

This Holiday Season Bring Hope to the Hopeless

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“Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save” ~ Isaiah 59:1

For Malik,* November 17, 2011, began the same way as countless others before it. The 13-year-old boy awoke at sunrise and prepared for work in a Delhi leather goods and textile factory. As sunlight peaked its first rays through the dull factory windows, Malik hunched over piles of leather, methodically stitching the pieces into wallets and bags. He would work steadily until midnight. Malik was a slave - a child bonded laborer trafficked from Uttar Pradesh to work 16-hour days for the equivalent of \$1 per week in factories across India's capital city. Living in a crowded slum piled so high with filth that sunlight was barely visible to passers by, Malik and 30 other children - some as young as six years old - were forced to work in various service and garment manufacturing facilities. Uneducated, vulnerable, and alone, these children had no hope for rescue or a future outside the factory confines.

Malik's story is all too common in South Asia and across the globe. The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that there are at least **12.3 million slaves worldwide** and many of these are in India. UNICEF estimates that **2 million children are trafficked into the sex trade every year**. But there is hope. Working in partnership with local leaders and within a country's legal system, Justice Ventures International (JVI) works on behalf of these and other vulnerable populations - securing their freedom, supporting their reentry into society and prosecuting their oppressors.

What Malik and the other children didn't realize when they awoke that morning is that November 17, 2011 was going to be different. At 11 AM a team of police officers, coordinated and acting on surveillance gathered by one of JVI's justice venture partners, raided the facilities. As JVI lawyers guided the children out of the slum and to safety, the children's hopelessness turned to hope. All 31 children were set free.

Will you join us in protecting God's children?

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas season, will you help us save children like Malik from a life of oppression and cruelty? Your financial commitment this holiday season allows Justice Ventures International to bring hope and help to vulnerable populations in Asia.

To make a year-end contribution that will bring greater freedom, justice and restoration to children, women and men suffering injustice visit our website at www.justiceventures.org to make an online donation or send a check to **Justice Ventures International, P.O. Box 2834, Washington, DC 20013-2834**.

Thank you for your consideration. May the God who saves bless you and your family during this holiday season and in the year to come.

Warm Regards In Christ,

Jeffrey R. Pankratz
President

**“I was made to work from
8 AM in the morning
to around 12 PM in the
night and paid around 50
Rupees [\$1 USD] a week, I
was not allowed to go
to school.”**

~Malik



Rescue: JVI lawyers lead Malik and the other children out of the dingy factory and into freedom with the help of our Justice Venture Partner and the local government.

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