



Hear Their Cry

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PIECES OF GODS PLAN

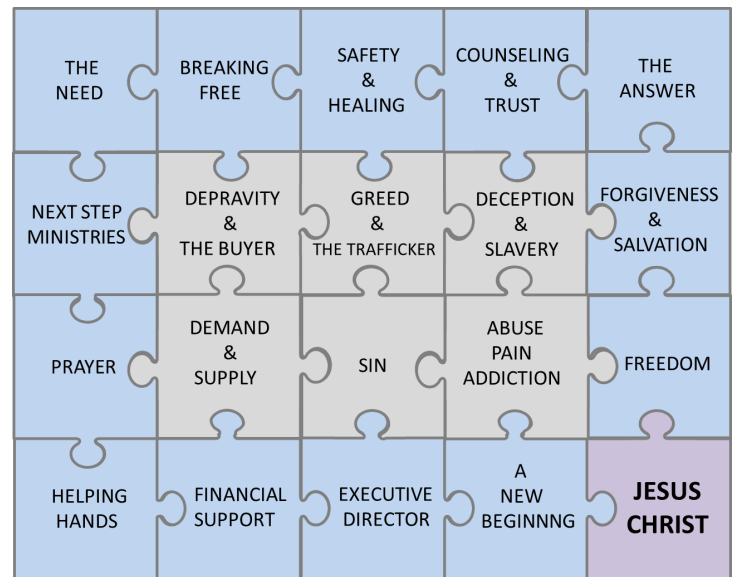
My daughter and I like to do puzzles together; hard puzzles with at least a minimum of 1,000 pieces. While we puzzle, we usually watch a tv series. Recently we finished a series and started looking for the next. My daughter came across a mini-series called 'Human Trafficking' from 2005. It sounded interesting, had drama and suspense in it and since we have learned so much about sex trafficking from our involvement with Next Step Ministries, we thought it would be interesting to see Hollywood's view.

WARNING: This mini-series is not for the faint of heart.

While the mini-series portrayed abductions rather than the grooming process that most traffickers use today, we were both amazed at how closely the abuse and control portrayed by the traffickers and buyers lined up with what we have learned. Our hearts were heavy as we watched these women and children suffer in a world that they didn't ask for but were enslaved in.

I remember thinking how much sex trafficking reminded me of puzzling. Puzzles have different sized pieces and they only fit together in a certain way. This is the same for pieces of sex trafficking...if there wasn't a demand, there wouldn't be a need to supply, and there wouldn't be victims. Puzzles like sex trafficking have many pieces and is hard to look at. Last week while we puzzled, I silently prayed and thanked the Lord for his protection and safety over my daughter, I personally can't fathom being a parent who has lost their child to this wickedness.

I felt hopeless as we finished the last episode and I started picturing the puzzle pieces involved in sex trafficking. I thought about Next Steps and how our desire is to open our doors to help women who have escaped this evil.



I reflected on how long we have been renovating the house in preparation for a safe place of hope and healing for the women. I honestly thought, is this even possible, and that is when the Lord gently reminded me that He and He alone is the answer.

It was then that I realized the puzzle I was picturing was incomplete and would only be complete with the help of our volunteers and our faithful financial supporters, but most importantly having JESUS CHRIST as the main piece.

The puzzle above shows a few pieces but doesn't come close to the real number involved in sex trafficking. Our journey has only begun, as you look at this puzzle would you prayerfully ask the Lord to show you how you can be a part of it.

Tami, PR Volunteer

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



**Fundraising Banquet
AUGUST 15, 2024**

PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 4TH

Register online: www.nextstepministrieskansas.org

Register by email: contact@nextstepministrieskansas.org

Register by phone: 785.531.1227

**Heidi Olson,
RN, MSN, CPN, SANE-P**

Heidi is the founder and president of Paradigm Shift Training & Consulting.

Heidi is a Certified Pediatric Nurse & Certified Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). She has a wide range of experience in pediatric & forensic nursing & has taught as an adjunct clinical instructor for the University of Missouri at Kansas City and the University of St. Mary's.

Heidi previously managed the SANE Program at a children's hospital in Kansas City where she performed/reviewed over 1,500 pediatric forensic exams, many of them trafficking cases, communicated with law enforcement, child protective services, & a large multidisciplinary team, as well as educated hundreds of staff members on relevant topics regarding sexual violence. Heidi also serves as an expert witness for the prosecution during trials for victims of sexual assault.

Over the last few years, Heidi has presented hundreds of times internationally about recognizing human trafficking, child-on-child sexual assault, pornography, & exploitation. Heidi has also been featured in several documentaries regarding these topics, including Vulnerable Innocence, which has won 24 awards. Heidi won the Cry Purple award in 2023, which is given to citizens who are doing outstanding anti-trafficking work in their communities.

**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:13-14**

**Location: Webster Conference Center
2601 N Ohio St, Salina KS**

Dinner Served at 6:30 pm

There is a Need

It may be hard to imagine that there is sex trafficking happening right here in Kansas. Sadly, we are here to tell you that it is. While we are not able to share specific details we can share that we are actively being contacted to see if we are able to house women in need.

As of this moment we sadly have to tell them we are not ready to have women in our home yet. This is where we need you to help us. **PRAY - PRAY - PRAY** for this ministry!

- ◆ Pray for the board as they make decisions
- ◆ Pray for an increase in financial support
- ◆ Pray we can get our doors open soon
- ◆ Pray for the women who are reaching out to get the help they need

*"I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted."
Job 42:2*

HOUSE OF HOPE AND HEALING UPDATE

Things are coming together and we are getting closer to the opening of our house. The carport is enclosed, the windows are in, the stairs have been redone and the siding is completed! It's been a busy spring and summer so far as we have had volunteers come and help with specified projects and were blessed enough to have the finances to get the house fully sided. A big shoutout to KBT Construction for doing the stairs and siding!

We purchased a discounted storage container and with the help of Snip n Trim we were able to purchase a much needed lawn mower. The Lord has blessed us greatly with faithful financial supporters and our desire is to be good stewards of the donations we receive. Your giving is a treasured donation as we know that finances are tight, we can't say thank you enough for continuing your financial support of this much needed ministry. We are now reviewing the HVAC system to determine further needs and expense.



Next Step Ministries is here to help women who have escaped sex trafficking. We are a non-profit organization, we do not receive government funding and solely rely on the support of our faithful donors who desire to help others start a new and beautiful beginning with a life of FREEDOM! If you would like to support us please see the donation form below. You can mail it to: P O Box 1822, Salina, KS 67401

Become a Ministry Partner Today!

Donation

- \$ 25.00 - Hebrews 13:16
- \$ 50.00 - Galatians 6:9
- \$ 75.00 - Philippians 4:19
- \$100.00 - Psalms 121:1-2
- \$ _____ - Other Amount
- Show my support by making this a monthly donation

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We are actively seeking applications for an Executive Director and are excited to see how the Lord will use them to expand and grow the ministry.

The Executive Director's top priority will be to establish relationships with individuals and organizations to partner with Next Step Ministries. The Executive Director will work effectively with the House Directors on the Dwelling Place Program and the success of the women who come to our home. They will work closely with the Board of Directors to create and execute a strategy to open and operate the local home; to oversee local operations in accordance with NSM's policies and mission. The Executive Director is responsible for establishing a working relationship with internal entities of NSM.

The Executive Director position has the following Biblical expectations:

- ◆ Feel called to Next Step Ministries
- ◆ Be a Born-Again Believer in Jesus Christ Alone
- ◆ Be active in a local Bible-believing local church
- ◆ Ability to articulate their personal testimony
- ◆ Ability to teach Biblical principles
- ◆ Must uphold the Mission and Vision
- ◆ Participate in NSM's Team Care
- ◆ Must adhere to NSM's Statement of Faith & Statement of Marriage & Sexuality

Preferred Life Experiences

- ◆ 5 years of management experience
- ◆ 3 - 5 years ministry experience
- ◆ Fundraising or sales experience strongly recommended

Do you know someone who might be interested in this opportunity to help women find freedom from the dark world of sex trafficking, if so please have them reach out to the board at contact@nextstepministrieskansas.org. For a full job description please visit: <https://www.nextstepministrieskansas.org/careers/>

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