



HUMAN TRAFFICKING & THE ADULT ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Hearing certain statistics like the ones listed to the right can be daunting, overwhelming and depressing. As we learn more about the realities of human trafficking and the harmful effects of the adult entertainment industry, it can be easy to look the other way and pretend it doesn't exist because of our lack of understanding. We may not be able to see a solution so we feel helpless.

Let's not forget though, that we have a God that's bigger than all of this who is on our side and ready to give the necessary tools to those who are willing. We cannot forget that we serve a vital role in God's plan.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners

Isaiah 61:1

After Awareness Comes Action

This newsletter is filled with opportunities for you to take action if you are willing. A great place to start is in prayer. Read about the local ministry in Portland, OR called The Cupcake Girls and find out how they are making an impact personally with women caught in this industry.

Find out what other organizations are doing and how you can be a part of it! You can play a role even by purchasing music that is making a difference. If you would like more information about any of the actions you can take listed in this newsletter, check out the websites listed to the right. I hope these opportunities help you see that progress is being made to set captives free and You Are Needed.

In God's love, Carrie Allen

MYTH vs. TRUTH

Taken from www.sharedhope.org and an article by Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation entitled "Deconstructing the Demand for Prostitution".

Myth: Child sex trafficking is not happening in the US **Fact:** At *least* 100,000 American children are being exploited through pornography or prostitution every year.

Myth: Women and girls choose a life of prostitution **Fact:** Traffickers and pimps use physical, emotional, and psychological abuse to coerce young women and girls.

Myth: Only a small percentage of people view child pornography or purchase kids for sex

Fact: 1 out of every 5 pornographic images is of a child; and 55% of child pornography comes from the United States.

Myth: Only certain types of men buy sex

Fact: These men are from every race, age group, profession, economic class, and education level.

Myth: There is no link between prostitution and pornography **Fact:** For many men who buy sex there is no difference between the two. Men purchased women as a way to engage in what they had seen in pornography.

FOR MORE INFO & RESOURCES

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a21campaign.org
callandresponse.com
exoduscry.com
ijm.org
notforsalecampaign.org
sharedhope.org
thecupcakegirls.org
nefariousdocumentary.com

UPCOMING R3ACH EVENTS

Sep 30th: R3ACH Portland Oct 21st: October Baby Movie Showing Nov 11th: Nefarious Documentary Showing April 19th-May 4th: Uganda Mission Trip July 13th-21st: Dream Center 2013 Trip

R3ACH is the missions/outreach ministry of Fathers House Church, Longview, WA To find out how you can be part of what is going on, visit us on the web at www.fathershousechurch.com, www.R3ACH.org or www.facebook.com/r3ach.usa





LOCAL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

THE CUPCAKE GIRLS

In 2009 when a few people saw the needs of women working in the adult entertainment industry in Las Vegas and began knocking on doors with cupcakes, they were surprised to not only be invited in, but also invited back.

The Cupcake Girls is a very unique ministry that started in Las Vegas and now serves in the Nevada brothels and also the Portland area. They have the goal that within ten years, they will have a presence in every single strip club in Las Vegas and Portland as well as every brothel in Nevada.

The box of cupcakes provides a free ticket for the ministry to enter into strip clubs and meet with women who seldom receive any support whatsoever. Monthly cupcakes turn into friendships and coffee dates, which turn into hosting birthdays and baby showers.

Many need someone to care for them and believe in them. They are filled with doubt and have many unmet needs. But with this "network of individuals committed to providing non-judgmental support, consistent caring, and messages of faith, hope and love", women are becoming empowered to grow.

The Cupcake Girls have served as babysitters, chauffeurs, shoulders to cry on, hands to hold, cheerleaders, stylists, mentors, and importantly friends. They have also partnered with tutors, lawyers, doctors, dentists, financial advisors, and skilled professionals to assist the women by offering the right solutions at the right time.

Ultimately they would like to see the ministry serving every major city in the United States. They dream of having a resource center for job placement, counseling, daycare, spiritual guidance, and many other assistance resources, along with the dream of having a safe house for women who are caught in human trafficking.

There are so many ways for both men and women to get involved with The Cupcake Girls. They value their volunteers tremendously and have created many teams opportunities to fit a wide range of interests and talents.

Visit their website www.thecupcakegirls.org to read more about the various opportunities to serve and fill out the volunteer application form.

"A special thank you and appreciation is due to the Cupcake Girls of Portland for helping me find a car seat and for being there during a struggling time ... you guys made me feel comfortable and I can't wait to meet again...

Thank you guys...you're exactly what the industry needs." Samantha

Information for this article came directly from thecupcakegirls.org

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MORE WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

> STAY ALERT AND CALL THE HOTLINE

This 24-hour hotline is run by the Polaris Project, which is supported by a federal grant.

The organization announced on August 7th, 2012 that 57,000 people nationwide have called the human trafficking hotline since it began in December '07. They claim the volume of calls for help is on the rise, as awareness of the problem grows.

National Human Trafficking
Resource Center (NHTRC)

1-888-3737-888

www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org

SPREAD AWARENESS



"The DNA Foundation launched a campaign targeting men with the message that Real Men Don't Buy Girls. The goal of the campaign was to create a cultural shift around the implicit societal acceptance of child prostitution, and thus, child sex slavery. We hoped to reach millions of people with information about the issue. More than 2 million people have participated in the campaign so far."

You can help create the cultural shift. Let your friends know that "Real Men Don't Buy Girls".

Photo: Sean Penn, <u>www.demiandashton.org/realmen</u>

> Participate in Events

October 4/5: Do you know Lacy? <u>Sex Trafficking</u> <u>Training</u> by Shared Hope International & AEquitas



Want to better understand domestic minor sex trafficking and be trained to respond? Sign up for one of six specific 2-day courses to equip yourself. Whether you are a teacher, social worker, law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or a concerned citizen, there is a specific course for you. Visit **sharedhope.org** for registration and a full training agenda.

Volunteer



Visit thecupcakegirls.org
to learn about how this fabulous
organization is making an impact in
Portland and what you can do to
be a part of it!

October 18: The A21 Campaign's annual <u>Key2Free</u> <u>initiative</u> on International Anti-Slavery Day

Goal: to raise awareness of human trafficking on a global scale.

Wear the Key: On October 18, wear a key to symbolize freedom.

Share the Key: Spread the word through Facebook and by tweeting with the hashtag #KEY2FREE.

Raise the Key: Use your creativity and gather friends for a Key2Free event.

Be the Key: Join the fight and make a difference in your world by becoming an A21 abolitionist. a21campaign.org



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Pray



Join the Red-Light Prayer Initiative

Exodus Cry has created the Why:
Red-Light Prayer Initiative in
an effort to see red-light
districts across the world
transformed. We're
challenging
you to pray for the Kingdom
of God to come in the red-light
districts every time you're
stopped at a red light.

Red-light districts encompass the globe. They serve as harbors for trafficking victims and roaming grounds for sexmongering men. As these areas remain unchecked, they persist as hotbeds for trafficking activity.

On the surface, red-light districts are seen as safe working environments for prostitutes to express their sexuality while making money "the easy way." Underneath this façade, however, there is a ghastly reality—girls, oftentimes from a foreign country, are being held as sex slaves. They are sold into an industry

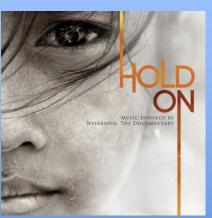
that gives them nightly quotas and keeps all their earnings. They are disciplined with mental, physical, and sexual abuse, often made passive by forced drug use, and held captive in prison-like residences. Contrary to common perception, red-light districts offer no freedom for prostituted women, only for the men who use, sell, and abuse them.

For more opportunities and information visit **exoduscry.com

Purchase Music that makes a difference



"Twenty Seven Million" by Matt Redman & LZ7 The proceeds will go to The A21 Campaign



Album Hold On by various artists (Music Inspired By Nefarious, The Documentary)

\$9.99 on iTunes