

OUR IMPACT 2017

JANUARY - JUNE

SET  FREE

WHO WE ARE

The **Set Free Movement** seeks to create new futures and end modern slavery through community-based action and partnership with others.

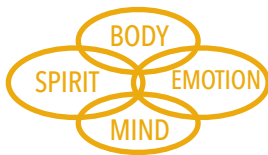
WHAT WE DO

We coach and support **30+ teams** in the U.S. and around the world to address the brokenness in their communities that breeds slavery and other injustices.

HOW WE DO IT

We engage **all sectors of society**—from social services, health care, and the faith community to law enforcement, academia, and government—through 5 main strategies: **education, community mobilization, prevention, supporting rescue, and restoration.**

OUR WORK IS BASED ON **THREE CORE PRINCIPLES:**



WE SEEK TO CREATE FREEDOM **HOLISTICALLY**

We want to build healthy communities where people are freed not only from physical slavery, but from any spiritual, emotional, or mental bondage. It's not just freedom *from* but freedom *for* something.



WE PURSUE NOT ONLY JUSTICE BUT **TRANSFORMATION**

Our vision is shalom, which starts with addressing society's brokenness. We transform people and communities from the inside out by shifting harmful cultural values, healing relationships, and rebuilding dysfunctional systems.



WE WORK THROUGH **COMMUNITY & DISCIPLESHIP**

Mission happens within the scope of discipleship. As we are formed by the character of Christ, our actions conform. HOW we do things is as important as WHAT we do—and we can do nothing without community.

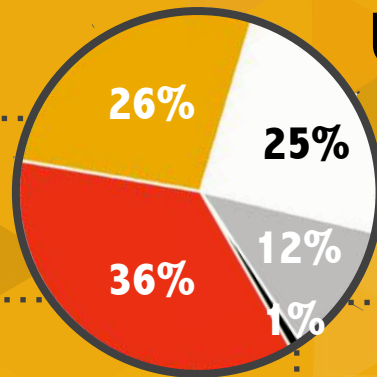
Seeking to Engage ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY

While most of our teams operate within a church, we believe the church cannot exclusively comprise the movement to end modern slavery. Seeking holistic freedom and developing a comprehensive strategy means engaging all sectors of society.



Overview of Our Focus in the **UNITED STATES**

January-June 2017



EDUCATING INFLUENCERS

such as teachers, social workers, law enforcement, nurses, and pastors.



MOBILIZING ALL SECTORS

of society to pray, give, serve, buy ethically, address brokenness, and more.



SUPPORTING RESCUE

led by professionals to meet needs and provide exit strategies for victims.



PREVENTING EXPLOITATION

especially with people who are homeless, poor, unemployed, or in foster care.

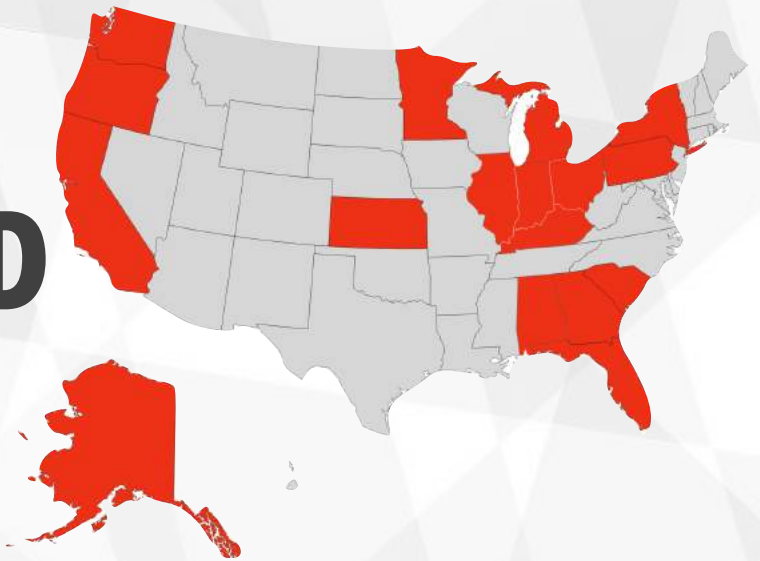


RESTORING SURVIVORS

of abuse and human trafficking, as well as rebuilding broken communities.

OUR IMPACT IN THE UNITED STATES

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12,565

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ENGAGED**



1,844

**TIMES WE SERVED PEOPLE
AT-RISK OF ABUSE**



3,240

**TIMES OUR TEAM MEMBERS
VOLUNTEERED**



201

**PARTNER AGENCIES
WE WORKED WITH**



2,644

**YOUTH
TRAINED AND MOBILIZED**



3,824

**HOURS
OF SERVING COMMUNITIES**



If you would like to join or start a team, contact us: team@setfreemovement.org



STORIES FROM **THE UNITED STATES**



DECATUR, IL

Cindy (pictured above) impacts a broad geographical area by offering trainings in campgrounds as she travels throughout Alabama and other southern states in the winter. She meets people from all over the US and Canada, who return to their home communities and educate others. Some have invited her to speak wherever they live if she is able to come to their location.



BOND COUNTY, IL

On New Year's Day, our partners **Eden's Glory** celebrated the birthday and 6 months of sobriety mark for one of their residents, a survivor of human trafficking. At one point during the party, the resident surveyed the room, with friends of every generation represented, and said to a staff member, "**Look at this. I am loved.**" These women are starting to see their true worth and potential.



WICHITA, KS

Linda, our team leader in Wichita, builds relationships with women who are homeless, leaving domestic violence, and re-integrating from prison, all of whom are vulnerable to abuse. Since these women may have nothing but the clothes they're wearing, our team has given **more than 60 women** (from January-June 2017) a purse with toiletries and personal items they can use for job interviews and appointments.



WATSONVILLE, CA

Felicia (pictured above) has formed connections with local schools for several years and teaches about human trafficking in classrooms. So far in 2017, she has taught **over 560 youth** about the indicators of human trafficking, how to report it, and how to protect oneself and one's classmates against it. She is gearing up for more trainings for the remainder of the year.



In April, the team worked with their local high school to host an all-night sleep-out to raise awareness about **homeless teens**, who are vulnerable to trafficking and abuse. The group did community service projects such as making blankets and assembling hygiene kits for local shelters.



In early May, Wenatchee citizens were shocked by 20 local human trafficking arrests. Many had no idea this crime happened in their area. The local Set Free team helped educate and equip their community by distributing water bottles to **500 people** with the trafficking hotline number and other resources to attendees at a parade.



After some research, McPherson Set Free team members learned that a large-scale community event was needed to spotlight slavery. On May 12, the team brought Truckers Against Trafficking to their community, which has a mobile museum that travels across the nation to foster awareness. **Over 200 people** visited the museum and the team talked with **more than 500 people** about the signs of human trafficking and how to prevent it, even in a small town.



On May 20, a group of **35 girls** ages 12-18 in foster care in the Seattle area gathered for a one-day conference hosted by Set Free, Salvation Army, and Seattle Union Gospel Mission. The live entertainment, carnival, free hair cuts, and prizes were an opportune reminder for these girls that they have value and are worth celebrating.

The girls were also introduced to free local services, such as job training, summer camp, and extra-curricular activities, and were connected to female adult mentor, with whom they will meet monthly for the rest of the year.

This is one of our three Freedom Sunday projects for 2017. Offerings will help fund next year's conference, as well as support the team's ongoing work to help children in foster care, support foster care parents, and encourage social workers.

OUR WORK AROUND THE GLOBE



BULGARIA

Teaching Roma villages about the realities of and solutions to human trafficking.



HUNGARY

Equipping professionals to address abuse and teaching life skills to at-risk people.



THE PHILIPPINES

Mobilizing the church and youth to be informed, compassionate responders to human trafficking, especially the online sexual exploitation of children.



BURUNDI

Our team in Wenatchee, WA, is training social workers in Burundi to address human trafficking to protect the widows and orphaned youth they work with.



INDIA

Educating families on preventing exploitation, in partnership with International Child Care Ministries.



HONG KONG & CAMBODIA

Building partnerships with churches to support them in addressing exploitation, violence, and human trafficking.



HAITI

Preparing to launch a 12-week justice curriculum on forced child domestic labor for teachers, parents, and pastors in 2018.



TAIWAN

Supporting Filipino women who have migrated to Taiwan by providing language training and a support group.



STORIES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE



HUNGARY

Ildikó, our Set Free leader, completed her first year of leading a Life Skills program in Budapest which builds the resilience of 70 people who are unemployed or underemployed. The program creates a community that promotes healing and capacity building through activities including an English class, a German discussion group, creative projects, recovery group, and music class for children. They also offer free psychological consultation and support in times of crisis.

In June, Ildikó facilitated a sensitivity training for **21 Christian mental health professionals** who knew little about human trafficking. They are now more aware and equipped to respond to victims that they may encounter within the health care sector.



THE PHILIPPINES

In February, Ken and her husband Jemuel were invited by International Child Care Ministries to train the **parents of about 40 at-risk children** on preventing child trafficking. The training took place at the Kamuning Free Methodist Church.

In May, the team hosted a training for **50 pastors** on human trafficking and laws that protect victims. "It was not only an awareness training," explained Ken, our Set Free leader, "but a

mobilization tool for churches to create a healthy communities, starting with protecting people's human rights, preventing abuse by creating child protection policies, knowing how to refer and report an abused child or victim of trafficking, and more. The trainees were also reminded to keep open communication with their children to talk about good / bad touch, the harms of porn, and preventing early pregnancies."





CAMBODIA

Kevin Austin, Director of Set Free, trained **23 Cambodian pastors** in January in Wesleyan Theology, History, and Polity. These pastors will not only be effective evangelists and church planters, but they will help to shift the harmful values in their communities that reinforce gender inequality and perpetuate abuse.



HONG KONG

Also in January, Kevin preached in Hong Kong at a Filipino Free Methodist Church. He also **trained 50 Filipinos** about the risks of human trafficking, as this is a growing issue with Filipino migrants to Hong Kong.



HAITI

In March, Kevin traveled to Haiti to strategize about **Restavek**, a form of culturally-acceptable child slavery. The issue is fuelled by the lack of jobs, food shortages, extreme poverty, dysfunctional government, and the belief that children are things to be used and abused. We are partnering with ICCM and Restavek Freedom to reach all Free Methodist schools and churches with a **12-week justice curriculum** that will equip parents, pastors, and teachers to take a stand against child slavery.



BULGARIA

This summer, **Chance and Dee Dee Galloway** (missionaries and partners of Set Free) **purchased a home** that will house Roma girls who are vulnerable to abuse and human trafficking. This is a significant step that is years in the making! We are thrilled about this progress and will have more details in our next report.

In June, **Meghan Shuffet** (daughter of our Set Free Alabama team leaders) interned with the Galloways. She spoke at a youth conference and 6 churches in 5 different cities to discuss the realities of human trafficking. An intergenerational group of Roma, Bulgarian, and American women facilitated her trainings, each of whom played a part based on their own expertise: teaching about the forms of trafficking locally, giving Biblical insight into God's plan for restoration and shalom, translating, and praying.