

Human Trafficking



When we think of human trafficking, we usually think in terms of sexual exploitation, however, the [UN's definition](#) paints a far worse picture. They expand the definition to include forced labor, forced marriage, slavery, or the removal of human organs, for the purpose of profiting from the involuntary servitude of another human being.

Trafficking effects the entire world. Every year, many cases of human slavery are discovered in the United States. For example, a Brookfield Wisconsin family held a Filipino house keeper captive for 19 years, and did not compensate her for her work. ([read more here....](#))

Because of the extreme poverty in Southeast Asia, these countries suffer most from this form of exploitation.

How Does This Happen



The vast majority of trafficked persons come from developing nations. These regions have limited access to education, and little or no opportunity for employment.

Traffickers offer poor communities promises of earned wages and education. Victims find themselves stranded in unfamiliar surroundings, with no means for escape. Victims who are trafficked internationally are trapped, simply because they cannot speak the local language and are unable to ask for help.

Women and children make up the majority of these victims. They find themselves captives, forced to work off debt as sex slaves, not realizing they will never be able to buy their freedom.

What We Are Doing To Stop Human Trafficking



Because most trafficking is dependent upon luring the victim into compliance, the best countermeasure is educating the poor about how to identify traffickers.

Our partners are working hard to educate their fellow countrymen through house meetings and the distribution of materials. Victim advocates are rescuing slaves and helping them find legitimate means of self-sufficiency.

Proverbs 24:11-12 (the message) *Rescue the perishing; don't hesitate to step in and help. If you say, "Hey, that's none of my business," will that get you off the hook? Someone is watching you closely, you know—Someone not impressed with weak excuses.*

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