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**INTERNATIONAL
JUSTICE MISSION**

2017 MID-YEAR REPORT

**650 SURVIVORS OF
SLAVERY FIND HOPE FOR
THE FUTURE**

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Dear Friend,

As I look back and reflect on all we've accomplished over the last six months, I can't help but stand in awe of the progress we've made. The tide is turning in our favor, and we are moving closer to our goal of justice for all.

What's more - the world is moving with us. You can see it in our work with local authorities in the Philippines to combat cybersex trafficking of children and in our ongoing collaboration with Guatemala's Attorney General Thelma Aldana to rescue victims, restrain criminals and protect other children from ever experiencing sexual abuse.

There is important work being done in the name of protecting the most vulnerable among us from violence, but it is going to take a seismic shift to get closer to freeing every man, woman and child from slavery. Although the challenge is daunting, we know this shift is possible - because you are the catalyst behind it.

Your support helped us rescue dozens of children who were forced to work in life-threatening conditions on fishing boats in Ghana. A few days later, the children were laughing and happily playing soccer. They're now free thanks to you.

**Because of you, people are moving
from powerless to powerful,
from rescued to rescuer.**

At every level of society, we're seeing that whole countries are changing. As you'll see in the stories included here, momentum is building, and with you as the driving force behind us, we're not going to stop until all are free.



SEAN B. LITTON

President, IJM





WE ARE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

WE HAVE SPENT NEARLY 20 YEARS ON THE FRONT LINES FIGHTING SOME OF THE WORST FORMS OF VIOLENCE.

We work in communities in Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Southeast Asia. Through our unique Justice System Transformation model, we help victims of violence secure justice and partner with key authorities to fix broken justice systems in the countries where we work.



RESCUE

We collaborate with local police to rescue victims from ongoing violence and bring them to safety.



RESTORE

We join with social workers to restore survivors to safety through counseling, education and skills training.



RESTRAIN

We partner with police to restrain criminals, traffickers and slave owners from hurting others.



REPAIR

We identify gaps in the systems that protect the poor, and then work with police and courts to address these challenges.

2017 VISION FUND: EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

With the partnership of entrepreneurial supporters around the world, we are seeking to meet ambitious goals by 2017 in pursuit of IJM's vision: Rescue thousands, protect millions and prove that justice for the poor is possible.

2017 VISION GOALS

3,000

VICTIMS RELIEVED
FROM INJUSTICE
ANNUALLY

500

VIOLENT CRIMINALS
RESTRAINED
ANNUALLY

10

JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM
PROJECTS TO REDUCE
VIOLENCE

We need your help to push forward with ambitious projects like these, finishing the 2017 Vision and beginning the next chapter of IJM's growth with strong momentum. Your partnership will fuel a movement that can actually end slavery in our lifetimes, protecting the global poor from violence and oppression and creating a future where they are safe, free and able to thrive.

WE WILL



ENGAGE

Engage leaders around the world across business, international development and government.



MOBILIZE

Mobilize 5,000 churches globally to seek justice in their communities and internationally.



ESTABLISH

Establish 22–25 IJM field offices around the world.



EQUIP

Equip the next generation of strong leaders in the fight for justice.



ENHANCE

Enhance IJM's organizational sustainability so we are well-positioned to achieve our goals.



2017 PROGRESS

2,795

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION RESCUED BY IJM AND IJM-TRAINED PARTNERS

75

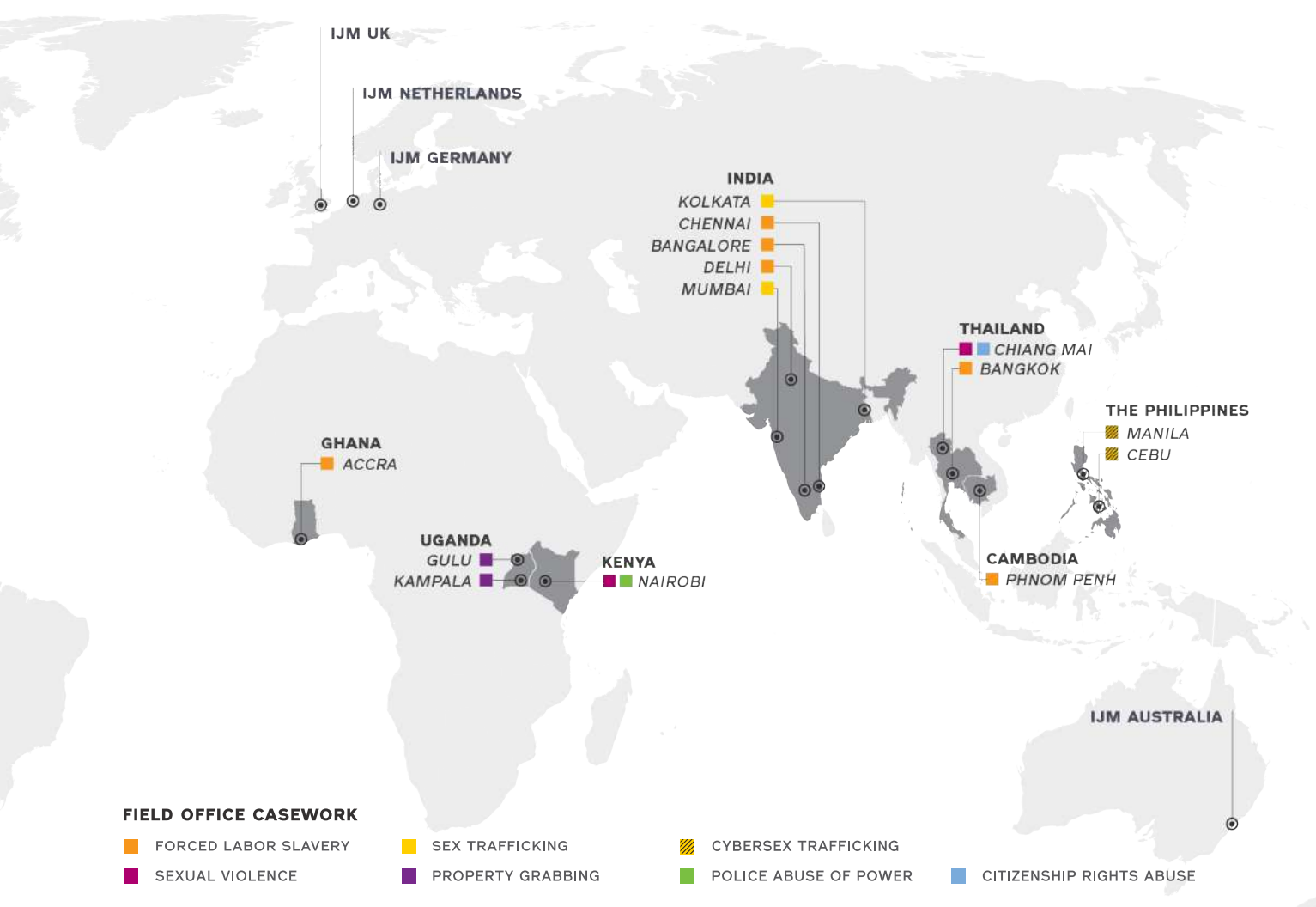
CRIMINALS RESTRAINED THROUGH COURT-ORDERED DETENTION OR CONVICTIONS

4,071

SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS CURRENTLY RECEIVING AFTERCARE

11,700+

PEOPLE TRAINED, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, JUDGES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PROSECUTORS AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS





GHANA

MULTIPLE RESCUES, INCLUDING OUR LARGEST TO DATE

More than half of the thousands of children working on Lake Volta are believed to be slaves. The majority are 10 years old or younger. Some of them can barely swim.

In January of this year, the IJM Ghana team and local authorities rescued 24 boys who had been forced to work in the fishing industry on Lake Volta. A few months later, IJM Ghana teamed

up with the Ghanaian police on the largest operation conducted together to date. This resulted in the rescue of one young adult and 30 children, including Koko*, a 6-year-old girl. Because she was the first girl rescued by our team in Ghana, a member of our staff nicknamed her “IJM Ghana’s First Lady.” She is currently being cared for in an aftercare shelter until her family is located.

These are only the first steps of a long journey, and IJM is committed to working with our partners in Ghana to restore children trafficked into the fishing industry to freedom.



I am particularly sad and worried that some of our children are going through this in our dear country...Children, undoubtedly represent the future aspirations of this country.

This, therefore, puts the onus on us to ensure that we protect, support, value, and nurture them to become responsible citizens who will help better this country...

**HER EXCELLENCY
SAMIRA BAWUMIA**
the Second Lady of Ghana



KENYA

CELEBRATING WILLIE'S LIFE ONE YEAR AFTER LOSS

Last year, for the first time in our 20-year history, a member of our staff, the late Willie Kimani, was murdered along with his client, Josephat Mwenda, and their driver, Joseph Muiruri. To commemorate their loss, we held an all-day memorial event on June 23 that started with Mass and culminated with a candlelight vigil leading up to midnight.

As we mark the 1-year anniversary of their deaths, we're grateful to report that five alleged perpetrators are now in custody and on trial for these heinous crimes. The trial will continue in the second half of July, when the victims' lawyer will cross-examine the witnesses for the prosecution. We are hopeful that justice will prevail and these men will be held accountable for their crimes.



This is a historical moment in Mukono Diocese! This partnership will facilitate our responsibility of being a voice for the voiceless and defending widows and orphans.

**JAMES SEBAGGALA
WALUSIMBI**

*Diocesan Bishop of
Mukono, Uganda*

UGANDA

IJM PARTNERS WITH THE CHURCH OF UGANDA, MUKONO DIOCESE

Located in Central Uganda, Mukono is one of the fastest growing towns in the country. Although Mukono is changing rapidly, the town continues to struggle to protect the needs of some of its most vulnerable citizens: widows and orphans.

Earlier this year, the Church of Uganda, Mukono Diocese signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IJM. This partnership will grow the church's role in serving widows that are victims of property grabbing.

Even though Uganda's constitution guarantees gender equality, people still disapprove of women inheriting property. Property grabbing is a common violent crime that sweeps widows into despair, poverty and homelessness. According to a 2013 independent IJM study, 40% of widows face property grabbing and half of them will experience extreme violence.

The church's vision of opening legal chambers is the first of its kind in the country. IJM and the Church of

Uganda, Mukono Diocese will work together to protect the rights of widows and orphans by hosting legal aid clinics and providing them with legal representation.



“The Ugandan widow was told that her children belonged to her late husband’s family, that her home and crops were no longer hers, and that she would become her brother-in-law’s third wife.”

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UGANDA

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
ARTICLE FEATURES AN
IJM CLIENT**

In February, *National Geographic* published a sobering look at the harsh realities widows face after they lose their spouses. In some countries, like the ones profiled, they are especially vulnerable to exile or abuse. For many widows, their only hope lies in the hands of the local advocates, lawyers and members of law enforcement who are fighting to protect their rights.

The article included a profile on Claire, a mother of six who was attacked, threatened and forced off her land after her husband passed away. Last year, we shared her story, including how our team helped her move into a new house and set up income-generating activities that helped her provide for her family. The in-depth exploration of her experience in the article reinforces just how vital this work is. Thanks to your generous support, we will continue to provide women like Claire the resources and legal services they need.

 bit.ly/Mag_Widows



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I want the world
to know my story...
I want women to
know that the law
will protect them.

CLAIRE TUMUSHABE
IJM Client

THAILAND

OUR NEWEST FIELD OFFICE

The shrimp on our plates are most likely imported, and in some cases may be fished by slaves. In places like Thailand, men are forced to haul in heavy nets of fish while being beaten and severely underpaid. Men, women and teens are also trapped in processing sheds, sorting fish and peeling shrimp to meet the global demand for conveniently packaged seafood that can go from freezer to skillet in minutes.

IJM is responding by opening an office in Bangkok this year to rescue these slaves. The office is in part funded by the Walmart Foundation and the U.S. Government. This public-private investment into IJM's model is the first of its kind and an innovative approach to ending slavery in a region where many global supply chains begin.





A young survivor is free after a cybersex trafficking operation. She was first abused online at age 13.



CAMBODIA **THREE CONVICTED IN THAI FISHING INDUSTRY TRAFFICKING CASE**

In May, a Siem Reap court convicted three key players in a human trafficking ring for trafficking six Cambodians into the Thai fishing industry. This is the first cross-border labor trafficking case with IJM's support to result in a conviction in Cambodia.

Through a generous grant from the USAID Counter Trafficking-in-Persons program managed by Winrock International, IJM will continue to leverage existing relationships with Cambodian law enforcement and justice system officials to combat cross-border and domestic labor trafficking, making convictions such as these possible.

PHILIPPINES **RESCUING CHILDREN FROM CYBERSEX TRAFFICKING**

In the first few months of 2017, we've rescued 29 victims, including a 2-month-old infant, from cybersex trafficking in the Philippines. All survivors are now safe in shelters and receiving care in IJM's aftercare program. The children are currently receiving trauma counseling, and the shelters are looking at ways to foster their interests.

Although there are very few organizations in the Philippines providing specialized services to survivors of cybersex trafficking, our team is committed to continuing to shape best practices. IJM is currently working to develop and lead an alliance of aftercare partners who can meet the unique needs of young children rescued from cybersex trafficking. Because of the survivors' young ages and the tendency for survivors to be rescued in sibling groups, these young boys and girls will need long-term care in a family setting versus a traditional shelter. Thanks to your support, we'll continue working with local partners to rescue and restore survivors.



BOLIVIA

IJM TEAM FACILITATES NEW JUDICIAL TRAININGS

Before IJM opened an office, courts in Bolivia issued fewer than three convictions a year for child sexual assault. But in our first ten years located in the high-altitude city of La Paz, IJM has helped secure more than 100 convictions against rapists and violent criminals.

This year, IJM Bolivia kicked off new initiatives to help local judges build their case management skills and create courtrooms that are efficient, fair and trusted. In particular, the IJM Bolivia office is working to reduce the prevalence of child sexual assault in the cities of La Paz and El Alto.

Within the past year, IJM has started system reform and assessment projects thanks to the support of two grants the office has received:

United States State Department Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Grant

IJM Bolivia invited two Canadian federal judges and one prominent courtroom administrator to share their experiences and contribute ideas for the new initiatives with judges, court administrators and representatives from the Magistrate's Council. IJM is also working closely with the Prosecutor's Office in La Paz on reform efforts.

Canadian International Development Research Centre Grant

IJM is working with external consultants to conduct a comprehensive baseline study on the performance of the public justice system in handling cases of child sexual assault.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

FIRST RESCUE OPERATION OF THE YEAR FREES TWO GIRLS

In their first rescue operation of the year, IJM Dominican Republic helped rescue two teenage girls from sexual exploitation. Authorities arrested an Italian man suspected of sexually exploiting minors to produce child pornography. He is now in police custody, and IJM will continue to support the case so he is restrained and others in the community see real consequences for preying on vulnerable children.

The two girls, 16 and 17 years old, are in IJM's aftercare program and are being cared for by social workers from IJM and the Dominican Republic's child welfare agency. The 17-year-old girl is now finishing up her first year in high school.

“One of my most precious aspirations has been that justice prevails.

Throughout my life, I have been extremely privileged to be at the service of justice.”

THELMA ALDANA

Attorney General of Guatemala



GUATEMALA

ATTORNEY GENERAL SHARES HOW IJM PROTECTS VULNERABLE CHILDREN

To Guatemalans, she is Attorney General. To IJM, she is a friend and partner in the fight for justice. And to *TIME* magazine, she is one of the world’s 100 most influential people in 2017.

Thelma Aldana has spent her career fighting to hold criminals accountable and to enforce laws fairly for all Guatemalans. In 2015, she launched a fearless investigation into government corruption that led all the way to the president—who is now in jail for his crimes.

After years of partnership, IJM was honored to have Attorney General Aldana join us as a speaker at our Global Prayer Gathering in March. She shared how her faith motivates her work, how she boldly pursues truth despite the dangers of standing up to injustice and how IJM’s partnership has helped protect some of Guatemala’s most vulnerable children.

Since IJM Guatemala began combatting sexual assault of children in 2005, we have collaborated with

local authorities like Attorney General Aldana to strengthen the capacity of the justice system to rescue victims, restrain criminals and protect other children from ever experiencing this horrific abuse. We look forward to continuing to work closely together with her in the years to come.



INDIA

SYSTEM REFORM FIGHTS SEX TRAFFICKING

Over the last few years, IJM has seen more and more local authorities waking up to the crisis of sex trafficking and working hard to combat this devastating crime. In January, IJM officially launched system reform programs in Mumbai and Kolkata to engage more deeply with local public justice systems and push for changes that will protect thousands of girls from ever being sold for sex.

The two offices will begin coordinating more often on cases of inter-state trafficking and unified justice system trainings.

India Justice System Reform Program Goals



Training Police

Police are trained to proactively and independently investigate secretive trafficking networks resulting in effective rescues of victims being exploited in private homes and apartments.



Equipping Courts

The court system is equipped to quickly and effectively convict traffickers through prosecutor training, case management and judge sensitivity training.



Creating Clinics

Once freed, trafficking victims will have access to community-level legal aid clinics for assistance.



Facilitating Sponsorships

Corporate sponsorships are created to help local businesses become involved in the fight against sex trafficking and donate improvements that will help survivors heal and learn new skills.



Establishing Child-Friendly Spaces

We work with our partners to establish child-friendly rooms at relevant government offices to ensure minors rescued from sex trafficking have a safe and comfortable place to share their testimonies and await government services.



Standardizing Care

Helping to standardized trauma-focused care at local shelter homes, including conducting trainings for counselors, caregivers, house mothers and other staff at government-run homes.



INDIA

MORE THAN 650 SURVIVORS OF BONDED LABOR FIND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Earlier this year, hundreds of excited men and women stood shoulder-to-shoulder as they eagerly awaited their induction into Released Bonded Laborer Associations (RBLAs) in their communities. From the stage, IJM staff and local officials reaffirmed in these attendees a value they'd each fought years to build: an exciting and courageous hope for the future.

Just a few years ago, these families were working grueling hours as slaves. Now, they are banding together to protect others from enduring that same fate as newly inducted members of local RBLAs.

In 2017, IJM has already hosted three induction ceremonies for more than 650 survivors. These survivors will be trained and empowered to raise awareness of bonded labor in their villages, act as community watchdogs to protect vulnerable families from traffickers, advocate with the local government and support one another in unity.

These grassroots, “rescued to rescuer” stories are what IJM hopes will take hold all across the state of Tamil Nadu to build momentum against bonded labor. These survivors now know they don't have to wait for NGOs like IJM to intervene—they are fully capable of leading the way.



We need to study and educate ourselves...We need to approach the government to get ration cards and other entitlements ourselves...I don't want this only for my family. It is important for other families to be comfortable and free as well.

RAMANA

President, Released Bonded Laborer Association, Chennai

INTERNATIONAL

THOUSANDS GATHER AROUND THE WORLD TO PRAY FOR JUSTICE

In March, more than 1,700 people gathered in Washington, D.C., to pray the words of Psalm 68—“May God Arise”—pleading for him to bring rescue to the millions of men, women and children trapped in slavery around the world.

The event, IJM’s annual Global Prayer Gathering (GPG), was a powerful time for our extended family of staff, friends and supporters to fuel the work of justice through prayer. Attendees heard first-hand from survivors of slavery in Ghana and the Philippines who are now thriving in freedom, and from IJM staff as they shared the joy and heartbreak of working on the front lines in the battle against injustice.

IJM’s partner office in Australia brought a taste of the GPG to Sydney at the Australia Prayer Gathering in March, where 130 people joined Abraham George, IJM’s Global Director of Church Partnerships, and IJM Australia staff to pray for IJM’s most urgent requests across the globe.

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Prayer moves the hand of God—Scripture tells us this, and 20 years of miracles in the field show us this.

MELISSA RUSSELL

*Senior Vice President of
Global Advancement, IJM*

ATTEND A LOCAL PRAYER GATHERING

Teams of volunteers are hosting local prayer gatherings across the U.S. At gatherings in Twin Cities, the Bay Area, Chicago and Middle Georgia, volunteers rallied their friends and networks to join the fight against slavery.

Additional prayer gatherings are being planned in Dallas, New York City, Houston, Seattle and Orange County later this year.





UNITED STATES

IJM HOLDS FIRST OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Believing that big things can happen when we come together and unite our efforts around the issues that matter to us, IJM recently launched a new volunteer program with 39 supporters representing 15 regions.

At the first official volunteer training, participants heard IJM's senior leadership cast a vision for their essential role in the work of justice, which will include

working on the local level to fuel IJM's mission. Then they got to work, swapping ideas and outlining goals for how they will rally financial resources, prayer support and advocacy momentum in their communities.

Brenda, a volunteer from the Boston area, was one of many who joined the IJM staff and her fellow volunteers at the training.



It was great to meet teams from other places, comparing notes and ideas—and, ultimately, it is a joy to know that I am using my gifts as part of something so much bigger than just me.

BRENDA B.
Boston Volunteer

IJM SHORT FILM WINS AWARDS AND INSPIRES PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION

Last year, we launched a short film based on the story of Maarko*, a survivor of cybersex trafficking in the Philippines, as part of a bigger campaign to raise awareness and funds. “SuperMaarko” brought the world’s attention to a new and horrific crime: the cybersex trafficking of children. The response to the film was overwhelming. It was viewed over 1 million times and contributed to raising over \$4 million to shut down cybersex trafficking.

In April 2017, “SuperMaarko” caught the attention of the Webby Awards, the leading international award honoring excellence on the internet. “SuperMaarko” was nominated as one of the five best public service and activism films in 2016—and, thanks to our friends and supporters

like you, won the People’s Voice Webby in its category! In addition to the Webby, “SuperMaarko” also was selected for the Brand Film Festival as a winner in the Giving Back category and was named the Best Non-profit Online Video at the Internet Advertising Awards.

Every click, every share and every donation that followed was a reminder that these stories are important. Whether online or in person, we look forward to sharing more of these stories of suffering, healing and hope in the future.



bit.ly/SuperMaarkoVideo



Events

September 18-20

GETTY MUSIC WORSHIP CONFERENCE: SING!

bit.ly/gettyconference
Nashville, TN

September 21-24

SAN FRANCISCO JUSTICE WEEKEND

events@ijm.org

September 22-24

ART MUSIC JUSTICE TOUR

bit.ly/AMJtour
Seattle, WA
San Jose and Valencia, CA

September 24

FREEDOM SUNDAY

freedomssunday@ijm.org

Last year, more than 100,000 people learned about God's heart for justice through a Freedom Sunday service at their church. This year, we're once again inviting congregations around the world to be God's hand and feet in the fight to end slavery.

October 20-22

NORTHSTAR STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

bit.ly/IJMnorthstar
Washington, D.C.

October 23-24

IJM ADVOCACY SUMMIT

bit.ly/2017AdvocacySummit
Washington, D.C.



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INTERNATIONAL

GARY HAUGEN AND IJM HIGHLIGHTED AT ANNUAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

In June, Gary Haugen joined Senator Bob Corker and Ashton Kutcher, actor and co-founder of Thorn, on a panel at the Rotary International Convention to discuss how to effectively fight modern day slavery. They spoke about the scale and global nature of slavery, how it now uses the internet to thrive and about the End Modern Slavery Initiative, which authorized the U.S. Government to dedicate increased resources to combat slavery. Rebecca

Bender, an American domestic sex trafficking survivor, also shared her story and how her organization is helping to build a movement to stop trafficking in the U.S. and across the globe. Roughly 7,000 people also attended the Power of One candlelight vigil in Centennial Olympic Park. The vigil highlighted IJM's work and the difference Rotarians could make by stepping to the fight against slavery.



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INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors and strengthen justice systems.

Highlighted as one of 10 non-profits "making a difference" by *U.S. News and World Report*, IJM's effective model has been recognized by the U.S. State Department, the World Economic Forum and leaders around the globe, as well as featured by *Foreign Affairs*, *Forbes*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *The Times of India*, *The Phnom Penh Post*, National Public Radio and CNN, among many other outlets.

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