



LOVE WITHOUT REASON

2018

"Because Every
Child
Matters!"

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58
MEDICAL
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200+
WOMEN
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The city of Kamathipura came to life at night. Santhosh and I walked gingerly through the streets, careful with each step. I was shocked at the number of children who traipsed about alone without any adult supervision. Young boys and girls were wide awake at 10pm at night! Why weren't they home?

The street vendors were loud and boorish as they hawked the prices of the vegetables and fruits on their small street stands. The lights were all on at the children's shops, and colorful dresses with frills and lace were prominently displayed. Why were there only dresses featured? And the dresses would fit children under age twelve, per my calculation?

I was afraid of the answer, but at the same time in a state of disbelief. This was Kamathipura. One of the largest red-light districts in Asia. I tried to peer through the alleys and investigate the yellowed, aged buildings. There were no entry way lights, and in the dark it was difficult to see into the doorway. When we first



visited Kamathipura in July 2012, we knew that LWR would be involved in the fight against sex trafficking one day. After many visits to Mumbai and much research, the day came in February 2015 when we visited another area of Mumbai. What started out as a few women randomly visiting the Project Butterfly center, has now turned into a place of hope and of better dreams for the future. The women receive lessons on the basics of reading and writing. The Master Tailor also teaches classes on sewing, and jewellery design.

For many of the young women who were bought and sold into the brothels, their dreams have been crushed. They have children of their own, they hope for a better life for them. However, the culture tells them that their sons will grow to become pimps, and their daughters will continue the cycle of slavery.

For LWR to fight human trafficking, measures must be taken to break the cycle of slavery. With a thriving business, and a steady income, these young women can dream again!

This was on the mind and heart of a young couple from Philadelphia as they made plans for their wedding in October 2018. They ordered purses stitched by the Project Butterfly ladies to distribute as wedding party favors to their guests! Spreading awareness, sharing the cause, and giving your time and your gifts is all a part of the work it takes to end human trafficking. Let's continue the fight, and continue the work

"Because every child matters!"

Susan Mathews

PROJECT BUTTERFLY



Susan with a rescued child in red-light area, Mumbai

MEETING SHANTHI IN 2012

When I met Shanthi, the first thing I noticed was her appearance. She was so malnourished, her faded sari hung on her gaunt figure.

Once she was examined by Dr Sathish, he told us her rare condition that formed scar tissue over her TMJ joint prevented her from opening her mouth more than a few millimeters.

She told our staff that her mother would stuff grains of rice down her cheeks, or use a straw to feed her. Shanthi was now 31 years old.

Her surgery would have to be done in stages.

However, after her preliminary lab results, Shanthi was diagnosed with AIDS and referred out for treatment.

As she shared her story of desperation for food, for shelter in her adolescent years, the pattern became clear. Her family sold her, and in exchange her basic needs were met. This went on day after day for many years in many locations throughout the state of Karnataka.

CHILDREN WITH CRANIOFACIAL BIRTH DEFECTS ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKERS, BUT A SIMPLE SURGERY CAN SAVE THEM!

Suddenly, the link between craniofacial birth defects and human trafficking became evident. If only Love Without Reason was there thirty years ago!

Surgery transforms these young lives physically; also, it changes the trajectory of their future. With hope, with education and with a future, these young lives will not be sold into trafficking networks.

Love Without Reason fights, prevents and works to end human trafficking before it starts.

Will you join with us in overcoming this evil crime? Your gift of \$100 every month for one year can change the life of young people like Shanthi!

BEAUTY FROM THE ASHES

THE WOMEN OF PROJECT BUTTERFLY HAVE BEEN RESCUED FROM SEX TRAFFICKING AND NOW ARE BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS! LWR WILL EMPOWER THESE WOMEN WITH FUNDING, BUSINESS AND TRADE SKILLS IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND SELF-EMPLOYED. YOUR GIFT OF \$1000 GOES TOWARD THEIR REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY WITH STRENGTH, DIGNITY, AND WORTH.



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