



about human trafficking

Human trafficking generates \$150 billion each year and enslaves an estimated 40 million people.*

Human Trafficking affects women, men, and children in every country of the world – people who are unable to walk away, under the threat of violence, forced to do things they don't want to do.

They may work in industries such as:







restaurants +



factories +



construction +



forestry

What does human trafficking look like? Children selling fruit in India. Men forced to work in fields or on fishing boats in Thailand. Women coerced into selling their bodies in Amsterdam or Atlanta. Migrant workers harvesting tomatoes in Florida and California. It might even affect the person serving you at your favorite restaurant.

Human Trafficking is everywhere. It's in our closets, cupboards, and kitchens. It's in our neighborhoods and around the globe.

Our world is broken, but we are not powerless. There is a place for all of us in the movement to set captives free. What might your role be?





our ethos

We believe that human trafficking is a symptom of a deeper problem.

The real problem is that relationships, communities, and systems are broken. Human trafficking is a product of poverty, racism, sexism and gender-based violence, abuse, civil war, addictions, and more.



We believe that in order to end human trafficking, we need to start by rebuilding community. Basing our action on the character of Jesus, we partner with God and others to serve with compassion at the margins and work to bring hope and healing to our broken neighborhoods.

This community-focused, Jesus-centered approach is about more than seeking justice for the oppressed. It's about pursuing shalom. It's about flourishing, forgiveness, abundance, peace, salvation, reconciliation, and grace.

This is not a faraway strategy—this is something we're all called and able to participate in.

If you would like to learn more, read our book **Set Free**: A Guide to Pursuing Liberation in an Age of Bondage, available for purchase at www.FreeMethodistBooks.com/product/set-free.



We are hope-oriented

Partners in Bulgaria at the St. John's home

our **history**



Jesus came to set captives free.

In the 1860s "Free" Methodists worked to abolish slavery in the United States. In 2010 Rev. Kevin Austin became a USA missionary to the problem of human trafficking and the Set Free Movement started to form. In 2020 Set Free Movement Monterey Bay was established as was MyPlace in Jackson, Michigan

(1440 BC (33 AD)

1778

1860

(2007)

2010

2015

2020)

God used Moses to free the Israelites from slavery.

John Wesley called slavery "the sum of all evils".

At the 2007 Free Methodist General Conference the Free Methodist Church agreed to take up the cause against slavery in our modern context. In 2015 Eden's Glory, a restoration home for women rescued out of human trafficking became the first ministry spinoff.





what we do

We equip and encourage everyone, everywhere, to do what they can to address vulnerabilities and injustices. We mobilize agents of hope and healing to foster transformational change in their local context.

We coach and equip teams in the U.S. and around the world to address the root causes of human trafficking in their own neighborhoods. **We seek to do this holistically through five main strategies:**



education



prevention



escue



restoration



mobilization



incubation



partnership |

While we believe the faith community must be at the forefront of this movement, we strive to influence all sectors of society in order to maximize our impact. **Some of the sectors we partner with and mobilize include:**





how our teams operate

How we do things is as important as what we do.

Our teams engage in a deep, sustainable, long-term process starting with prayer and creating community where people organize around gifts. This approach (depicted at right) is incarnational and discipleship-driven, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Relationships and community come first. Then, we move into locally-led action that challenges and changes the culture and values of society that justify exploitation.



Our goal is transformation.

Projects and programs are not the end goal but are a means to the goal. Care and compassion cannot be programmed-that is what communities do for each other.

smart communitybased activism

collaborative strategies (education, prevention, rescue, restoration, mobilization)



our teams

In Hungary, abused and abandoned children live in state-run homes. Zsuzsa and her team serve as Kingdom ambassadors to these children, offering hope through games, camps, and life skills mentoring.

Join us in championing these preventive initiatives.
Learn more at SetFreeMovement.org

Yvonne and Lillian, through their organization Thrive, are supporting and equipping young women in Kenya. In a context where violence against women is high, Thrive mentors young women to become role models and community advocates, seeking to address vulnerabilities to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

It is estimated that between 60-85% of "commercially sexually exploited children" within the US were at one time in the child welfare system.* Foster youth are incredibly vulnerable to human trafficking. Camille, our Leader in Seattle WA, is working to provide an avenue of hope for youth as they exit foster homes, providing necessary life skills training and first apartment essentials.

where we work





We come alongside to coach, support, and raise up local leaders and partner strong with missionaries, churches, and agencies around the world in ways that make sense for that context.

Some of the key areas we work are:

Established project(s)

United States
Bulgaria
Hungary
Spain
Kenya
The Philippines
Taiwan
India
Colombia

Emerging work

Romania Cambodia Vietnam Venezuela

invest in our work

The Set Free Movement has a bold vision. By the end of 2024 our goals include launching hundreds of teams, launching at least 10 new ministries, protecting hundreds of thousands of children and youth, greatly influencing all sectors of society in hundreds of communities, and more. To this end we are seeking partners who will pray and give boldly. We have a goal of growing our budget to \$5 million a year by the end of 2024. Please join us - We need you.

For more information write to kevin@setfreemovement.org

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