

YOUR GUIDE TO HOSTING A RESCUE PARTY



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BELIEVE IN A FUTURE WITHOUT SLAVERY AND VIOLENCE.

That future begins **today.**

Rescue begins with **you.**

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Friend,

It started in a living room. I remember gathering with a few close friends, sitting on very ordinary couches, sharing an impossible vision. It was there—through the generosity of friends—that this dream became reality. I couldn't have imagined the miracles we'd see in the twenty years since. This is how I've come to believe God moves: one single person, an act of courage and the generosity of others.

Every day, our International Justice Mission lawyers, investigators, social workers and staff around the world face the realities of slavery and unspeakable violence. They stand on the frontlines, bringing rescue, restoring freedom for women like Joy and partnering with local governments to transform the very systems that oppress. This is possible because of the generosity of Freedom Partners and friends.

As we look ahead, I want to extend you this simple invitation: like me, would you open your living room and invite others to the fight? With your help, I believe we will see an end to slavery in our lifetime.

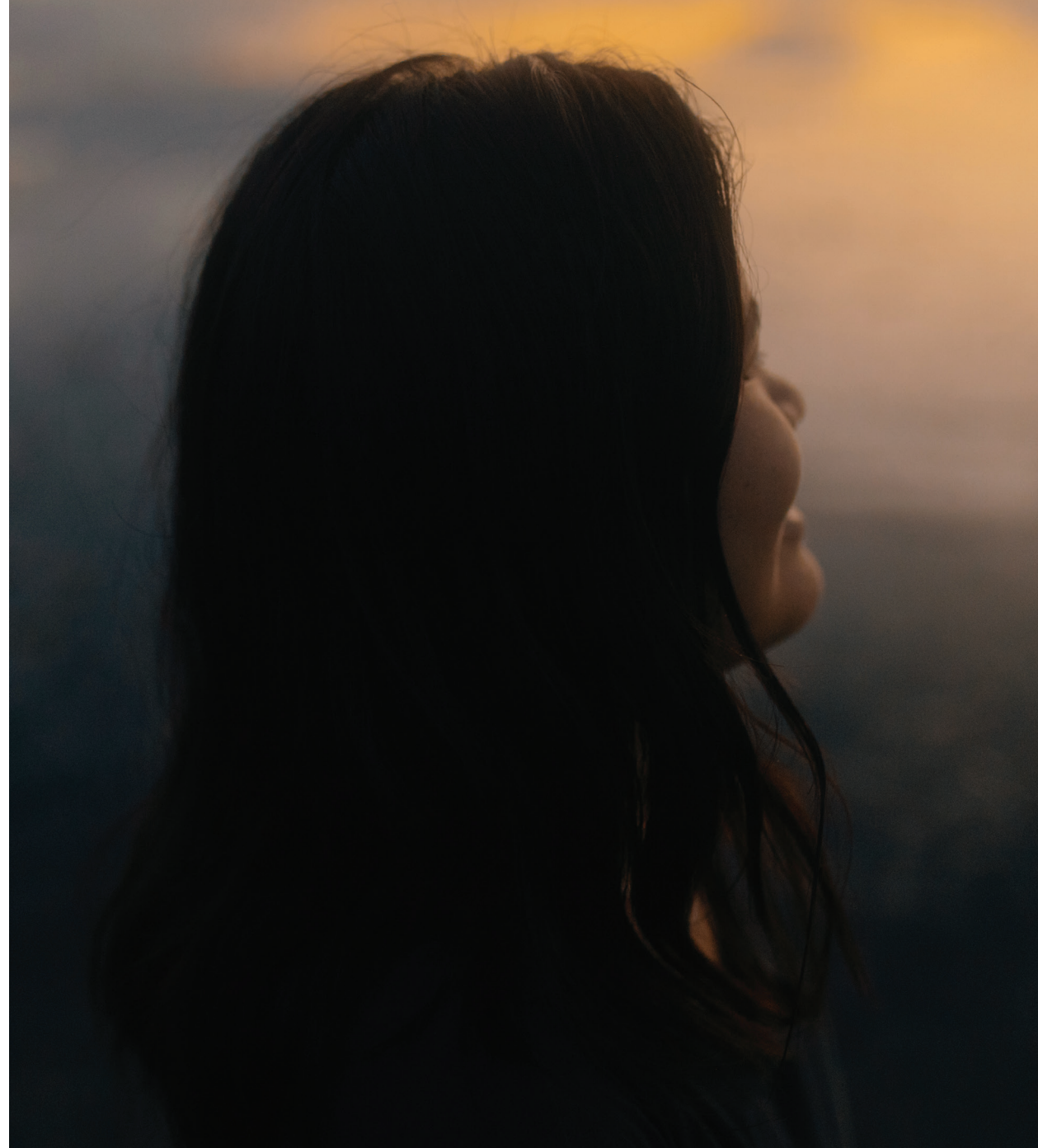
It begins with you. It begins with all of us.

Until all are free,



Gary Haugen

Founder and Chief Executive Officer,
International Justice Mission



SLAVERY TODAY

A lot of people think that slavery ended in the 1800s. Yet today, there are more than 40 million women, children and men around the world in slavery. They're beaten, starved, abused and worked to the bone by slaveowners who value money more than human life. Slavery is a multibillion-dollar industry, preying on the poor and vulnerable.

Today, girls are abused in brothels, boys are enslaved on fishing boats, and entire families are trapped in brick kilns and rice mills. And there is a new form of slavery on the rise: the cybersex trafficking of children.

Unlike other forms of trafficking, it allows pedophiles to abuse children from anywhere in the world. All they need is to connect to the internet, wire a small sum of money, and watch on their screen at home.

12 YEARS OLD

Half of the cybersex trafficking victims we've helped rescue have been 12 years old and younger.

80%

The percentage of IJM-supported cases that involved perpetrators who are known to the victims—almost half are parents.

2600+

The average number of cybersex trafficking case referrals the Philippines received a month from the U.S. alone in 2015.

You can help us end this type of slavery, for good.

WHAT IS A RESCUE PARTY?

The road to ending slavery starts with you and your living room. Throw a Rescue Party! Your Rescue Party is a simple way to bring your friends and community into the fight to end slavery with you. Through the power of film, you will share Joy's story and give your friends the opportunity to take meaningful action—becoming a Freedom Partner. What matters most is your enthusiasm and willingness to open your living room to make a lasting impact on lives around the world.

THE MOVEMENT



Joy was one of thousands of children in the Philippines trapped in the cruelty of cybersex trafficking. Joy grew up moving from home to home, passed among various family members until she landed in the hands of her “boss,” who began exploiting her for money when she was 10. For years, Joy dreamed of a brighter future away from her horrible reality of abuse.

In 2013, IJM's team in Cebu worked with Philippine law enforcement to arrest Joy's

abuser and rescue 16 survivors, including Joy. That's when the work of restoration in Joy's life began.

In her aftercare home, Joy found the love and support she needed to heal, move forward in strength and grow in confidence. Joy is now a champion for survivors and has begun to share her story with children, young adults and audiences around the world.

TWO WOMEN ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE WORLD

When Brenda Birmann first heard about IJM in 1998, she knew she had to do something to fight for the poor and oppressed—but what? Brenda was a graduate school student who didn't feel called to law, social work or political advocacy, but deeply wanted to join the fight. Feeling as though it was all she could offer, Brenda took a step to pray with IJM. She also began supporting IJM financially, ultimately becoming a monthly donor as a Freedom Partner.

She said, “It is a joy knowing the money you contribute, even what might feel like a small amount, can do so much...To be personally part of supporting the work to free people from horrible situations and to help them live thriving lives as God intended.”



Brenda is now leading her community as an Advocacy Coordinator on the IJM Boston Volunteer Team, building the movement in her city and inviting others to join this fight.

What began as a surrendered decision 20 years ago has evolved into leadership in the movement to end slavery. Because of faithful partners like Brenda, together we've brought rescue and restoration to thousands of survivors of slavery and violence—survivors like Joy.

HOSTING A GREAT RESCUE PARTY

1 Choose your location, date and time.

You don't need a big space to have a big impact. Whether you're hosting a Rescue Party in your living room, your local church or a movie theater, pick any venue where you can screen a film and create a welcoming space.

2 Get the word out.

Invite your best people, your small group or your whole community! You get to choose the size. You can send invitations through text message, email or any online event tool.

3 Prepare for your Rescue Party.

Our team is here to help. Connect with a Rescue Party coach who will provide you support to make your event a success! Set a Freedom Partner goal for your Party and utilize party planning resources like the Planning Checklist.

You'll find an array of added resources, including video tutorials on how to best invite your friends and family to join you in this movement and tips for executing a successful Rescue Party in our digital resource kit at IJM.org/rescueparty.

4 Let us know how it goes.

Within 3 days of your Rescue Party, be sure to mail us any completed Freedom Partner giving forms, along with your Host Debrief form and sign-in sheet.

And don't forget to share your party highlights on social media using the [#RescueParty](https://twitter.com/RescueParty) hashtag! Share photos and video from your Party to inspire others, and follow along as others do the same

YOUR TOOLKIT



Film

Joy's story of rescue and her work to bring rescue to others will play a powerful role in inspiring your friends to do the same.



1:1 Coaching Call

We'll provide you a Rescue Party coach to support you in hosting your event.



Rescue Party Resources

Download helpful party planning resources and stream the film before your party at IJM.org/rescueparty.

Everything you need to host a great event is included in your Rescue Party Toolkit. Watch and download the film at IJM.org/rescueparty.

RESCUE PARTY PROGRAM FLOW

Every party will be unique and that's what makes this movement strong. Here's an example flow for a successful event:

Before the event: Review the Invitation to Give video and resources on [IJM.org/rescueparty](https://ijm.org/rescueparty). Take a moment to reflect on your story and why you believe in an end to slavery. Let your Rescue Party Coach know if you have any questions.

30 MINS

Guests arrive, mingle, and enjoy food and drinks.

- Encourage every guest to sign in (tear out your sign-in sheet inside this magazine), introduce themselves and make a name tag.

5 MINS

Welcome & Introduction.

- Thank everyone for coming and invite them to take a seat.
- Express why you wanted to host a Rescue Party.
- Share what's to come (the film and an opportunity to give to the movement financially, sending rescue and making an end to slavery possible in our lifetime).

15 MINS

Film Screening

5 MINS

Invitation to Give

- Give each person a Freedom Partner giving form.
- Share your vision for the evening, your Rescue Party goal, and invite them to consider partnering with IJM's work.
- Let guests know they can respond in two ways:
 - In person: Filling out the Freedom Partner Giving Form (they can take home the left side!)
 - Give online: [IJM.org/sendrescue](https://ijm.org/sendrescue)

5 MINS

Response Time

- Allow a few minutes for your guests to consider the invitation to become a Freedom Partner. You can play light music or let them consider the opportunity in silence. Either way—don't rush past this time. **It's the most important!**

2 MINS

Collect forms, thank everyone for joining and invite them to mingle for a few minutes before a final announcement.

10 MINS

Guests mingle

2 MINS

Celebrate

- Share with your guests the number of Freedom Partners who've joined the movement at the Party; thank everyone for making this possible with their support. Encourage them to stay connected and to sign-in if they haven't yet.

THE FREEDOM PARTNER PROGRAM

God's plan to
end slavery
begins with you.

Your Rescue Party can free slaves by growing the movement of Freedom Partners in your community sending consistent, dependable support, so we can confidently go on rescue after rescue.

By giving \$24 or more a month, Freedom Partners ensure we can tell a victim on the day of their rescue that we will walk with them until they are fully restored, every day, 24 hours a day. It means we can keep working until their family and friends are rescued, too.

As you and those closest to you join this movement of thousands of Freedom Partners around the world standing for an end to slavery in our lifetime, you are bringing rescue and restoration to girls like Joy. You'll receive insider

updates, breaking news from the frontlines
around the world, and a direct line into a
community that prays, advocates and gives.

"I have become a Freedom Partner because I believe a free world is a better world for all of us, for our children and future generations and certainly for those enslaved. If one person is a slave, then we all are slaves and we all are oppressed. I see a world where my children are not at risk for enslavement and want to work to create that truly free world."

- Kim

RESCUE PARTY SIGN-IN

Would you like to receive updates and opportunities to take action from IJM?



International Justice Mission

is the largest international anti-slavery organization in the world. We know where slaves are. You can help us rescue them.

Our global team of lawyers, investigators, social workers, community activists and other professionals work in nearly 20 communities in the developing world to eliminate the slave trade everywhere.

We Rescue Slaves.

We've rescued more than 45,000 people from slavery and other forms of violence.

We Work with Police to Throw Slave Owners in Jail.

We've helped local authorities arrest more than 3,500 suspected slave owners and other criminals.

We're Putting the Slave Trade Out of Business.

As laws are enforced, the business model of slavery becomes unprofitable for slave owners.

Join us in ending slavery around the world at IJM.org.

HOST DEBRIEF FORM

We can't wait to hear about your Rescue Party and stay connected with you. Please complete and return this form immediately following your Rescue Party, including any completed Freedom Partner Giving Forms. You can also complete this online at IJM.org/rescuedebrief.

First & Last Name

Email

Mobile #

Your Address

City/State

Zip

How did you hear about hosting a Rescue Party?

Rescue Party Feedback

When did you host your Rescue Party? (MM/DD)

How many people attended?

How many people became Freedom Partners at your Rescue Party?

Did you schedule your 1:1 coaching call with our team?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Overall, what went well?

Is there anything you wish
went differently?

What resources (videos, kit resources, emails)
did you find most helpful?

In what way could we better equip
you to host your Rescue Party?

Would you consider hosting another Rescue Party?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to learn more about becoming
an IJM Volunteer Leader in your area?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you become a Freedom Partner?

- ☐ I became one because of the Rescue Party.
- ☐ I was already a Freedom Partner.
- ☐ I'm not currently a Freedom Partner.

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THE STORY AND MAKE
SURE EVERYONE KNOWS
THAT GOD’S PLAN IS
FOR EVERY PERSON
TO BE FREE. WILL YOU
STAND WITH ME?”**

– JOY



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