



## WELCOME TO R3ACH

Welcome to the very first edition of the R3ACH newsletter. We're hoping to publish this newsletter monthly, providing you with up-to-date insight into some of the issues around us and some opportunities we have where we together can make a difference in the world!

A few of us just got back from The Justice Conference earlier this month and, as we listened to speakers from all around the world sharing about justice, there were two main things that I took home with me: both good and bad news. First, the bad news: The needs around us are great, like we never before seen in history. But the good news is that the Body of Christ is stepping up to the plate like never before. God is raising up a justice league (to quote Cindy Jacobs), passionate in seeing true Justice prevail.

This newsletter is one of the way we will share what is going on around us locally, nationally AND internationally. Each month we will highlight a different issue to raise awareness and to show how you practically can make a difference in that area.

As a church, we are already impacting the world on many levels. And in the months and years to come, we hope to see that impact grow exponentially. We believe that, at the very core of our love for Jesus, there must be an overflow of love to the people around us, and we are excited to see the body released in this way.

The very name of this ministry - R3ACH - means:

- To stretch out, to extend, to thrust
- To touch, or grasp by extending a hand
- To pick up and draw toward one
- To encompass
- To make an impression upon
- To communicate with

So, please join us as we try to R3ACH those around us!

For the Kingdom,  
Sam

## HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Our vision is to see the body of Christ mobilized, becoming the very hands and feet of Jesus! Therefore we need you!!

Our heart is to provide you with opportunities to get involved on a number of levels, bringing you updates of the needs in the world around us and to help create a passion for you to become a world changer, right where you are at!

Therefore, here are some of the ways you can get involved!

- Get involved through serving through the various opportunities we have right here at Fathers House, such as being part of our outreaches or joining us on a mission trip! (See the latest resource flyer for info.)
- Stay in touch via Facebook: (facebook.com/r3ach.usa) and/or sign up for the newsletter on our website (R3ACH.org) to stay in tune with the ministry
- Support R3ACH through prayer and giving.
- Start supporting local, national and international ministries through prayer and giving of your time and resources. (See our resource flyer for more info.)
- Take a stand for Justice in your World!

## CALENDAR

### March 13<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Sunday

The nationwide day bringing focus to human trafficking

### March 27<sup>th</sup>, R3ACH PDX

Hot Chocolate Homeless Outreach. Meet at FHC 12:30pm for sandwich-making. We will leave at 1:45pm. Return around 6pm

## FUTURE EVENTS:

**AUGUST: - VITALIZE '11** Los Angeles Dream Center Mission

**SPRING 2012** – Uganda Mission Trip

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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed  
Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow.” - Isaiah 1:17*

Although outlawed centuries ago, slavery is still very much alive. There are more people in slavery in the world today than at any other time in history. In fact, Slavery occurs in almost every country in the world, even in our very own backyard. Portland, for example, is one of the hot spots in the US, but the truth is it is everywhere.

As a church, we many times stand dumbfounded as to what to do about it, but the prophet Isaiah gives us a great blueprint. He uses five action verbs to challenge us to not only understand the plight of those caught in slavery, but also how to put our faith into action.

1) LEARN – The issue of trafficking is a hidden one. We must begin by learning about the issues; the facts, what is actually happening in the world as well as locally.

2) SEEK – We need to seek Justice. We cannot rely on others for this, but we need to personally get a deeper understanding of these issues and problems and what can possibly be done to solve or eradicate them, thus making justice prevail!

3) DEFEND – Next we need to take action, to stand in the gap between the oppressor and the oppressed. The justice sought must translate into action. DEFEND means to “to resist an attack... to protect from harm” and most likely will come only with a personal sacrifice of time, money and more... Two specific outworkings of this are:

4) TAKING up the cause of orphans and... 5) PLEADING the case for widows. Statistics show that 80% of the world's slaves are women and children, and, as such, they are vulnerable to all manner of crimes. Therefore, as believers, we must take a stand!

**What are you going to do?**

*(adapted from “A framework for action” by Kevin Austin)*

## FACTS ABOUT TRAFFICKING

### TRAFFICKING IS...

to be taken against your will, bought, sold or transported into slavery for sexual exploitation, sweat shops, child brides, circuses, sacrificial worship, forced begging, sale of human organs, farm labor, domestic servitude, restaurant workers etc. 80% of all victims are women and girls, 50% are children.

### TRAFFICKING IS...

where family members and friends deceive parents to release their children or sell them for as little as \$20 each, selling them to local gangs or serious organized international trafficking rings

### TRAFFICKING IS...

growing. 4-27 million men, women and children are trafficked across borders and within their own countries every year. More than one person is trafficked across a border every minute, which is equivalent to 5 jumbo jets every day. Trafficking generates twice the worldwide revenue of Coca Cola.

### TRAFFICKING IS...

where victims usually suffer repeated physical abuse, fear, torture and threat to families to first break their spirits and then turn them into saleable commodities. A person can be sold and trafficked many times over.

### TRAFFICKING IS...

everywhere! In the US, over 50 000 people are abused in trafficking. 50% in prostitution. Portland is one of the capitals of prostitution in the US. Given the number of slaves in the US, chances are that someone you pass on a weekly basis is a slave or uses slaves.

## HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Exodus Cry – [www.exoduscry.com](http://www.exoduscry.com)

Not For Sale – [www.notforsalecampaign.org](http://www.notforsalecampaign.org)

Shared Hope Intl – [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)

Stop Child Trafficking Now – [www.sctnow.org](http://www.sctnow.org)

**This Fall:**

The “Stop Child Trafficking Now” March, Portland, OR

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