

Lighthouse Report, January 2022



“The light shines into darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”

John 1:5



OCTOBER

Thank you Dear friends and sponsors of Revival Fires for keeping us in your constant prayers blessings us both spiritually and financially to continue championing for survivors of Human Trafficking and At risk women and girls in Northern Part of Bengal here in India helping them ‘Step Into Light’ from Darkness Sharing God’s love fighting for those that cannot fight for themselves and becoming a voice for the voiceless.

In the Year 2021 We had experienced the supernatural provisions in all our lives guiding us in every step of the way both personally & organisationally.

We also felt an alignment with the Divine purpose of our sovereign God in our lives this year and redirecting us to Him as our source of joy , hope and strength and In this Journey we are thankful that we have both Trevor and Sharon ever present to guide and point us back to Jesus in everything we do.

Keeping God in the centre of our lives continues to bring greater favour helping us restore these marginalised, wounded and exploited women in a meaningful way. We see firsthand every single Day how these young women and girls experience the touch of the Holy Spirit blooming everyday rising like Phoenix from the ashes.

Isaiah 61:3 is a beautiful picture of what Christ can do for the mourning people of Israel and the ones hurting and wounded today just like these precious young women and girls whom God calls His warriors.

In carrying forward this calling to bring healing and transformation to these women and girls rescued from exploitative situations we examine the verse deeply and learn that Christ is the joy-giver. He gives a joy that extends beyond the surface. Christ releases us from the bondage that sorrow brings.

THANK YOU! Because YOU choose to step in the GAP. YOUR funds and financial support is a source of blessings for us to help work in collaboration with local organisations and law enforcement agencies rescue and bring lives to safety and provide spiritual assistance by showing Christ's loving care to those in need by living out the Gospel.

We have been providing the following skill training:

- Sewing and Fashion Garment Making
- Beautician course (Both short term and long term)
- Hospitality
- GDA nursing (General Duty Assistant) in collaboration with National Skill Development Training Centres
- Data Entry (in collaboration with National Skill Development Training Centre)

After completion of these skill training we help to secure a economically viable income source for these at risk women, girls and survivors.

We appreciate your prayers for us as a team here in India as we strive to be a source of inspiration and witness for these precious girls and women we choose to love and help transform daily only because God chose us as a vessel to fulfil his purpose through our lives.

We also utilise the financial gifts we receive for providing round the clock care which includes:

- Four nutritional meals Daily (Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner and Snacks /tiffin)
- Trauma Informed care and Counselling
- New set of uniforms , shoes accessories as and when required
- New set of clothes as and when needed
- Birthday and Celebration Gifts Monthly outings
- Monthly Toiletries
- Travelling expenses for going to training centre outside of our main premise
- Medical expenses as and when required
- Any other emergency expenses



NOVEMBER

Praise God !This year we have helped restore 2 survivors of Human Trafficking and 4 at risk young women who have successfully secured jobs and have completed Skill Trainings with us. This is possible because of your prayers and financial gifts which helps us continue transforming and restoring lives.

In the month of October three survivors of Human Trafficking were placed with us by the CWC (Child Welfare Committee which is the Children's court in India), Law enforcement agencies and Local organisations who help rescue survivors.

Find below **Case Stories of Two Brave Survivors** we have the honour to bless and support with your generous financial gifts (names of these survivors has been changed and faces has been concealed for Survivor confidentiality Policy):

Sold into Sex Trafficking

Anu who was tricked by a man promising a good job outside the city was spotted with her girl friends with whom she used to often hangout after school. Anu had dropped out of school due to poor grades after her parents separated which led her into seeking solace in friends outside home and family. Sad and often lonely she was enjoying the attention she was getting from this one particular young man who befriended her and gained her trust luring her to get a good paying employment out of the city.

With the hope of a better and a more thrilling future Anu left with this man not knowing that he was to sell her off into a brothel in Bihar. When she landed in the red light district of Bihar she resisted the perpetrators who held her captive. She often tried to escape failing miserably. Her mother who had already separated from her father ran from pillar to post looking for her daughter lodging a police complaint.

Anu at the Brothel continued to attend customers and one day managed to call her mother from a cell phone of a customer she was forced to attend and solicit. A local NGO in Bihar mobilised the police and conducted a rescue operation but Anu was soon transferred to another location by the perpetrators.

As an organisation we rallied in prayer for Anu being part of the Anti Human Trafficking Network in Siliguri waiting impatiently for her rescue. At an emergency hospital appointment, she found strength in her to ask for help from a senior nurse who made an unanimous call to her mother for help.

Soon with the help of the local police she was rescued and brought to safety and freedom.

After few days of being in the Government shelter home she was released back to her mother. And soon on the special request of the Child Welfare Committee Chairperson she was referred to us providing safe shelter at our centre in India.

We rejoice that we get to stand with this brave young woman supporting her towards wholeness and absolute freedom rooted in Christ Alone. Anu's story of bravery will inspire many women still held in captivity, sex trade and sex trafficking in India.

We thank each one of you who sow into our work by your generous donations to see trafficked women and girls in India brought back into Freedom and Justice.

Wounded and Exploited

Mahima a young 14 years old girl living in remote village here in India was subjected to sexual abuse by her own paternal uncle for years up until she was 16 years of age. This act of utter violation of Justice and Dignity took place soon after Mahima lost her parents. Her father died to excessive drinking. Her mother was a victim of domestic violence due to her father's alcoholism. One day the Mother couldn't take the abuse subjected to her any longer and committed suicide leaving behind her daughter Mahima to live with her grandmother and relatives.

Growing up in a dysfunctional family Mahima always craved for love, affection and attention. Losing both her parents at such a young age made her even more vulnerable. She only had her grandmother to hold on to for safety and protection. When her grandmother went to work in the fields her youngest uncle (who was married with two children) started grooming Mahima showering her with his extra love, attention and affection and nobody amongst her relatives doubted his intentions nor suspected his behaviour to be inappropriate.

Mahima's uncle gained her full confidence, and threatened her not tell a soul in the village. When Mahima confided to a friend at school she gave her the courage to speak to a teacher who helped file a case of child sexual abuse holding the uncle accountable.

We have had the honour to counsel Mahima right after her placement at a Government shelter home and now she has been placed at our intimate care after reference from the Child Welfare Committee Chairperson.

We praise God that over the years we have had such divine favour from the local law enforcement agencies to bring justice and restoration to these young survivors who we truly believe need Jesus as their healer and redeemer.

If you want to stand with us in bringing young girls like Anu and Mahima to step into light, wounded from the brokenness and darkness in this world kindly send in your request to Revival Fires who have relentlessly supported us in our every endeavour to see lives transform and shine in the Lord.

Do continue to pray for these newly placed survivors whom we are passionate to bring back into healing and wholeness rooted in Christ Jesus.

This year as a team we have rallied in prayer for specific needs of these survivors and we request you to do the same because we have seen and witnessed the power of Prayer. We strongly believe Prayer can unlock heaven's gates and pour out answers to our every prayers.



We urge you to join with us to pray for the following needs as we work as in the ground:

1. Pray for hostile survivors who we counsel to cope with the trauma of being in sex trade and exploitation in the past.
2. Pray for divine wisdom and discernment for us as a team to guide and support these women and girls in the right possible way rooted in Christ.
3. Pray for safety and protection over all these precious girls and women placed with us.
4. Pray for Good health for us a team and all the Light House family
5. Pray for Holy Spirit to stir up the hearts of these survivors for the Lord.
6. Pray for preparation of our hearts as a team and a family for stepping into the new season of anointing and Godly wisdom in the new year.
7. Prayer of Gratitude for every favour for the year 2021.
8. Pray for one survivor of human trafficking placed with us for settling in well and connect
9. with other girls and us quickly so we can guide her in the restoration process.
10. Pray for all many young girls and women , children still trapped in the vicious cycle of slavery, bonded labour and commercial sexual exploitation here in India.
11. PRAISE GOD! Two of our survivors of Human Trafficking have shared that they are ready to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

DECEMBER

This year has been a tough year for many of us, but We continue to rejoice and have been touched by all prayers and support that so many of you sent to us and our ministry here in India. Each and every one of your support and financial gifts provides that sparkle of hope...an answer to prayers for survivors and at risk women and girls in need.

These young women we have the opportunity to help, protect, care and counsel were either on the verge of losing everything or have lost everything in life. It is heartbreaking and very terrifying for young girls who are living through nightmares of the past traumatic events. Therefore we try our best to make Christmas season a meaningful time for these wounded and exploited women to experience what it means to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

As we have helped usher these women and girls through pre Christmas festivities with Living Hope often we had to counsel some of them who keep re-experiencing the post traumatic stress reliving the horrific tales of pain they have been through but we are so grateful to Yahweh for giving us the wisdom to remind these women that Christmas is not only about being full of Christmas cheer but Instead, Christmas is actually about our salvation.

It celebrates the fact that God became man in order “to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). The whole purpose of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago was to save us from sin and death and bring us to the day when “he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more” (Revelation 21:4).

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

Because of Your help, LIGHT HOUSE an Anti Human Trafficking Initiative here in India have reached 50 at risk women & girls and 23 survivors of Human Trafficking, Commercial Sexual exploitation, Incest and Rape since the last 5 years.

With your help, we provide personal care, protection, restoration rooted in Jesus Christ. With your help, we provide skill training to economically empower these young survivors to live a life of freedom and dignity stepping in Light finding Healing and Wholeness.

More than anything else, we want to continue to bring HOPE to these survivors of Human Trafficking and At risk girls and women in need by providing a safe environment to thrive. You can make a difference!

We want YOU to know that your steadfast support is helping wounded and exploited women right here in India.

Personal Testimony Of Smarin Moumita Khati - a Breast cancer thriver and a warrior in Jesus spearheading our Anti Human Trafficking Project in India:

I had many plans in the year 2021 to travel to take a break from work in December to travel to Mumbai for my follow up check to consult a gynaecologist to explore possibilities to conceive , to adopt so many plans but I heard the Lord clearly point me to a roadblock everytime I wanted to lean on my understanding on my world wisdom redirecting me to God’s divine plans for my life.

I had the most blessed Birthday morning where an incredible bunch of Passionate City Leaders prayed over my life, another Women leader prophesied leaving me overwhelmed at the Best Gift to end the Year.

I am grateful that I had so many instances of supernatural encounter with our living God promising 'Living Hope 'I heard the Lord say the words " Redirect" "Align" and "Access" preparation for the year 2022 with keeping our sovereign God in the centre of everything we strive to do through our ministry here in India.

Thank you prayer partners and friends for your financial gifts standing with us as we are engaged in the fight to combat human trafficking in this part of India urging you to pray for God's blessings upon our efforts ,support from our local communities and unity among us as a team.

Best regards,

Moumita

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