



AB Women's Ministries National Mission Project with Global Impact

Did you know?

- Approximately 800,000 to 900,000 victims annually are trafficked across international borders worldwide.
- Between 18,000 and 20,000 of those victims are trafficked into the U.S.
- The majority of those victims are women and girls.

AB Women's Ministries is working to break the chains of sex trafficking.

- We exceeded our monetary goal to raise \$250,000 for our Break the Chains 2-year national mission project. We raised \$402,000 and awarded grants in 2008 and 2009 to new American Baptist-related ministries both nationally and internationally that are addressing the sexual exploitation of women and children. Ten percent of the received funds was used for the project's promotion and administration.
- Many individuals and groups are still raising funds for Break the Chains. Additional funds will be awarded as grants to more ministries in 2010. Contribute through your region/state AB Women's Ministries, or make donations payable to "AB Women's Ministries Break the Chains" and mail to American Baptist Women's Ministries, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.
- **Funds received during the two years of Break the Chains helped begin the following ministry projects:**
 - In **Ghana**, the Ghana Baptist Convention is giving safe care to women and children rescued from a cultural system that gives virgin daughters to witchdoctors to atone for misfortunes caused by evil spirits.
 - In **Italy**, the Woman to Woman ministry is connecting church women with immigrant women for language tutoring and outreach to women in prostitution.
 - In **Lebanon**, foreign women brought into the country to be maids and imprisoned as "illegals" are receiving care, advocacy and freedom.
 - In Sioux Falls, **South Dakota**, the BE FREE Transformation Ministries is addressing the issues of sexual exploitation in South Dakota, the U.S. and transnationally, and the Elizabeth House ministry created a how-to manual for outreach to women-at-risk, based on its shelter ministry to women in transition.
 - In **Los Angeles, California**, NightLight USA is training community members to help human trafficking victims and to organize and mobilize volunteers to do street outreach to potential victims.
 - In **Peoria, Illinois**, Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service is empowering Hispanic immigrant women to earn a respectable income through a cottage industry of jewelry-making.
 - In **Thailand**, the New Life Center in Chiang Mai was able to educate more at-risk girls and women, and provided rehabilitation services to victims of abuse and trafficking.
 - In **Costa Rica**, the Mansion of Light Baptist Church added a Family Life Center and is providing programming and a safe place for at-risk children in the community.
 - In the **Philippines**, the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches began an outreach ministry to girls who prostitute themselves in the beach communities of Iloilo.
- American Baptist organizations or individuals endeavoring to begin a ministry that helps break the chains of sex trafficking may submit grant proposals by March 31, 2010 to apply for funds set aside to encourage ministries that emerge in 2009 and beyond. Criteria and application forms are posted at www.abwmbreakthechains.org

Get involved and help make a difference.

- Visit the Break the Chains website at www.abwmbreakthechains.org to learn more about the realities of human trafficking, the mission project, and how *you* can make a difference.



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