

Responses to Human Trafficking

For many people the reality of slavery in the 21st century is initially hard to believe. How could something like this happen in a “free country” like the United States? However, the sad truth is that thousands of people are forced or coerced to work without compensation or to prostitute themselves for the benefit of a trafficker. A response to this global crisis of human trafficking may seem overwhelming or even useless. In actuality, one person’s response added to all the others can result in a remarkable effort that just might save a life for the better.

One man freed from years of slave labor in Florida said this about his captivity and eventual release:

“When you’re in the kind of situation we were in, you feel like the world has ended. And once you’re back here on the outside--it’s hard to explain. Everything’s different now. It was like coming out of the darkness into the light. Just imagine if you were reborn. That’s what it’s like.”



Categories of Response

Education

Read books, websites, watch movies, attend seminars related to trafficking. Consider these websites for further information:

- 📍 cbfinternationals.org
- 📍 humantrafficking.org
- 📍 stopthetraffik.org
- 📍 polarisproject.org
- 📍 love146.org
- 📍 sharedhope.org
- 📍 traffickstop.org
- 📍 castla.org
- 📍 notforsale.org
- 📍 truckersagainstittrafficking.com
- 📍 faastinternational.org/hands-that-heal



Advocacy/Training

📍 Advocate for state laws that match the federal laws against trafficking

📍 Search the Library of Congress for bills relating to trafficking and contact your local congressperson to show your support

📍 Host a seminar for several churches in your area and invite other community leaders, faith groups, etc to hear from a survivor of trafficking or from a trained advocate for anti-trafficking ministries.

📍 Attend a webinar related to trafficking and/or become trained to lead your own seminars or action groups
cbfinternationals.org,
sharedhope.org, love146.org

Affect Change

- 📍 Pray for those held in slavery
Available resources are at cbfinternationals.org, oasisusa.org, gpgonline.ijm.org
- 📍 Send a letter through chainstoreaction.com asking your favorite companies to ensure fair labor practices
- 📍 Sign a petition at change.org
- 📍 Host a chocolate fondue party
stopthetraffik.org
- 📍 Host a NightLight Jewelry Party
nightlightbangkok.com/jewelry
- 📍 Host a fundraiser
- 📍 Host a movie screening
- 📍 Set up prayer stations at your church or university. Print a guide at cbfinternationals.org, stopthetraffik.org
- 📍 Volunteer at a safe house for trafficked survivors
- 📍 Form an anti-trafficking coalition in your community
oasisusa.org, love146.org, notforsale.org