



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

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT TRAFFICKING

Joseph. Do you remember him? You can read the account of his life beginning in Genesis chapter 37. Joseph: the child who was **SOLD** to the Egyptians by his brothers. Joseph: the child who was **SOLD** to be a **SLAVE**. Joseph's brothers were guilty of human trafficking and Joseph was the victim. Simply put, human trafficking is slavery. Experts have noted that human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal activity in the world and one of the most lucrative.

God values human life. Genesis 1:26 records for us that when God created humans, He created them in His image. Human trafficking is a humiliating insult against humans who have been created in God's image. Luke 4:18 guides us in setting free the oppressed. Christ came to earth as a perfect and holy sacrifice for ALL who are oppressed. This includes those who have been or are being trafficked and those who are trafficking people. This includes you and me. As a result of sin all of mankind is oppressed.

Our ONLY hope is in Christ alone.

- He bore our sin in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness (I Peter 2:24)
- There is none righteous, not even one; (Romans 3:11)
- All have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God (Romans 3:23)
- Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered (Romans 4:7)
- Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1)
- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

What does the Bible tell us about helping those who are oppressed?

Pray for Them

- Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (James 5:16)

Speak Up

- Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy (Proverbs 31:8-9)

Defend and Rescue

- Defend the weak and fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy/ deliver them from the hand of the wicked (Psalm 82:3-4)

Top 3 Trafficking Recruiter Types

1. Family Member/Caregiver - 33%
2. Intimate Partner - 28%
3. Employer - 22%

Top 3 Recruitment Locations

1. Internet/Dating Site - 13%
2. The Street - 11%
3. Internet/Facebook - 10%

Courtesy Polaris:

[Myths - Facts and Statistics](#)

PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 11TH

[Click here](#) or visit:

www.nextstepministrieskansas.org/banquet-registration/

August 26th 2023 Annual Fundraising Banquet

A Life Redeemed

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. 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, [One Thousand Elsewhere: A True Survival Story](#) 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.

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Join Us in a Week of Specific Daily Prayer

- 8/06/23** Pray a deep sense of God's love & compassion will fill the hearts of trafficking victims.
And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19
- 8/07/23** Pray that traffickers will be caught & prosecuted, that they will be kept from enslaving any one ever again and repent of their sins.
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21
- 8/08/23** Pray for victims who have children will learn how to be good parents.
May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. Psalm 72:4
- 8/09/23** Pray for those who've been rescued from physical exploitation will also find spiritual freedom.
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
- 8/10/23** Pray those who are ministering to sex trafficking survivors will have open hearts, that they can be tangible examples of God's love.
So you delivered them into the hands of their enemies, who oppressed them. But when they were oppressed they cried out to you. From heaven you heard them, and in your great compassion you gave them deliverers, who rescued them from the hand of their enemies. Nehemiah 9:27
- 8/11/23** Pray all greed & lust will be removed from the hearts of those who watch pornography, that their addiction will be broken.
Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7
- 8/12/23** Pray for our banquet and that we will spread awareness and find favor with the Lord.
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

Review of Sound of Freedom Movie

While we are thankful that the Sound of Freedom movie has given an enormous amount of awareness to the harsh reality of sex trafficking and its victims, be wise, discerning and careful about what you hear and see.

The slogan coming from the movie is "God's children are not for sale". While we don't want children to be for sale, the reality is this: children ARE for sale. Every day. Everywhere. Every hour of every day children are being recruited and seduced into sex trafficking. We have spent several months sharing with you how this happens. Please help spread awareness and don't get caught up in a catchy phrase that does nothing to address the problem.

The movie does a good job of showing how sex trafficking is happening in other countries. Be careful about thinking that it only happens in other countries. The reality is this: it happens all across this country. From big cities to small towns, it is everywhere. Where there is demand, supply is created.

What can you do? Continue to educate yourself. Spread awareness. Support ministries that are meeting the needs of victims. Be AWARE. Be ALERT. LISTEN to those God brings in your path.

Stop Trafficking Project: [God's children ARE for sale video](https://www.stoptraffickingproject.com/videos.html) or <https://www.stoptraffickingproject.com/videos.html>

WORKDAYS>>>

Here is our schedule of workdays at the house for the next couple months. We are in the process of working on a variety of projects inside and outside. We do recommend bringing gloves, wearing sturdy shoes and safety glasses.

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

We will providing lunch for those who come!

9 am until 3 pm

August 12th

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you

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



FYI: Porta Potty on site!!

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