



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

HERE'S HOW WE HELPED  
REDUCE VULNERABILITY  
TO SLAVERY AND CREATE  
NEW FUTURES IN 2018.

A 14-year-old girl from rural Bulgaria drops out of school to marry a much older man who ends up selling her to the highest bidder each night.

A family from a lower caste in India lives in poverty and social exclusion, trapped as bonded laborers in agriculture, unable to repay their debt.

An adolescent boy from Atlanta escapes the abuse of his drunken father only to end up on the streets and under the control of a trafficker.

**Millions of children, women, and men are trapped in slavery around our world today—held by violence, stripped of their dignity, forced to do things they don't want to do.**

Why does slavery exist?  
Because community is broken. Poverty, racism, gender inequality, addiction, violence, and systemic oppression are a few of the vulnerabilities that lead to exploitation.

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FREEDOM STARTS WITH REBUILDING COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY WE NOT ONLY SEEK JUSTICE FOR THE OPPRESSED—WE PURSUE SHALOM TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD.





**ABOUT  
THE  
GLOBAL  
SLAVE  
TRADE**

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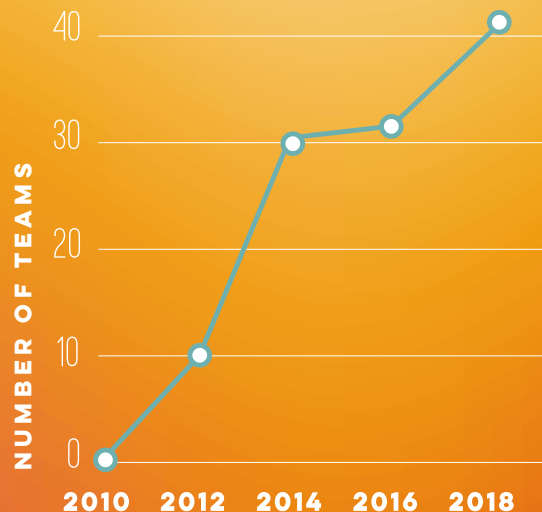
# OUR MISSION

WE ARE A GLOBAL MOVEMENT  
OF 40+ COMMUNITY-BASED  
TEAMS SEEKING TO REDUCE  
VULNERABILITY TO ABUSE,  
END MODERN SLAVERY, AND  
CREATE NEW FUTURES WITHIN  
OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS.

**40** TEAMS | **8** COUNTRIES | **100+ LOCAL PARTNERS** | **1000'S OF LIVES IMPACTED**

# OUR PROGRESS SINCE 2015

Nearly 10 years ago, the Set Free Movement was comprised of a few churches in the US who wanted to end slavery in their own communities.



Since 2015, our US teams from California to New York have tirelessly rallied their communities to have zero tolerance for exploitation:



**158,199** COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
TRAINED TO TAKE ACTION



**28,575** HOURS OF HARD  
WORK BY VOLUNTEERS



**\$412,874** RAISED FOR OTHER  
LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES



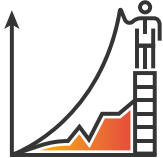
**22,311** YOUTH TRAINED  
TO STAY SAFE



**7,598** TIMES WE DIRECTLY SUPPORTERS SURVIVORS  
OR PEOPLE AT-RISK OF SLAVERY

# KEY MILESTONES OF 2018

## **We grew by 25%, scaling up in both size and strategic location around the world.**



We now have influence in some of the countries with the highest prevalence of modern slavery globally, including India. We are strategically based in key source, transit, and destination hubs for human trafficking, such as Manila (the epicentre of the global cybersex industry) and on dynamic trafficking routes in the US and Europe.

## **The expertise and competency of our global team leaders deepened.**



We are in awe by our global leaders, who are legal experts, business owners, counselors, health care providers, faith leaders, and more. There's Lara from Kansas, who has over 25 years of social work experience and whose doctoral research examined the issues related to human trafficking in her state. Or there's Wendy, a college professor in Alabama whose TedX talk this past year drew attention to human trafficking in her community. The diverse skills and networks of our leadership allow us to mobilize key influencers from all sectors of society.

## **We are more effective than ever in addressing the root causes of slavery.**



Our teams tackled complex issues that fuel human trafficking, from poverty and addiction to racism and gender inequality. Our teams also sought to shift the harmful value systems that perpetuate abuse. Every time our teams invested in a vulnerable child in foster care, or helped a man reject porn and to view women as humans not things, or encouraged a church or business to stop using slave-made products, we inched closer to creating healthy, transformed communities.



# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE UNITED STATES



**25+ TEAMS** TRANSFORMING  
THEIR COMMUNITIES



**\$150,000+ RAISED** FOR LOCAL  
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES



**2631 TIMES** WE SUPPORTED  
SURVIVORS AND PEOPLE AT-RISK



**7,047 ONLINE FOLLOWERS**  
INFLUENCED TO TAKE ACTION



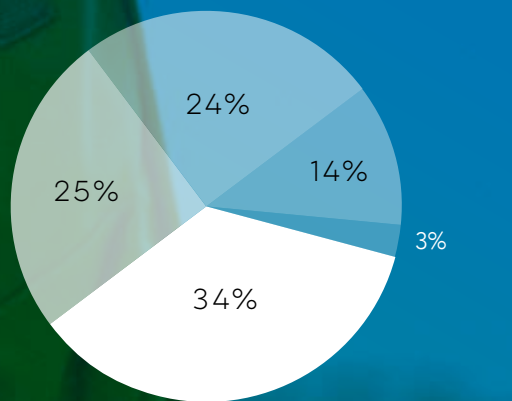
**19,848 COMMUNITY MEMBERS**  
TRAINED TO TAKE ACTION



**6342 YOUTH** ENGAGED THROUGH  
TRAININGS + EVENTS



**7130 HOURS** INVESTED BY OUR  
VOLUNTEERS



- MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES
- EDUCATING INFLUENCERS
- RESTORING SURVIVORS
- PREVENTING EXPLOITATION
- SUPPORTING RESCUE EFFORTS



# FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Our partners remodelled a house that will become a safe refuge for at-risk Roma girls in 2019. Major projects included a new roof, a classroom building, and electrical, heating, plumbing, and drainage systems installed.



We provided holistic support to at-risk children in state care, the unemployed, women who are prostituted, and ethnic minorities. We also reached more than 115,000 people through teachings about human trafficking.



We trained 700+ people about the root causes of slavery so they can become ambassadors of justice within their communities. We are thrilled that this ministry will expand in 2019, focusing on protecting youth.



Our team focused on preventing the online sexual exploitation of children by training youth, parents, and churches on child rights, cyber safety, creating child protection policies, and building safe and healthy relationships.



Our team discipled and helped build the resiliency of Filipino women who have migrated to Taiwan by providing spiritual care, skills training, cultural connections, and individualized casework to protect them from exploitation.



At the start of the year, two new teams formed in Spain and Portugal. Both have begun rallying their communities through educational workshops addressing the problem locally.

WAYS WE'VE TAKEN ACTION

# EDUCATION



## TRAINING YOUTH

We helped keep youth safe by training them to protect themselves and their peers especially from online predators who use digital technology and social media to groom victims. Youth are also a powerful voice for change, so teams like Set Free in Wenatchee, WA, taught all ninth-grade health classes in their school district on how they can help end the demand for sex trafficking.





## EQUIPPING MULTI-SECTOR PROFESSIONALS

From law enforcement to social services to educators, our teams trained professionals who more frequently come into contact with victims and perpetrators. A key priority this year was giving tools to the health care sector to identify the indicators of patients caught in exploitation.

*“ Solving this problem depends so heavily on small actions. Youth shouldn’t be afraid to use our voice and ideas to help end slavery!”*  
-Halle Hemberry, age 17 (Turlock, CA)



*We hosted Freedom Forums in key US and European cities including Madrid, Lisbon, and Budapest, to equip church members and the broader community to intervene in human trafficking.*



*Our Stanwood, WA team trained 100 hospital staff to disrupt human trafficking.*



WAYS WE'VE TAKEN ACTION

# ADVOCACY + MOBILIZATION



## PUBLIC CAMPAIGNING

From truck drivers at major rest stops to patrons at farmers markets and festivals, our teams led public awareness campaigns to inform thousands of people about ways they can take action against human trafficking.

*Our team in Wenatchee, WA creatively reached 600 people at a local parade by distributing water bottles with hotline information and instructions for reporting human trafficking.*



## MOBILIZING THE CHURCH

Engaging the faith community to foster an abolitionist culture is at the heart of what we do. Our teams, most of whom operate out of churches, hosted 24-hour prayer events, trained pastors and church members, and connected their churches to compassionately care for vulnerable groups in their community.

*Our team in Seattle has rallied their church around at-risk youth in foster care so deeply that the local social welfare department calls the church for help whenever a child in foster care has unmet needs.*



## INFLUENCING POLICY AND CULTURE

We seek to advance change at all levels. Several teams helped develop anti-trafficking strategies alongside government officials and law enforcement on community task forces.

*Jeff is a business leader who is changing his community in Dekalb, IL by serving only fair trade coffee and tea at his cafe. He is one of many Set Free leaders who promote ethical business practices and consumption to take a stand against forced labor.*



60-90% OF YOUTH WHO HAVE SURVIVED COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION SPENT TIME IN FOSTER CARE AT SOME POINT.

WAYS WE'VE TAKEN ACTION

# PREVENTION



## YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

Teams in the US and Hungary helped mitigate the trauma and risk of exploitation facing youth in the child welfare system. Our teams provided mentorship and spiritual support, basic needs items, and community connections and resources to these vulnerable youth, ensuring they feel loved, comforted, and protected.

*Our teams in Seattle, WA and Spring Arbor, MI hosted "Brave" conferences in the spring for teen girls in foster care. These one-day events helped remind these girls of their worth through pampering, inspirational teachings, new friendships, and access to local services.*





**TRAFFICKERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INSTABILITY, RACISM, AND SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION FACING MINORITIES.**



## **REFUGEES AND ETHNIC MINORITIES**

We helped build the resilience of refugees in the US, Roma communities in Bulgaria and Hungary, and migrant workers in Taiwan. We created neighboring relationships and provided spiritual support while helping meet the basic needs of these marginalized groups to minimize resorting to risky behavior for survival.



**1 IN 5 HOMELESS YOUTH ARE TRAFFICKED IN THE US.**



## **POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS**

Several Set Free teams and campus clubs help to stem the tide by supporting local homeless shelters and outreach ministries. Our team in Wichita, KS, provided shelter, warm meals, and support to homeless families every quarter. Some of our teams participate in poverty task forces to help create a multi-sector strategy to reduce vulnerability to exploitation.

A photograph of two women sitting on a couch. The woman on the right is wearing a black and white striped tank top and is smiling while holding a book titled 'THE BIG'. The woman on the left is wearing a green top and is looking towards the woman with the book. The background is a plain wall with a light switch.

## WAYS WE'VE TAKEN ACTION

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# RESCUE + RESTORE



### REPORTING TRAFFICKING

Some of our teams were referred cases in their community involving grooming and trafficking situations, often identified by concerned teachers and parents. We helped these community members process, gather data, and report to law enforcement.



## RESTORATION FOR SURVIVORS

Our partners at Eden's Glory provided 24-hour holistic care for six female survivors of human trafficking in 2018. Other teams came alongside restoration agencies in their communities to optimize their efforts in caring for women and their children emerging from domestic violence, human trafficking, and incarceration.



*In February, the first resident at Eden's Glory graduated from the two-year residential program. She has been living independently and is thriving in dignified employment.*



*On a cold night in Budapest at Christmas, our team brought gifts and prayed for each of the 18 women working at a strip club that night—and even several male security guards stood in line for prayer.*



## COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

Several teams provided emotional support, care, and prayer to women who are prostituted. In partnership with a local street ministry, our team in Clio, MI provided 300 meals, as well as personal care items, for women who are being sexually exploited.

Not only does building relationships with these women give them hope for an alternative future, but it has also addressed the demand. The non-judgemental, compassionate presence of our teams in strip clubs has gained the respect of some of the men who support the sex industry—including bouncers and managers—who have demonstrated positive changes in behavior.



LET *Jesus* SET YOU FREE

To break every chain.  
Break every chain, break every chain

# FREEDOM SUNDAY

On September 30, 2018, churches on three continents united to pray, lament, learn, dialogue, give, and worship on Freedom Sunday. In the US, 411 churches were registered and many more observed this opportunity to catalyze a faith-led response to this global tragedy.

## IN 2018 CHURCHES GENEROUSLY GAVE **\$53,578** TO HELP SUPPORT OR LAUNCH THESE PROJECTS:



Addressing domestic violence and human trafficking in Kenya.



Supporting ICCM's efforts to protect at-risk children in Cambodia.



Scholarships for students in developing nations seeking justice-related professions.

### **JOIN US FOR FREEDOM SUNDAY THIS SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2019**

In 2019, churches have a powerful opportunity to help bring hope to refugees in Northern Iraq.

As many as 7,000 women from the Yazidi minority community were kidnapped, enslaved, and brutally abused by ISIS fighters who used rape as a weapon during the Iraq War. Today, there are an estimated 350,000 Yazidis living in persistent trauma and poverty in internal displacement camps in northern Iraq, vulnerable and uncertain about their future.

The Set Free Movement, International Child Care Ministries, and SEED Livelihood are teaming up with Impact Middle East to build the resilience of refugees and share the grace and truth of Jesus in Northern Iraq.

SET FREE



SEED



childcare

international  
ministries

REGISTER + LEARN MORE: [SETFREEMOVEMENT.ORG/FREEDOM-SUNDAY](http://SETFREEMOVEMENT.ORG/FREEDOM-SUNDAY)

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## TOTAL REVENUE

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\$143,636.32

## EXPENSES

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PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$127,370.80

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SUPPORTING SERVICES

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ADMINISTRATION: \$4,811.18

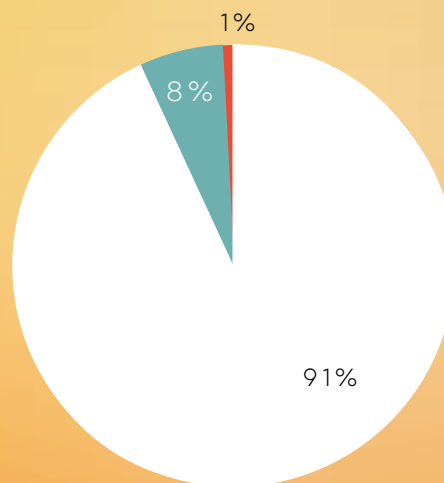
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FUNDRAISING: \$5,117

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**TOTAL EXPENSE \$137,299.00**

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# THANK YOU!

**The Set Free Movement exists because of the time, commitment, energy, and generosity of our supporters—people like you.**

As a global community, all of our work is done through collaboration and partnership with national leaders, missionaries, churches, and other agencies. We are deeply grateful for all those in the Set Free family, with special thanks to:



OUR SET FREE TEAM LEADERS + MEMBERS



KEY PARTNER AGENCIES



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



COMMUNITY BUILDERS GIVING \$50+ EACH MONTH



FREEDOM ADVOCATES GIVING \$10-49 EACH MONTH



PERCENTAGE FOR FREEDOM PARTNERS

Businesses investing in new futures for at-risk communities by donating a % of their profits and standing for fair labor practices:



# WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

## **JOIN US FOR FREEDOM SUNDAY**

on September 29, 2019. **More at**  
[www.SetFreeMovement.com/Freedom-Sunday](http://www.SetFreeMovement.com/Freedom-Sunday)

## **HELP US SUSTAIN THIS WORK**

Become a Freedom Advocate (gifts of \$10-49/  
month) or a Community Builder (gifts of \$50+/  
month). **Sign up at: [SetFreeMovement.com/  
Give-Monthly](http://SetFreeMovement.com/Give-Monthly)**

## **BUY OUR ETHICALLY-MADE TEES**

100% of profits are re-invested in the work of  
Set Free. **Shop at: [setfree.bydfault.com](http://setfree.bydfault.com)**

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## **JOIN OR START A SET FREE TEAM**

Many of our teams operate out of Free  
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