. Kristof
Renting Lacy by Linda Smith

FILMS

"Tricked"
www.trickedfilm.com (Rated Mature – 18+)

"Nefarious"
www.nefariousdocumentary.com

"Chosen"
www.sharedhope.org/chosen

SOME STATISTICS

27 million victims are trapped worldwide—more slaves than ever before in human history.

It is estimated some 200,000 Americans are victims of some form of trafficking with 100,000 being minors/children who are exploited through pornography or prostitution every year. The average age of these children is 13 years old.

Within the first 48 hours of running away, 1 in 3 children are lured into commercial sexual exploitation.

Each year about 17,500 individuals are brought into the U.S. as victims of human trafficking. U.S. citizen traffic numbers are even higher.

Victims of human trafficking will rarely ask for help because of a lack of trust or self-blame.

There are less than 100 available safe beds in the U.S. designated for domestic minor sex trafficking victims, compared to an estimated 300,000 victims.

Only 1-2% of victims are ever rescued.

FEEL LED TO BEGIN A MINISTRY?

Pray. Ask God for His calling and clear leading.

Write. Write down your ministry idea in as much detail as possible.

Call. Set a time to meet with one of our pastors to think, discuss and pray through your vision and potential next steps.

responding to
the call
JUSTICE. MERCY. GOD.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED LOCALLY

"You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know."

— William Wilberforce

PREVENTION

- **Know the signs and potential indicators of human trafficking**
- For a list of possible red flags, visit: www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/recognizing-the-signs
- **If you see any indicators of possible human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline:**
- 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733).
- **Gather resources from Homeland Security**
- www.dhs.gov/resource-catalog

RECOVERY

- **Life for the Innocent** | lifefortheinnocent.org
Life for the Innocent operates out of Fort Collins, CO, and exists to rescue children around the world from human trafficking and provide practical and medical care, counseling, and adoption into a Christian family for each child.
- **Love Made Claim** | lovemadeclaim.com
Love Made Claim is committed to building relationships with people currently in the sex-for-sale industry in the Denver area by displaying the love of Jesus and being available to provide help to anyone who wants to leave the sex industry.
- **Extended Hands of Hope** | extendedhandsofhope.org
Extended Hands of Hope exists to assist law enforcement with the initial stage of rescue of an underage girl who has been identified as a victim of sex trafficking, and to offer a safe and welcoming home for the girl to live in on a temporary basis.

RESTORATION

- **Street's Hope** | streetshope.org
Street's Hope is the only residential program serving this specific population of women in Colorado, Street's Hope provides holistic, restorative services to women escaping sex trafficking and the commercial sex industry, seeking to empower and restore women to a victorious and self-sufficient life.
- **Restore Innocence** | restoreinnocence.org
Restore Innocence restores victims of child trafficking back to the innocent children God created them to be through providing a safe environment and trained mentors to walk through the healing process with them.
- **Sarah's Home** | sarahshome.us
Sarah's Home is a faith-based, therapeutic home for underage girls who have been freed from the forced commercial sex trade. Sarah's Home offers healing, education, restoration, and reintegration for trafficking survivors.
- **Denver Street School**
Hope Academy is currently in the beginning stages of being launched, and will be a faith-based, female-specific, trauma-informed, high-security campus of Denver Street School. It offers educational and therapeutic services, health and wellness classes, mentoring, discipleship, vocational training and leadership development for girls identified as victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
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