

The Value of One Ministry

The Value of One Ministry was started in 2012 to address the growing crime of sex trafficking of American children. (DMST). The Lord has laid a burden on our hearts to pray for the deliverance and salvation of all victims of this modern day slavery, and to provide a Christ-centered, permanent residential home in Ocean County, NJ for survivors where they will learn there is a God who loves them and died for them in spite of what society may have labeled them. We are committed to daily prayer as we know that “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.” (2 Corinthians 10:4)

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: Incline thine ear unto me and save me...Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. (Psalm 71: 1-4)

We are also committed to raising awareness through education of children and adults to prevent children from becoming victims of sex trafficking. We can present the following free awareness programs:

1. Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) Power Point Presentation
2. “Chosen” documentary by Shared Hope International
3. Deceptions, Exposing the Lures of Child Sex Trafficking & Internet Dangers by AWARE, Inc.
4. DMST- Prostituted Children in the U.S.: Identifying & Responding to America’s Trafficked Youth (adults only, training video)
5. “Chosen, Gang Edition” by Shared Hope International
6. Gang-Trap, Trafficking Response & Prevention (adults only, training video)

We offer either faith-based or secular programs. For more details on these programs, please email us at valueofoneministry@gmail.com or call the church (732-341-5005).

Definition of sex trafficking:

The Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) defines the crime of sex trafficking as: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act where such an act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, OR in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18.

Commercial sexual exploitation includes prostitution, pornography, and sexual performance (dancing, stripping).

Facts:

Sex Trafficking is happening in every community in America! New Jersey is a hub for sex trafficking, we are in the top 10 states for sex trafficking.

Human trafficking cases are a combination of runaways, kidnappings and parents prostituting their own children from home.

Human trafficking has become a \$32 billion global commodities industry marketing illegal goods. It makes more money worldwide than Google, Nike & Starbucks combined. Child/human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. It is the second largest criminal enterprise after drugs according to the U.S. State Department.

100,000 to 300,000 children in the U.S. are at risk each year for commercial sexual exploitation. (U.S. Dept. of Justice)

Victims include girls and boys of all ages, ethnicities and socio-economic classes.

2.8 million children run away each year. Within 48 hours of hitting the streets, 80% of them will be approached by a trafficker and lured or forced into the world of prostitution and pornography.

At least 100,000 children are used in prostitution every year in the U.S. The average age of entry into prostitution is 13 years old. The average lifespan of a 13 year old girl in the commercial sex industry is 7 years!

Prostituted girls are often controlled by a pimp who recruits them into sex trafficking by posing as a boyfriend, caretaker, and protector. Traffickers learn the psychology of their young victims and master the manipulation methods necessary to deceptively lure children into sexual exploitation. The trafficker's goal is to create and exploit vulnerabilities which will make a child completely dependent and bonded to their exploiter. The trafficker's ultimate goal is profit.

Exploited children are often labeled "child prostitutes" or juvenile delinquents and punished for the crime committed against them. Victims of DMST are in detention facilities across the country for charges of prostitution while those who buy sex from them are free and their traffickers frequently escape detection. (National Report on DMST, America's Prostituted Children, Shared Hope International)

1 in 5 pornographic images is of a child, 58% of Internet child pornography comes from the U.S.

In the U.S. investigations in Atlanta, Las Vegas and Washington DC found that large numbers of American children are prostituted on the streets, through escort services, and in pornography and erotic dancing- and large numbers of American men are buying these services. (DEMAND, Shared Hope International)

The market for sex trafficking and sex tourism works just like a shopping mall where buyers can choose from a variety of human products of various ages and colors. As long as buyers continue to purchase this human product- and facilitators support the market- the shopping mall operates and flourishes. (DEMAND, Shared Hope International)

In the sex tourism market, demand exceeds supply. Traffickers will manipulate, coerce, and force victims to meet that demand. The easiest prey are juveniles. (DEMAND, Shared Hope International)

A culture of tolerance both fuels the demand and normalizes commercial sex to the point that buyers can now access the sex markets locally. Local men are buying local women and children. Technology is the greatest facilitator and the engine behind the growth of the sex trade. The use of the Internet for commercial sex services- particularly pornography and escort services- offers website visitors and owners anonymity and supports an illicit market. (Demand, Shared Hope International)

NOW THAT YOU KNOW-AWARENESS IS JUST THE BEGINNING-IT'S WHAT YOU DO NEXT THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Pray - Commit to pray daily

-For every person that is currently a victim enslaved today that God will intervene in their situation, that they will be delivered and for their salvation.

-For the salvation of trafficking survivors and their families; that they will be made whole again physically, spiritually and emotionally. For their safety and possible reintegration back into their families and communities.

-For everyone involved in the fight against sex trafficking, for protection for them and their families and for strength, courage, wisdom and salvation if they're not saved. For God to provide the resources they need.

-For the traffickers and the buyers, that they would be convicted, repent and get saved.

-For every business involved in this to go out of business.

-For men to take a stand against this and be protectors of women and children. (see sharedhope.org Defenders USA)

-For the laws in our state and nation to be changed to punish traffickers and buyers and to protect children.

-For God to raise up shelters and homes for survivors.

2. Educate yourself – Schedule an awareness program from the Value of One, or go to sharedhope.org or polarisproject.org.

3. Make others aware of what is happening – Tell your community: A child cannot be a prostitute! Shared Hope International can provide you with materials so you could host your own awareness event, or if you would like for us to do a presentation please contact us.

4. Write your legislators – Inform them that victims of child sex trafficking exist in every state, including New Jersey. Ask your legislators to commit to providing safe shelters and homes for victims and to support legislation that increases penalties for traffickers, and for buyers of commercial sex with juveniles.

5. Report Suspected Trafficking – If you suspect someone is a victim of child sex trafficking, that person needs your help!

If someone is in immediate danger. Call 911.

Otherwise call the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Hotline or report a tip to the [cybertipline](http://cybertipline.org).

If you are a survivor, please contact us. We can refer you to a survivor's support network. We are praying for you!

Sex Trafficking is modern day slavery. Let's follow the example of William Wilberforce (abolitionist in the 1800's) and stand up and speak for those who cannot, and do what we can to abolish this horrific crime and to help free and restore the victims.

If you would like to be kept advised of any upcoming events, if you would like us to do a presentation for your school or group, or you would like more information about domestic minor sex trafficking, please contact us at (732) 341-5005 or email valueofoneministry@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Cybertipline: 1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678)

National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 1-888-3737-888

Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)

New Jersey Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-855.END.NJ.HT (855-363-6548)

Runaway Hotline: 1-800-RUNAWAY

Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN): 1-800-656-HOPE

Detective Melissa Matthews,

Ocean County Prosecutors Office: 732-929-2027 X 2209