



Your GUARDIAN update, March 2018

Thanks to you, lives are being changed right now. By supporting Hope for Justice as a GUARDIAN, you have taken a stand on behalf of the voiceless and the exploited.

In a very real way, you are rescuing victims of human trafficking...you are restoring their dreams...you are reforming society to end slavery forever.

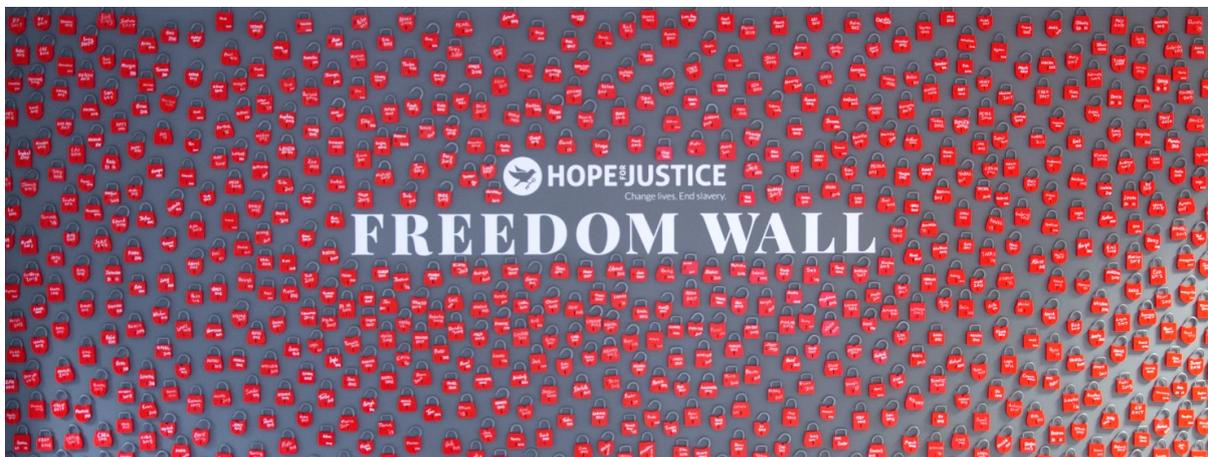
Here are some of the recent successes your giving has achieved and enabled across the United States:

An incredible rescue

We are thrilled to tell you that thanks to your regular giving, a woman who has been held in domestic servitude in the US since 1981, that's 37 YEARS, is free!

Hope for Justice investigators based out of our Tennessee Hub worked with federal law enforcement agencies to secure the rescue, having carefully built a case which led to a search warrant being issued.

The investigation is continuing, so we cannot share more in this update, but please celebrate with us that a person exploited for so long is now free at last. Thank you for being part of #UnlockingFreedom!



Every padlock on our FREEDOM WALL represents a real life rescued from trafficking by Hope for Justice!

Training

Our experts have trained nearly 500 people across the US in the last six months, including more than 150 law enforcement officers.

We have also just agreed to train everyone employed by Shelby County Sheriff's Office, the law enforcement agency for a county of about 1 million people, including the city of Memphis.



Our rigorous and in-depth training sessions ensure that attendees learn to spot the signs of human trafficking and how to respond effectively. They learn the law around this barbaric crime, hear about some common misconceptions, and the various federal and state-level statutes that exist. They also learn specialist information about human trafficking in healthcare settings, and the factors that lead certain victims to be particularly vulnerable to predatory traffickers. Most importantly, people who receive our trafficking learn to take a victim-centered approach, including when a minor is identified as a victim.

We were grateful that a trucking business who took our training then agree to put our Spot the Signs information on all of their trucks. Truck stops and trucking routes are frequent targets for traffickers, so this could be of vital help.

Working with other agencies

Hope for Justice has been working closely with state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Memphis Police Department, Atlanta Police Department and many others.

This close working has helped our investigators rescue and assist in the rescue of many victims of human trafficking.

Cambodia

Thank you so much to the GUARDIANS among you who are giving to our life-changing projects in Cambodia.

In just the last few weeks, 21 girls and young women rescued from trafficking entered into our Lighthouse Assessment Center for immediate crisis intervention and medical support. Most will stay at the Lighthouse in Phnom Penh for around eight weeks, before transitioning to one of our or a partner's longer-term care programs, or being reintegrated into their family or community.

Last month, four girls from Lighthouse and two from our Dream Home residential aftercare facility were successfully reintegrated, having taken great strides on the journey to restoration.

Want to learn more about the Lighthouse? [Watch this short film](#), narrated by our Intake officer, Sovann (*pictured, right*).



We have also expanded our work in Cambodia out to Poipet, a town on the border with Thailand that is a hub for human trafficking. Having a presence there allows our specialists to undertake preventative interventions.

Hope Sunday

Many of the donors who enable our programs come from a church community, and we have seen time and again for churches can have a huge impact in the fight against human trafficking. If you are part of a church, why not see if it could host a HOPE SUNDAY, where your whole congregation can learn about human trafficking and the steps they can take to end it?

You can find out more about Hope Sunday and how your church can register its interest in hosting one at www.hopeforjustice.org/hope-sunday

Learn to Spot the Signs

We wanted to leave you with some learning points: signs to look out for in your own town. Here are some key indicators relating to sex trafficking:

- Physical or sexual violence
- Under-age
- Deception
- Abuse of vulnerability
- Intimidation and threats
- Restriction of movement
- Fear and anxiety
- Limited family/social contact

To report a concern, call 615-356-0946.
IMPORTANT: If you have reason to believe a person is in immediate danger, call 911 first.



You can download this poster to print by [clicking here](#).

We are part of the community of GUARDIANS who give what we can, month after month, because rescue is not an event, it is a process.

Thank you for everything you do in support of our work and for being part of this movement! Look out for our monthly video updates from the team, and we will be back with another in-depth report in about three months' time. Let's celebrate #UnlockingFreedom together!

The Hope for Justice GUARDIAN team