

What is Trafficking?

Trafficking is to be deceived or taken against your will, bought, sold and transported into slavery for sexual exploitation, sacrificial worship, sale of human organs, farm labor, domestic servitude, to work in sweat shops or circuses, be sold as child brides, or for forced begging.

Did you know?

An estimated **27 million people** in the world are enslaved. In 2004, there were more slaves than were seized from Africa during four centuries of the trans-Atlantic slave trade (Kevin Bales, Disposable People).

- The total market value of illicit human trafficking is estimated to be in excess of **\$32 billion** (UN). This would be ranked about #230 on the Fortune 500 list and would rank near Disney, Coca Cola, Mazda for 2008.
- Approximately **80% of those who are trafficked are women and girls**, and up to 50% of the people trafficked are minors (*US Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2005*).

Two children per minute are trafficked

- An estimated **1.2 million children** are trafficked each year (UNICEF UK Child Trafficking Information Sheet, January, 2003).
- **200,000 American youths** have been forced into the sex trafficking industry in US (US dept. of Justice).
- Approximately two-thirds of today's slaves are in South Asia. Human Rights Watch estimates that in India alone there are as many as 15 million children in bonded slavery.

The Good News is YOU Can Help! Want to Learn More?

Trafficking in the Chocolate Industry:
stopthetraffik.org

Love 146: www.Love146.org

Humantrafficking.org Human Rights Watch:
<http://www.hrw.org/en/about>

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women:
<http://www.catwinternational.org/>

Free the Slaves: www.Freetheslaves.net

US Dept of Health and Human Services,
Administration for Children and Families:
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/fact_human.html

International Justice Mission: www.IJM.org

Amnesty International USA: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/violence-against-women/end-human-trafficking/organizations-working-to-stop-human-trafficking/page.do?id=1108431>

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