

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The average age of trafficked girls is fourteen. A trafficker illegally gains as much as \$300,000 a year. **You CAN Make a Difference.**

### 1. Educate

Laurie Miller, Huntington Beach Police, says, "The best thing you can do is to educate yourself and those around you."

### 2. Start A Prayer Group for the End of HT

Trafficked victims are praying that someone will rescue them. Christians are called to rescue the oppressed, such as orphans; and prayer is the beginning.

### 3. Help Orgs Helping Foster Children

According to the National Center for Missing and **Exploited** Children, which tracks missing child reports in the United States, 60% of runaways who are victims of sex trafficking had been in the custody of social services or in foster care. See <https://www.childrensrights.org/sex-trafficking-sting-shows-foster-children>.

### 4. Drive Out HT from Your Area

The City of Huntington Beach drove out Human Trafficking from many massage parlors by changing laws for them. Your town can too. See [www.la.times.com/local/lanow/la-me-in-massage-parlors-huntington-beach-20150305](http://www.la.times.com/local/lanow/la-me-in-massage-parlors-huntington-beach-20150305). See also [www.qcode.us/codes](http://www.qcode.us/codes).

### 5. Become a Foster Parent

Go to a CA gov. website at: [www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Foster-Care-and-Adoptive](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Foster-Care-and-Adoptive).

### 6. Buy Free Trade Items

Half of all trafficked victims are exploited for labor so affecting the market place can minimize this type of victimization.

### 7. Buy Brands that Fight HT

Some brands gift proceeds to HT orgs.

## Human Trafficking Statistics

Human trafficking in the US is; the fastest growing illegal enterprise; second-most lucrative; and third largest trafficking location. Almost 20% of US trafficking is in California, with 13% of that in Southern California. Over half of all sex trafficking victims had been in foster care and/or social services. Nearly half of trafficked victims are forced into sexual trafficking, while just over half are enslaved into labor and domestic services.

## Informative websites:

[Fact Sheet, Government Publishing Office, US Dept. of Health and Human Services](https://permanent.access.gpo.gov/gpo12089/factsex)  
<https://permanent.access.gpo.gov/gpo12089/factsex>.

[Polaris Project Hotline Statistics](https://polarisproject.org/2017statistics)  
<https://polarisproject.org/2017statistics>  
<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states>

[Human Trafficking in Los Angeles](http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=ucla+human+trafficking&view=detail&mid=62E8F9C79831201D2A4C62E8F9C79831201D2A4C&FORM=VIRE)  
[www.bing.com/videos/search?q=ucla+human+trafficking&view=detail&mid=62E8F9C79831201D2A4C62E8F9C79831201D2A4C&FORM=VIRE](http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=ucla+human+trafficking&view=detail&mid=62E8F9C79831201D2A4C62E8F9C79831201D2A4C&FORM=VIRE)

[Human Trafficking: Policies, Programs and Services](#)  
*Social Work*, Vol. 60, Issue 4, 1 October 2015, P 287–294  
[Training Related to Human Trafficking in Selected Countries](#)  
[permanent.access.gpo.gov/gpo81245/2016-013189.pdf](https://permanent.access.gpo.gov/gpo81245/2016-013189.pdf)

[UCLA Reveals Large Gaps in Data about Sex ...](#)  
[newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/ucla-study-reveals-large-gaps-in-data...and/#78f3544b4b7c](http://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/ucla-study-reveals-large-gaps-in-data...and/#78f3544b4b7c)

[Connect | List of Antislavery Organizations](http://www.endslaverynow.org/connect)  
[www.endslaverynow.org/connect](http://www.endslaverynow.org/connect)

[NAAG | Best Practices in HT Law](http://www.naag.org/best-practices-human-trafficking-law.php)  
[www.naag.org/best-practices-human-trafficking-law.php](http://www.naag.org/best-practices-human-trafficking-law.php)

[Cannot End HT Without Addressing Demand](http://www.forbes.com/sites/rebeccasadwick/2018/01/11/human-trafficking)  
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## National Human Trafficking Awareness

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a Difference

## Isaiah 1:17

### Instructions for a Christian Reaction to Human Trafficking

*Isaiah 1:17 says, "Learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the vulnerable." Therefore, ministry goals are: Education, Justice, Rescue and Advocacy.*

#### Education

Learn what the scriptures and church fathers say about social injustice, oppression, human trafficking and lawlessness, about what is happening in your area and about what you can do to protect your children. Learn what is happening at your local schools and how children are lured into human trafficking.

#### Justice

Seek justice through courts, legal systems, restitution and restoration for victims.

#### Rescue

Trafficked victims are praying every day for someone to notice and rescue them and we can close locations, report suspicious activity (night-time activity) and help orgs that rescue.

#### Advocacy/Defense

Promote Christian lawyers, create and support defense funds, encourage students to become justice lawyers, speak up for the rights of others through mentors, counselors and other forms of advocacy.

## Social Justice is a Christian Concept

Thousands of biblical references command a response to social injustice.

#### Proverbs 3:27

Do not withhold good when it is within your power to act.

#### Psalm 89:14

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

#### Jeremiah 21:11b

"Administer justice every morning; rescue from the hand of the oppressor."

#### Proverbs 31:8

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

#### Psalm 82:3b-4

Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from wicked hands.

#### Isaiah 33: 15

He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil- this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be a mountain fortress.

#### Galations 6:9

Let us not become weary of doing good.

## St. Maria of Paris

We, in fact, have to give more attention to our brother's life than to our own. Christian love requires of us to share generously our spiritual gifts, but also our material gifts. The Christian must also take care of children and overcome exploitation, injustice, misery and crime...to the building up of a more just society.

### BE AWARE AND CALL

If you have information you would like to report, please call TIP lines: **866-347-2423** toll free US and Canada, 24 hours  
**Call 802-872-6199 (tolls apply)** in any country in the world, 24 hours  
We also suggest you call in US: **National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 and or 911**

### Restoration and Renewal Ministry

#### Mission Statement

Engaging the four principles of Isaiah 1:17, "Learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed and defend the vulnerable," to bring restoration and justice.

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