



Hear Their Cry

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Mission Statement:

We exist to restore the lives of women broken by sex trafficking by providing a safe, Christ-centered home, Biblical counseling, and life skills that will provide purpose for a future

Vision Statement:

Sharing the transforming power of Jesus Christ with women broken by sex trafficking

Other Tactics Utilized

Confinement-Restraint: No ability to leave the situation

Physical Violence: Abuse begins and can turn to physical violence if you don't comply

Drug/Alcohol Use: You begin to welcome addiction to numb the pain

Threats: If you don't comply you will pay - or your family will be harmed

Intimidation - Fear: You will do what he says or else...

Control: You have none, he has all of it

Dependency: You can't go back to where you came from, you need him

Daily Quotas: You will work - you have no

choice

HOW SEX TRAFFICKING HAPPENS

Imagine for a moment. You have finally met someone who loves and cares about you. He is meeting your needs and desires. This is so much better.

No more being ignored. **No** more going from one home to another. **No** more sitting in a placement office, wondering where you'll end up sleeping that night. **No** more drug addicted mom. **No** more of mom's boyfriends hitting on you. **No** more babysitting siblings. **No** more rules. **No** more being told you'll never amount to anything. **No** more wondering what you will eat today. **No** more being yelled at. **No** more beatings. He is the answer that you've been looking for. He has rescued you from your horrible situation.

You've been together for 2 months. He has fed you, bought you clothes, told you how pretty and wonderful you are. He took you away for a weekend. No one has ever cared this much about you. He has promised that you'll always be together. He gives you things you only could dream of. Most of all he gives you his time and attention.

Never mind that you aren't his 'only girl' — he tells you that one day soon you will be. Never mind that he's started telling you how tough the finances are and he sweetly tells you that he's sorry but he really needs you to help bring in some income. He tells you that it's just temporary — that as soon as things get better you won't have to help anymore. He tells you that he has a friend and if you will just do what he asks of you, he will pay you and it will help so much.

What do we see here? Manipulation...Coercion

He created dependency. He began the process of controlling. He created a feeling of not having a choice. It's only the beginning. The "honeymoon" phase is coming to an abrupt end.

Mark Your Calendars August 26th for our 2023 Annual Fundraising Banquet

A Life Redeemed

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm 84:10

Featuring Keeya Vawar - Survivor | Author | Speaker | Advocate

She recently published her first book, <u>One Thousand Elsewhere: A True Survival Story</u> which details her struggles as a teenage runaway being trafficked by a famous record producer in Atlanta, Georgia. Keeya has been a wife and mother for

20 years and resides in Texas with her family.

6:00 - 8:30 at the Tumbleweed Event Center Dinner served at 6:30

Catering by Viola's Bakery & More & Free Bird Coffee Co.

Window Sponsorship Opportunity

We have 6 windows out of 22 still available to be sponsored!

If this is your fist time hearing about this opportunity...

Imagine you are one of these broken women standing in a room where you are overcome with fear, hopelessness and contemplating suicide, you go to the window and see a plaque and at that moment the Lord uses those words to change your heart....Think how powerful this could be!

How to Sponsor a Window

- Select a window name from the list
- Pray and ask the Lord to show you what scripture verse(s) would be an encouragement
- Each window costs \$500.00. Sponsor a window on your own, or sponsor as a group
- The scripture will be engraved on a plaque with the window name and hung near a window
- Contact us at nextsteptruth@gmail.com to let us know if you'd like to sponsor a window
- Visit <u>www.nextstepministrieskansas.org</u> to see updates on window name availability

This is not an exhaustive list of window names.

If you are feeling called to another name please contact us and let us know.

Window of Acknowledgment Window of Gentleness Window of Provision
Window of Belief Window of Knowledge Window of Redemption
Window of Comfort Window of Mercy Window of Rejoicing
Window of Fellowship Window of Prayer Window of Restoration
Window of Freedom Window of Promise Window of Truth

Join Us in a Week of Specific Daily Prayer

- **5/07/23** Pray for those who are currently enslaved by sex trafficking to be rescued.
 - **PRAY** Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me. Psalm 142:6
- **5/08/23** Pray that God will humble traffickers and bring them to repentance.
 - **PRAY** Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that He may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. Acts 8:22
- **5/09/23** Pray that the buyers will repent and seek God's forgiveness for their actions.
 - **PRAY** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. Acts 3:19
- **5/10/23** Pray for volunteers, that God will stir up hearts of passion and will direct and guide their work.
 - **PRAY** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9
- 5/11/23 Pray that God will burden the hearts of the employees who will work the NSM home. God knows who they are, pray He will guide them to us.
 - **PRAY** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38
 - **5/12/23** Pray for the specific Overcomers that God will bring to our home, that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts at this very moment...before they even know they will come here. Pray that their hearts would be drawn to know the only One who can save their soul.
 - **PRAY** Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters. Psalm 69:14
- 5/13/23 Pray for our banquet, that God would bring many people to support His work and for our speaker Keeya Vawar, for grace and strength as she prepares for the event and that God would use her in a mighty way.
 - **PRAY** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. Psalm 108:5

NEEDS

We are looking for items for our silent auction at the next NSM banquet! Are you a person who likes to go talk to people? We could use your help to go to area businesses and solicit items or gift certificates for our auction.

We are also looking for and raising funds to get a lawnmower. If you would like to help with this need please contact us or you may contribute to the fund by <u>clicking here</u> or by visiting <u>nextstepministrieskansas.org/your-support-is-vital</u>



WORKDAYS>>>

Here is our schedule of workdays at the house for the next few months. We are in the process of working on a variety of projects, but specifically in May we will be doing some outside yard clean up in preparation for mowing. We do recommend bringing gloves, wearing sturdy shoes and safety glasses for some of the inside repairs.

You are welcome to come all day or just a few hours!

FYI: Porta Potty on site!!

We will providing lunch for those who come!

9 am until 3 pm

May 6th * June 3rd * July 15th

Please email nextsteptruth@gmail.com or let a board member know if you are able to help so we can get a count for lunch





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