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Modern Day Slavery

~ People who are treated like less than dogs ~

Does the slavery exist in modern time? In the past, slaves were traded in the open markets, but now, many people are tricked and forced to work as a slave. Now days, slave trading is a part of a criminal in every countries and also prohibited by the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights or the 1956 UN Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and



Child slave who is forced to carry water everyday

Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery. But still, about 27 millions of men, women and children are forced to live as a slave and some slavery involve debts, passes from father to son. In fact, there are more slaves than any time in history. Slavery exists in not only in South Africa, but in at least 40 countries such as South America, South Asia, Britain, France and the United States.

There is a country called Haiti which was the first country in America to abolish the slavery. But thousands of people live a life almost like a slave. And a six-years-old girl

called Jeanette was of them too. She has to carry a bucket of water and has to walk 4km every day, take care of other children in her family and even clean the house. Her parents are extremely poor and her father one day told her that she will live with far relatives from now. Soeur Mathe who has been working with some children workers said in a serious face that they were treated like less than dogs. Jeanette never dreamed of going to school or even having time to play with her friends. Children workers who are near-

slaves like Jeanette even don't have a birth certificate or any proof to prove who they are.

This is really hard to believe but these facts are true. There are some television programs or films that tell people about these facts and we have to do something to not make this situation worse and free the slaves. Slavery should not exist anymore. Many people believe that these situations are just in the history but the true is not. We have to free all the hidden slaves in the world and help them to get their rights back.

Life as a Child Prostitute

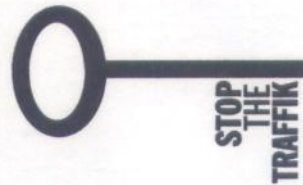
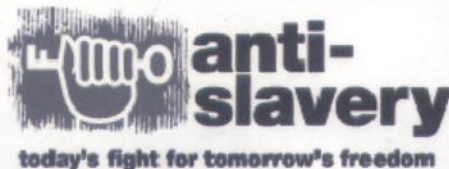
Dalyn, who became 17 years old now and rescued by police, told me about a life when she was a child slave. She was very serious and she seemed like she really wants to help others to rebuild their lives. When I asked her, why she had to become a child prostitute, she responded that she was tricked by a woman when she was twelve. She told me that the women said she can get a job, so she followed her, but she was being sold to the owner of brothel in Cambodia. And when I asked her how they treated her, she snarled and said, "I was locked in a cage with others and allowed to go out only when clients came. They had total power over us and they get us to do anything they want." Also, she added that they starved her until she agreed to do what they said and if she refused, they put a gun to her.

Modern-Day Slave Trade : Human Trafficking



World Map showing countries of origin for human trafficking

Human Trafficking is more often and now, it is a global problem. Like in a past, Often, people are people sell slaves each tricked by trafficker and other and get money. being sold to others. \$90 is known to the UN estimates that average cost of human about 2.5 million people slave around the world. are forced to become a It is not legal in any- slaver as a result of where but happening trafficking.



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