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PRAYER FOCUS
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PRAY FOR ANTI-TRAFFICKING MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

There are an estimated 40.3 million victims of trafficking worldwide. At TEAM, we thank God for opening doors to anti-trafficking ministry opportunities in various regions. For this month's Prayer Focus, we invite you to join us in praying for anti-trafficking ministries and those they serve:

1. *PRAY for global workers* to find and connect with those in need in a post-COVID climate.

In many areas, especially where prostitution is legal, it was relatively straightforward prior to the pandemic to find trafficked individuals. However, lockdown protocols drove the sex industry largely online, making it much more difficult for workers to engage with those in need.

2. *PRAY for survivors* to be freed from fear and bondage, and to stay committed to recovery.

For those seeking escape or having recently escaped from a trafficking situation, their journey is really just beginning. They often face many fears and difficult consequences of leaving. Depending on the location and situation, survivors may be putting themselves or their families in danger. Traffickers use a variety of tactics to keep their victims under control.

3. *PRAY for those serving* to have a healthy and effective mindset in ministry.

Ministering to survivors of human trafficking can be very heavy, exhausting work. Pray for God to provide trained and loving communities to walk with these traumatized survivors. Pray for discernment for workers to know the right time to speak truth in love and to share the Gospel, and when it's best to let their actions speak while the Spirit moves.

4. *PRAY for financial provision* for anti-trafficking initiatives.

Sometimes ministries find themselves in a "chicken or egg" scenario when it comes to fundraising for things like safe houses. It is difficult to raise money for a safe house that doesn't have survivors in it yet, but survivors can't be pursued and provided for until there is a place for them to go. As anti-trafficking efforts grow worldwide, we know that God is our Jehovah Jireh – our Provider.

5. *PRAY for continued collaboration* throughout the global Church.

TEAM workers are thankful to network with various organizations and individuals around the world with the common goal of bringing the light of Christ into the darkness of human trafficking. We also continually seek to equip local churches to send workers "from everywhere, to everywhere" to reach those in need of the hope of the Gospel.

These prayer points were informed by conversations with TEAM global workers engaged in anti-trafficking ministries around the world. We sincerely thank them for sharing these needs and for their tireless work, day in and day out.