



THE FIGHT TO ERADICATE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

The Advancing Life® Foundation + Operation Underground Railroad

AN EVIL OF MANY NAMES

The vilest of global problems wears assorted labels, but under any name, it represents the darkest extremes of abuse



Source: The Palermo Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children

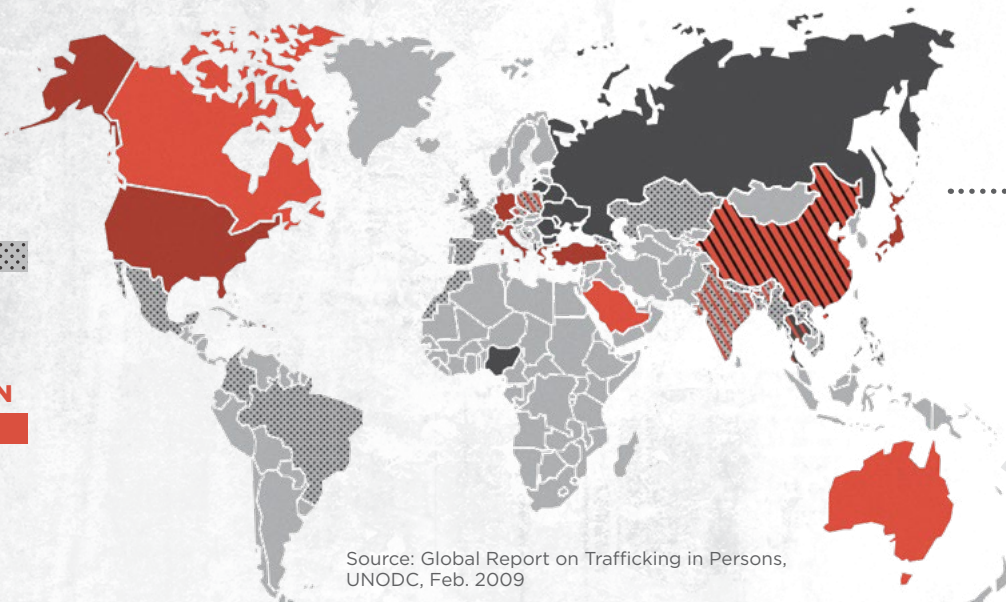
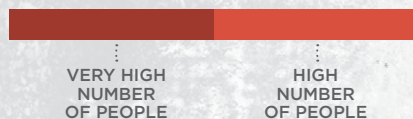
TRAFFICKING

Today's transnational slave trade is a **\$150 billion¹ industry that operates in 137 countries.²**

COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION



Source: Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, UNODC, Feb. 2009

BLACK MARKET DEMAND

Fueling the Slave Trade

Sexual Exploitation

- Statutory Rape
- Child Molestation
- Forced Prostitution
- Remote Prostitution
- Personal Interactive Sex Acts
- Pornography

Labor Exploitation

- Domestic Servitude
- Sweatshop Manufacturing
- Construction Labor
- Agricultural Work
- Mining
- Forestry & Logging

Commercial Exploitation

- Arts & Entertainment
- Armed Conflict
- Street Begging
- Peddling & Solicitation
- Organ Harvesting
- Smuggling



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Of the 20.9 million people in slavery conditions, **4.5 million** are victims of sexual exploitation.¹



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Two thirds of profits from slavery are generated by sexual exploitation, amounting to an estimated **\$99 billion** per year.¹



50%

Up to 50% of the world's sex slavery victims are under the age of 18, a number that **exceeds 2 million**.



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RESCUING THESE CHILDREN is the focus of Operation Underground Railroad, supported by donations from The Advancing Life Foundation.

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FOUNDED IN 2013

Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) provides local and international law enforcement with specialized resources for tracking and eradicating child sex trafficking:



The Many Dire Consequences of Child Sex Slavery

- Extreme Emotional Trauma + Psychological Disorders
- Childhood Pregnancy + Abortion
- Suicide
- HIV + Other STDs
- Permanent Damage to the Reproductive System
- Involvement in Violent Crime

To Be Willing to March into Hell for a Heavenly Cause

“These kids are in hell. The only way to get to those kids is you’ve got to go in there; you’ve got to willingly go in there, and not flinch while you’re there.”

—Tim Ballard, Founder/CEO, O.U.R.

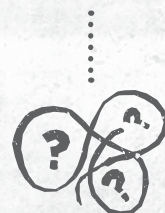
PSYCHOLOGICALLY SHACKLED

Violence, drugs, and windowless rooms are vile and visible tools of the trafficker, but they represent only the physical portion of a more **sinister psychological process** involving tactics known as **grooming** and **gaslighting**.



GROOMING

A psychological and physical process aimed at **transitioning a victim** to a dependent role. An emotionally vulnerable person is targeted and the trafficker ingratiates themselves to gain personal information which can be exploited to **build trust** and socially isolate the victim—creating sole attachment to the trafficker. Violence and manipulation are then employed to maintain physical and mental **control**.



GASLIGHTING

A form of manipulation that seeks to sow seeds of **doubt** in an individual, hoping to make them question their own memory, perception, and **sanity**. Using persistent denial, misdirection, contradiction, and lying, it attempts to **delegitimize** the target’s belief.

The term originates in the systematic psychological manipulation of a victim by the main character in the 1938 stage play *Gas Light*.

ABOLISHING SLAVERY

111 Over the past three years, O.U.R. has completed 111 **OPERATIONS**, rescuing **935 VICTIMS** on four continents and assisting in the arrests of 415 **TRAFFICKERS**.

THE 6 STEPS



AFTERCARE COMES FIRST

Before a rescue mission, we build partnerships with in-country aftercare centers. We stand united in the fight against human trafficking **and in the healing process of victims that become thriving survivors.**

—Ourrescue.org/aftercare, 2017

RISK FACTORS & PREVENTION

One of the **best ways to prevent** a child from being forced into sex slavery is to help their family access things like clean water, healthy food, education, agricultural tools and training, and livelihood programs.¹

Socio-Economic Risks

- Nearby Tourism Hub
- Abuse in the Home
- Neglect
- Lack of Family
- Migration
- Illiteracy
- Poverty + Debt

ADVANCING LIFE INITIATIVES

First-round fundraising from the ASEA Advancing Life Foundation will fund a rescue mission and support two key operational enhancements for O.U.R.



AFTERCARE FACILITIES

To enable the operation and expansion of aftercare facilities that provide young victims with a **safe haven** to heal and rehabilitate.



MISSION

To break cycles of poverty, abuse, and suffering.

VISION

To empower communities and people who face disadvantages with sustainable opportunities for education, health, and relief from natural disasters, poverty, and abuse.

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