

Anti-Human Trafficking

Outreach – Prevention – Restoration - Partnership Proposal Lana Packer

We believe that Churches and Military Chapels are an integral part of breaking the chains of slavery worldwide. Kainos-eV is a ministry that began in the hearts of several Christians upon realizing that people from over 50 nations were trafficked to Stuttgart, Germany, including the Middle East, India,

Asia, the American's, Eastern and Western Europe, and beyond.

When faced with this fact, we began with a time of intensive prayer and seeking the guidance and wisdom from our International Christian family.

What does Kainos mean?

Isaiah 61:1-3

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim 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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor." (NIV)

Matt 23:23

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former." (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it!" (The Message) "Kainos" in the original Greek, pronounced 'Kahee-nos,' means "complete newness." We chose this name as it embodies our hope and prayers for the women coming out of sexual trafficking. We believe that in Christ they can begin a New Life, finding hope in God who can renew them from the inside out.

A Responsible Organization: An important characteristic of Kainos has been an effort to treat the matter of human trafficking responsibly, caring for the whole person. Trafficked people have emotional, social, physical, as well as spiritual needs.

Kainos' Mission Statement

To reach and restore victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, and to seek to end it by:

Justice through advocacy

Prevention through education

Hope through relationships

A new beginning in a safe environment

The Vision of Kainos

That freedom would be available to all that are forced into prostitution or trafficked into sexual exploitation. A new life with hope and connected with a new community!

The Church is called by Christ to bring the transformative news of God's redeeming justice to this broken world

The Global Problem

At its most basic definition, human trafficking is the buying and selling of people. It exists across continents and is facilitated through a variety of ways, but ultimately, human trafficking is a financial industry that profits from the exploitation of people.

Human trafficking has been described as modern-day slavery.

Slavery of the past, as immoral and unethical as it was, was often a legal practice, but today, human trafficking is a criminal activity. Slavery in the past would exploit only specific groups of people, while today, anyone can be a human trafficking victim regardless of ethnicity, nationality, gender, age, or economic status. Human trafficking is now facilitated across the globe online and through social media.

Traffickers often use manipulative affection, coupled with threats, as control methods, and it is common that those victimized might not even identify themselves as victims. Human trafficking is an incredible complex issued based on dozens of contributing factors.

First, human trafficking is fueled by a high financial reward with low risk dynamic. This means that traffickers can expect to make a lot of money with minimal fear of punishment. It is the second most profitable illegal industry - second only to the drug trade. And while drugs are sold in one transaction, human beings can be sold over and over again. The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that profits from human trafficking and forced labor are a \$150 billion annually.1 Even though many of the people trafficked are underage The Trafficking in Persons Report2 describes a shockingly low prosecution rate.

Secondly, human trafficking is fueled by the economic principles of supply and demand. This is an industry where people from affluent nations, through their patronage of brothels, are supplying the demand for the sale and abuse of people.

Lastly, there are systemic inequalities that make certain groups of people much more vulnerable to exploitation. Country conflict, poverty, lack of access to education and job opportunities, sexual abuse, "latchkey" children, are just a few. Ultimately, harmful social norms and inequity fuel trafficking because traffickers target vulnerability.

It is widely acknowledged that accurately measuring modern sexual slavery is a difficult undertaking. The primary sources I have used are: Global Slavery Index, Walk Free Foundation, Trafficking in Persons Report, and the International Labor Organization. Their methodology combined survey research involving face-to-face interviews and official government records with more than 71,000 people in 53 languages.

The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million people are in modern slavery³

- 81% of them are trapped in forced labor
- 25% of them are children
- 75% are women and girls
- This means there are 5.4 victims of modern slavery for every 1,000 people in the world.
- The ILO estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry worldwide.⁴
- The Global Slavery Index Report: Link to find the estimated numbers in your country
- Slavery is a violent Crime.
- Slavery is prevalent across the world (Global Slavery index, 2016)⁵

- 1: http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/forced-labour/lang-en/index.htm
- 2: https://www.state.gov/reports/2018-trafficking-in-persons-report/
- 3: http://www.ilo.org/ global/topics/forced-labour/ lang--en/index.htm
- 4: http://www.ilo.org/ global/about-the-ilo/ newsroom/news/ WCMS_243201/lang--en/ index.htm
- 5: https://www. globalslaveryindex. org/2018/findings/ executive-summary/

The Problem in Germany

People think Amsterdam is the prostitution capital of Europe, but Germany has more prostitutes per capita than any other country on the Continent and also more than Thailand: 400,000 at the last count, serving 1.2 million men every day.⁶ Those figures were released a decade ago, soon after Germany made buying sex, selling sex, pimping and brothel-keeping legal in 2002. Two years later, prostitution in Germany was thought to be worth 6 billion euros – roughly the same as Porsche or Adidas that year. This figure is now estimated to be 15 billion euros.⁷

- There are 100,000s of victims of Human Trafficking throughout Europe.8
- There are 400,000 in legal prostitution in Germany,⁹ making Germany both a transit country and a destination country for women being trafficked for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation.
- Victims are trafficked to Germany from other parts of Europe, Africa, Asia, Middle East, and Western Hemisphere.¹⁰
- Europe has the highest "per capita" concentration of "Sex slaves" in the world. 11
- Stuttgart, Germany is one of Europe's hottest destinations for sex tourism.¹²

Kainos Beginning - June 2014

What has been done through the local church and volunteers

In 2014 we assembled 30 men and women from International Baptist Church meeting weekly to pray together for 1 year.

- We resolved to start with research of our community. We found out at that time there were no Christ-centered ministries or groups with a Christian perspective addressing this problem in Stuttgart.
- We completed an 80-page demographics study of the nation of Germany, our state of Baden Wuerttemberg, and the greater urban area of Stuttgart itself. We were shocked that Stuttgart, Germany was a sex-tourism hotspot.

We realized that this was a BIG and COMPLEX problem and required a multi-faceted solution.

Our initial desire was for each trafficked person to experience Restoration – with God's hope and a future and freedom. We knew this had many implications such as their legal status, the job availability, as well as training, counseling, and discipleship. This is still our belief that God wants ever-

yone to know Him and to live in freedom!

Our initial focus was two-fold: on Outreach – going into the brothels, and on Prevention – going into the schools and workplaces and churches.

Praying and meeting as a team on a regular basis we began to legally establish the ministry organization: assemble a core team, write a constitution, prepare a vision for the ministry, and identify the "next steps." Brochures and Policies and Procedures were written and the organization was legally founded.

That same year we established a non-profit organization in Germany (Kainos-eV) to partner with the 501c3 nonprofit in the United States (Growth Points).

We set up a Board of Directors whose members had expertise in religion, legal matters, business, and finance. This Board was one of our best decisions and has been a guiding influence.

We set up a physical office graciously offered by International Baptist Church in Stuttgart, Germany.

- 6. Hydra e V
- 7: Statistisches Bundesamt
- 8: Europol 2008
- 9: Hydra e.V.
- 10: Europol 2008
- 11: Siddahrt Kara erklärt, 2008
- 12: https://en.wikipedia.org/ wiki/Prostitution_statistics_ bv_country

From 2015 Onward:

From our beginning we have focused on four priorities: Outreach into Brothels, Prevention, Restoration, Communication.

Outreach into Brothels:

In a Stuttgart brothel, one frail, tiny woman told me her story. Sadly she was just one of many, each with a story to tell, hidden in plain sight. She must earn enough each day to pay rent of 140€ per night to live in her dirty, bodily fluid stained, smoke filled, windowless little room. No shower, no stove, just a bed. She is here every day and night of the week. She pays for her room rent, electricity, toilet paper, and, of course, she pays her pimp. This leaves her with just a little change for fruit - she told me her favorite is grapefruit – and some dry food she can keep in her room. Additional money she uses for alcohol and drugs - enough to help her cope with the daily emptiness and loneliness which engulfs her life from second she awakes.

She comes closer and says in her native tongue, "I'm here every day – if you want to come see me – I am always here, day and night, if you want to come see me, I am here." Then she looks deep into my eyes with the saddest eyes I have ever seen, and she asks, "Why do you come to this place?"

I tell her about why I come, and there is a pause, and then she scans her surroundings, looks up into the corner of her room. A camera? Is someone watching? Is someone listening? And then she asks ever so softly, "Why didn't you come sooner?" She says no more, she takes a step back into the dark shadow of her room, head down she becomes still and quiet. She is too scared.

Kainos Outreach teams work in 5 different cities in Germany.

- We train our teams, equip, and provide member care for all team members
- We are reaching with meaningful conversations 460 to 640 women every month.

- Women come from over 50 different countries.
- International teams reaching International Women
- We seek to build trust by consistency in the individuals who come and in how they do their ministry.
- Teams are initially admitted into the brothel by the "gatekeeper" because of the gifts they bring. Teams are trained how to handle this exchange.
- It could be assumed that women find it unpleasant to meet us at their workplace. But even women who initially react cautiously and skeptically are very grateful for "normal" contact. In prostitution they experience daily how men recklessly judge them and reduce them to their external characteristics and sexual offers. This degradation and reduction to their physical service over a long period of time causes women to consider themselves unworthy, to underestimate themselves and to destroy any self-esteem. Therefore, a "normal" conversation in this context means a lot, an open ear that listens with interest and eyes that do not judge but accept. Many women are very moved that the Kainos volunteers are there for them and are interested in them.
- Not in every brothel is it possible to get in contact with the women undisturbed. In many locations cameras are installed or the encounters are controlled. One consequence of this is that offers of help cannot be communicated openly and are only offered with extreme caution. This is why we train our workers and volunteers not only in how to behave empathetically and appreciatively, but also in correctly assessing conversational situations in order not to endanger women.

If the situation allows, the women are given a telephone number where they can contact Kainos at any time. It is also possible to make an appointment for consultation at a protected location.

Prevention:

Since demand influences supply, Kainos believes that the situation in prostitution can only be substantively changed if Germany offers services to help women leave prostitution, and if the demand in the country decreases in a significant way. In order to interrupt the vicious cycle of supply and demand, we have teams providing education to churches, schools and businesses in both German and English. We have had a Gala where a member of the German Parliament was the speaker. In German, we have a partnership with an organization that has a curriculum to go into the schools teaching what love without force is and isn't.

We are in the process of adopting an English curriculum for the schools.

Restoration: Safe House, Learning Center, & Job Center

The New Life House and Learning Center seek to provide the resources and tools necessary to help women process their trauma, attain language, job and life skills, in order to start a new life that is free to hope and to live freely financially, socially, independently, and in connection with a faith community.

Made for Humanity (MfH) has partnered with Kainos offering the women who come into our home job training. This is a huge turning point in the recovery process. MfH offers a safe environment where the women can learn how to conduct themselves socially in the work space. They are given the opportunity to learn a new skill, with a quick return, this will foster pride and give hope.

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The Human Face of Trafficking:

What Your Church Needs to Know

Alexandra, a young girl from a fractured and broken home, sexually molested at a young age, was 14 years old when her "boyfriend" first asked her to perform sex acts on camera for strangers. He was in his early twenties and seemed like he cared for her. He had actually been preparing her, "grooming" her for this from the moment he met her. He noticed a weakness in her, an insecurity, an inward search for a caring man in her life. At first he charmed her, told her how beautiful she was, gave her gifts, and seemed to provide what was missing in her life. She felt a false security in the attention of this "lover boy" who was merely using her for himself. Alexandra was desperate for acceptance and approval, and said, "Yes," but just once. Once became twice, and twice became many, and many became often. Before long her "boyfriend" began giving her addictive drugs, making her more dependent on him, and she was taken from location to location for sex with strangers. She began to object, and then her "relationship" turned violent, with beatings and threats to her family, to her young nieces, to get them in the business, too, if he didn't cooperate. Alexandra was trapped and the drugs and alcohol at least seemed to deaden the pain for a while, but actually they just drew her deeper into the web of sexual trafficking.

Alexandra's story is just one of thousands of stories we have heard.

So what will it really take to combat sex trafficking, and how can the church lead the way?

- 1. See sex workers as victims When the or travel documents woman caught in the act of adultery was dragged before Jesus, most people saw her nakedness and sin and rushed to condemn. Jesus, however, saw a woman who needed rescuing. Yes, she had sinned, but what she needed first was to be told "I don't condemn you."
- 2. Contribute to a cause your church in partnership with Kainos. There are many great organizations, many founded by Christians, dedicated to the cause of eradicating sex trafficking. Kainos is one of those and we invite those interested to become partners with us in addressing this issue.
- 3. Learn about your community The problem is closer to you and your church than you think. For some churches, the "far away" problem of sex trafficking is silently happening in their own neighborhoods. Brothels can masquerade as massage parlors just down the street from your child's school. This process of education could be the most important action step to take, because as more Christians prayerfully learn about the problem, God is mobilizing them to take action.
- 4. Get informed Kainos is a great place to start. The Department of State's Trafficking in Persons report (PDF) was also just released and includes a good deal of vital information, photographs and stories to contextualize the issue. Both Polaris and this report include localized information and key warning signs.
- 5. Know the warning signs. Be aware of the common red flags that can make someone susceptible to being trafficked.
- In adults, look for:
- Evidence that they are being controlled by someone
- Someone, usually a man around 30 years old, who will not let them out of his sight
- The inability to move to a new place or leave a particular job
- A reluctance to speak on their own behalf
- Lack of control over their identification

- Someone who engages in prostitution or lives in a brothel
- Someone who is sexually exploited and working in massage parlors, pornography or strip clubs

In young people (under 18), look for:

- Homelessness
- Lies about their age
- A "dating" relationship with an older man
- A brand or tattoo with a man's name or "Daddy"
- Evidence that they have hotel room keys or excessive amounts of money or jewelry Signs of physical abuse, malnutrition, stunted growth, substance abuse, fear and/or depression
- Always busy from 3:00-11:00 p.m. Seek to get help or, when in doubt, get in contact with an anti-trafficking service in your area.
- 6. Give your church a vision for the world. We live in a big and very complex world where there's a lot going on that we're not aware of or that we don't guite understand. Most of us also recognize that God desires his people to pray for his will to be done, and his kingdom to come, on earth as it is in heaven. Praying for the World is a resource that can take you and your church on a journey of exploration of how God is working in the world. Pray with Kainos and if you would like specific prayer requests email at: info@kainos-ev.com.
- 7. Attend one of the Kainos Justice Schools Kainos has helped many churches start prayer groups that commit to meeting once a month to pray for global justice.
- 8. Host a Walk for Freedom. For more information on how to do this, contact us.
- 9. Host an awareness event at your church. Kainos has a viewing license of the Movie Nefarious Merchant of Souls through 2019. We can help you with all that you need to hold an awareness event in your church, your club, or anywhere. This has been very effective.

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