

Human Trafficking Awareness Day – January 11, 2010
Ideas to bring awareness to your church and community
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1. Plan a worship service with a human trafficking theme.
2. Plan a community awareness event in your community. Speaker ideas: local coordinator of a human trafficking awareness organization, police department, Salvation Army.
3. Host a Human Trafficking Mission Fair for American Baptist churches or local churches in your community. Invite local organizations to have a table and display; make displays on each of the Break the Chains grant recipients—email them for flyers and up-to-date information to share on their ministry; have a speaker; have a dinner with a free-will offering to benefit a human trafficking abolitionist group or outreach to trafficking survivors or other related organization.
4. Ask your local library to have a display in the month of January on books in their library on the issue of human trafficking. Make a display board to place with the book display.
5. Write letters to the editor to your local newspaper on the issue or write a guest commentary on the issue for the paper.
6. Have an awareness/fundraiser event to support a local human trafficking abolitionist or outreach organization.
7. Invite women in your community to a Human Trafficking Awareness Breakfast with a speaker.
8. Hold a book discussion using a book on the issue of human trafficking. [Redeeming Love](#) by Francine Rivers is a great book for this. You might want to do this in conjunction with your local library.
9. Use one of the many “*Real Women, Real Leaders*” podcast series produced by American Baptist Women’s Ministries that have discussed the issue of human trafficking. You could plan this with a group of women once a week for the month of January using one episode each week or as a one-time event with a time of prayer after listening to each podcast.
10. Movie Night—Show one of the recommended movies on the “Break the Chains” website (www.abwmbreakthechains.org) and have a discussion afterwards.
11. Prayer Walk/Candlelight Vigil—Plan a prayer walk in your community bringing awareness that human trafficking happens in every community. End at your town center or a church with candles and a time of prayer.
12. Make a traveling mural focusing on victims of human trafficking. (This is a great way to get your youth involved.) Begin in your church and arrange for it to be on display at a different church, the public library, or town hall in your community each week through January. It could also be accompanied by an informational display on the issue.
13. Plan a brown-bag lunch time discussion at your workplace, sharing with your colleagues about the issue of human trafficking.
14. Decorate the outside of your church with lights, purple ribbons, and a human trafficking banner so that your church will be a beacon of light on this issue in the month of January.