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Much is being done...

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- **45 child survivors** in Liberia and **50 survivors** in Sierra Leone were reunited with family members
- **4,759 people** in 43 communities took part in trafficking awareness campaigns in Liberia
- **802 phone calls** were received to our anti-trafficking hotline, which led to the rescue of **48 children** trapped in slavery

But there is still work to do...

- Visit worldhope.org to be inspired by what other Wesleyans are doing locally and internationally
- Give online to our vital trafficking programs, or today if your church is having a special offering
- Pray for those caught in cycles of trafficking — this is our most powerful weapon against life's injustices
- Be aware—trafficking is not just an international issue; it is present in our communities. Visit polarisproject.org/recognize-signs to learn more about how to identify trafficking and call 1-888-373-7888 to report suspected human trafficking.



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