



# JUSTICE VENTURES international

*Strengthening Ventures that Promote Justice*



## 2009 Program Report

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# Justice Ventures International

Around the world today, millions of people are involuntarily trafficked within and across national borders, residents of large urban slums are deprived of basic necessities, and the poor have limited access to quality legal counsel and fair legal processes.

Justice Ventures International is a non-profit organization dedicated to securing freedom, justice and restoration for the poor and oppressed by strengthening ventures that promote justice.

## *Letter from the President*

Dear Friends,

Micah 6:8, calls us to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.” Justice Ventures International is a response to that call. We are called to love and serve the most vulnerable members of our global society, believing in the uniqueness, dignity, and intrinsic worth of every person. We seek to protect and restore the rights and dignity of those suffering injustice while helping to transform unjust structures in the communities where they live.

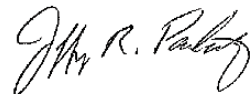
We believe that the work of justice is sustainable only if it is embraced and led by individuals living in the communities where injustices occur. As such, throughout the last year, JVI has worked through local “Justice Ventures” (organizations promoting freedom, justice and development) to provide holistic justice for victims of abuse and oppression. JVI and its partners have been working to transform the lives of the oppressed by: (1) eradicating human trafficking; (2) empowering urban slum dwellers; and (3) ensuring justice for other vulnerable groups.

JVI’s program model – equipping local leaders and investing in organizations at the grass roots level in collaboration with global partners and volunteers – has proven effective. As reflected in this report, JVI and its Justice Venture clients have accomplished the following over the last year:

- \* Rescued and sustained freedom for numerous victims of human trafficking.
- \* The arrest and conviction of perpetrators.
- \* Empowerment of leaders and survivors of injustice enabling them to protect and realize their God-given human rights.
- \* The delivery of services leading to other positive life change for vulnerable women, children, and men

These accomplishments would not have been possible without God’s grace and the generous help of the many consultants, volunteers and financial partners that have joined with us in this work. Thank you for joining with us in promoting justice. We hope you will continue to stand with us as we seek to bring greater freedom, justice and restoration to thousands of victims of injustice in India, China, and other countries in the years to come.

In Him,



Jeffrey R. Pankratz,  
President

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## JVI's MISSION

The mission of Justice Ventures International is to secure freedom, justice, and restoration for the poor and oppressed by strengthening ventures that promote justice.

### JVI's Core Values

#### **Christian Faith**

We maintain our Christian identity while working with fellow Christians and those who hold different beliefs in the common cause of justice.

#### **The Poor and Oppressed**

We are called to serve the poor and oppressed, believing in the uniqueness, dignity and intrinsic worth of every person.

#### **Respect for Cultural Diversity**

We celebrate diversity in our relationships and the rich contributions of different cultures in society.

#### **Local Leadership**

We believe that the work of justice is sustainable only if embraced and led by individuals in local communities.

#### **Global Engagement**

We believe that the pursuit of justice is the shared responsibility of all those with the ability to help.

### JVI's Strategy

To accomplish our goals, JVI serves local “justice ventures” – private or public enterprises promoting freedom, justice, and development by assisting victims of abuse and oppression – to eradicate human trafficking, to empower the urban poor, and to ensure access to justice.

We work to strengthen justice ventures in three ways:

**We equip local justice ventures and leaders,** increasing their effectiveness in bringing justice to victims

**We invest in justice ventures,** mobilizing and deploying capital to fight injustice

**We engage global partners and volunteers,** multiplying the impact of local justice ventures

### JVI's Target Areas

#### **Eradicate Human Trafficking**

Each year, hundreds of thousands of women, children and men are involuntarily trafficked within and across national borders, suffering extreme exploitation and physical and emotional abuse. JVI strengthens ventures rescuing and restoring these victims while identifying and eliminating the causes of trafficking.

#### **Empower the Urban Poor**

Almost 3 billion people worldwide survive on less than US\$2 per day, many living in sprawling urban slums. JVI strengthens ventures bringing transformation to these urban families through decent housing, good jobs, quality education, basic health care and safe communities.

#### **Ensure Justice for Vulnerable Groups**

Around the world, the vulnerable poor are often exploited and left without a voice. JVI strengthens ventures bringing legal representation and redress to the poor and oppressed.

# JVI by the Numbers: 2009 in Review

JVI's mission is to secure freedom, justice and restoration for the poor and oppressed around the world.

Towards this end, in 2009 alone, JVI accomplished the following:

**200 legal cases** were handled on behalf of individuals suffering injustice by JVI lawyers including cases focusing on debt slavery, sex trafficking, forced marriage, illegal detention, assault, land rights, housing, and religious persecution.

JVI conducted **15 justice-related trainings for hundreds of local leaders and victims** of injustice empowering leaders and survivors to protect and secure human rights.

**100 local and international volunteers and consultants promoted justice** by participating in JVI projects in the US, India, and China. These volunteers included lawyers, law students, accountants, business professionals, artists, pastors, teachers, doctors, nurses, photographers, urban planners, social workers, and IT professionals

**JVI strengthened 30 Justice Ventures** by assisting with over 45 professional service matters related to eradicating human trafficking, empowering families living in slums and ensuring access to justice.

Almost **\$50,000 in grants awarded**, enabling Justice Ventures to deepen and widen their impact.

JVI multiplied the impact of many additional Justice Ventures by **partnering with Free The Slaves, Habitat for Humanity, International Justice Mission, World Vision, and Advocates International.**

# JVI in India



## **Eradicating Human Trafficking in India**

Millions of men, women and children in South Asia are trapped in various forms of slavery including sex trafficking, debt slavery, force marriage, and other forms of human trafficking. The anti-slavery group Free The Slaves estimates that there are between 10 and 20 million slaves in India. For trafficking victims who are rescued from bondage, the struggle is not over. Post-rescue, victims of trafficking or other forms of slavery remain vulnerable. Not only do victims of injustice require rehabilitation to cope with a host of emotional, physical, and psychological needs, they also face economic difficulties. Many do not even have a proper place to live, and live in slum dwellings without access to water, electricity, or sanitation. JVI strengthens ventures bringing rescue and restoration to human trafficking victims and accountability to offenders.

## **Empowering India's Urban Slum Dwellers**

Cities are home to one-half the world's population. In India, slum dwellers number from approximately one-third to one-half of the population in major cities. By 2030, India is projected to have over 575 million of its people (41% of its population) living in cities up from the present level of 286 million. (UNDP India Poverty Report 2009). According to United Nations' reports, slum dwellers in countries like India are living under conditions as bad or worse than their rural counterparts. Slum dwellers have limited or no access to shelter, water, health care, education, economic opportunity, and sanitation. They are not only denied the most basic human rights, extreme poverty creates an environment where slum families are vulnerable to many forms of extreme exploitation. JVI strengthens ventures empowering children, women and men living in slum communities.

## **Ensuring Justice for Other Vulnerable Groups in India**

Numerous other vulnerable groups in India suffer injustice including religious minorities, prisoners languishing in India's overcrowded jails, the disabled, girls, the elderly and other marginalized groups. Corruption existed at all levels of government and police. According to the U.S. State Department 2009 Human Rights Report, certain states have promulgated laws restricting religious conversion and violence associated with caste-based discrimination continues. Domestic violence, child marriage, dowry-related deaths, honor crimes, and female feticide remained serious problems. JVI strengthens ventures working to promote justice for selected marginalized groups suffering from extreme forms of injustice.

## Freedom, Justice and Restoration in India

# Eradicating Human Trafficking

“Our India-based partners have greatly benefited from being able to call upon JVI trained and sponsored lawyers based in the Districts where they serve.”

*~Ginny Bauman, Director of Partnerships, Free the Slaves*

“JVI and Habitat for Humanity India have joined hands with a community of former bonded laborers [bonded slaves] to develop new housing, providing a foundation for a new beginning. JVI’s investment of funds and professional services gave Habitat for Humanity India an opportunity to reach out to this unreached community.”

*~V. Samuel Peter, Habitat for Humanity India*



JVI is multiplying the impact of Freeset Global, a business in Kolkata (Calcutta) that brings freedom to former sex workers and their children. JVI is helping Freeset establish and expand its U.S.-based distribution networks to sell Freeset products through churches and other groups, sustaining and creating jobs for human trafficking survivors.

JVI is equipping three local justice ventures in northern India in partnership with Free The Slaves, bringing greater freedom, justice, and restoration to children and adults trapped in debt slavery and other forms of human trafficking. JVI has recruited and trained a team of lawyers securing the rescue and rehabilitation of hundreds of victims, the arrest and conviction of perpetrators, and other positive changes in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

JVI is bringing restoration to former slaves in southern India. Partnering with a local justice venture, Integrated Rural Community Development Society and Habitat for Humanity India, JVI is providing financing and volunteers to bring new housing to twenty-five families previously trapped in slavery.

# Empowering the Urban Poor

“The purpose of Operation Agape is to share God’s love with the poor and oppressed in southern India. JVI is giving our leaders access to the tools and resources they need to make a difference.”

~ *Pastor Kalyanakumar,  
Chairman of the Southeast  
Chennai Pastors  
Fellowship*

## Freedom, Justice and Restoration in India



JVI is equipping women to bring health education and services to families living in slums. Working with Pioneer TRAD, a justice venture in Chennai, India, JVI has helped self-help group leaders to train over two thousand women about critical health issues.



JVI is multiplying the impact of justice venture Oasis in the slums of Mumbai and Chennai. JVI recruited a panel of volunteer lawyers and established legal aid programs in these two Indian megacities, bringing greater access to legal counsel and other services for slum dwellers.



Through “Operation Agape” JVI is investing in hope and love for children and adults living in the slums of Southeast Chennai. Operation Agape is an initiative of Southeast Chennai Pastors Fellowship, a network of over 100 churches, bringing better education and access to jobs to needy communities.

# Ensuring Justice for the Vulnerable

“JVI has helped us to deepen our impact, ensuring that those suffering from religious persecution, receive the justice they deserve.”

*~Tehmina Arora,  
General Secretary of the  
Christian Legal Association  
of India*

## Freedom, Justice and Restoration in India



JVI is equipping leaders to bring victim restoration and offender accountability in Kandhamal, Orissa, an area rocked by anti-Christian riots, murders, assaults, arson, and the displacement of thousands. JVI has provided logistic support, training and case management assistance to a team of lawyers and Christian leaders in collaboration with Evangelical Fellowship and India.



Through investments in three justice ventures, JVI helped to provide decent shelter, education and counseling for children displaced by the Orissa violence.



JVI is multiplying the impact of Sahaara Charitable Society, an innovative justice venture bringing freedom to “undertrial” prisoners languishing in Mumbai’s jails. JVI is providing volunteer legal services and other support to help Sahaara bring access to justice for prisoners held in prison (often on minor offenses) and denied their right to trial or other judicial process within the timeframe required by law.

# JVI in China



## **Eradicating Human Trafficking in China**

Trafficking for forced labor and sexual exploitation is on the rise in China according to the Chinese Ministry of Public Security and the US State Department. China is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children trafficked for the purposes of forced labor and sexual exploitation. Most of trafficking in China occurs within the country's borders. Women are lured through false promises of legitimate employment and forced into commercial sexual exploitation. In addition, forced child labor, is a serious problem in the country. Challenges facing the Chinese government include the enormous size of its trafficking problem and corruption and complicity in trafficking by some local government officials. JVI is working with anti-trafficking organizations in China to fight this growing human trafficking problem.

## **Empowering China's Urban Poor**

The lure of higher wages, a better life for their families, and education for their children lead the rural poor in China to migrate to China's largest cities. Urban migrants, however, are physically set apart from the local urban population and prohibited from securing "hukou" (legal migrant status) which serves to highlight their social and financial segregation. The living conditions of the Chinese migrant worker often horrendous. According to Compassion for Migrant Children, a leading nongovernmental organization, 61 percent have no toilet and 57 percent have no kitchen. In large cities, such as Beijing, Chengdu and Shanghai, more than half live in 'urban villages' characterized by poor quality housing, insufficient safety and hygiene, limited infrastructure, and social disorder. Some rooms are reported to house up to 30 workers without ventilation or adequate sanitation facilities. Faced with such daunting obstacles and without the education to enable them to improve their standard of living, migrants and their children of migrants are caught in a cycle of poverty and exploitation. JVI works to strengthen local organizations serving China's vulnerable migrant children, women, and men.

## **Ensuring Justice for the Vulnerable in China**

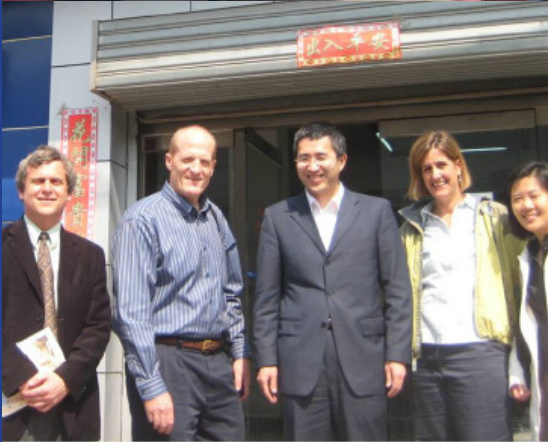
Other marginalized groups in China, especially those deemed politically sensitive by the government, face significant vulnerability to injustice. Despite recent legal reforms under Chinese law, the right to access to justice remains elusive for most Chinese citizens, especially the poor and minorities. Many citizens continue to face arbitrary detention, torture and denial of access to a fair trial. According to the U.S. State Department 2009 Human Rights Report, discrimination against women, minorities, persons with disabilities and refugees in China is a serious problem. JVI strengthens ventures working to promote justice for selected marginalized groups suffering from extreme forms of injustice in China.

## Freedom, Justice and Restoration in China

JVI is laying the foundation to multiply the impact of justice ventures bringing freedom to women and children victims of sex trafficking and other forms of human trafficking. JVI is also analyzing strategies for working effectively with the Chinese government to bring greater accountability to offenders.

JVI is conducting pro bono legal research regarding the rights of migrant workers. JVI is also identifying justice venture partners and analyzing strategies to promote greater access to decent housing, jobs, education and health care for Chinese migrants living in China's mega-cities.

JVI representatives visited Chengdu, Beijing, and Shanghai in the Spring of 2009 to visit with Chinese public defenders and other legal aid lawyers to identify and evaluate future strategies for promoting greater freedom, justice and restoration for prisoners and other marginalized groups in China.



# Justice Ventures

Justice Ventures International is proud to serve the following ventures pursuing justice in India and China:

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Christian Lawyers Association  
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Integrated Rural Community Development Society  
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do today?

## **Stay Informed**

Stay informed regarding the work of JVI and the justice ventures we serve through periodic updates sent to you via email.

## **Pray for Freedom, Justice, and Restoration**

Pray with JVI for victims of injustice. Pray for our justice venture clients who work diligently to intervene on behalf of those suffering injustice. Pray for offenders that their hearts would be changed and that they would turn from their destructive practices. Pray for JVI consultants and volunteers working to equip justice ventures and multiply their impact. Pray for additional financial resources to support the work of justice.

## **Become a JVI Associate**

Log on to our website at [www.justiceventures.org](http://www.justiceventures.org) to find out how you can become a JVI Associate and directly engage in the work of justice by volunteering with us for 15 or more hours on an annual basis. We are in the process of building a pool of volunteers we can call upon to assist both us and the justice ventures we serve as the needs arise. Most immediately, we need professionals in law, business and development who can deliver quality professional services to the justice ventures in India and China, whether from the US or overseas. In addition, we look forward to hearing from you if you are interested in lending us your time and skills so that we can grow as an organization, including skills to handle clerical and administrative tasks, designing and publishing tasks (both in print and on the web), and marketing and event-planning tasks.

## **Become a JVI Ally**

Invest with JVI in justice. As a JVI justice Ally, you have the opportunity to build a new future for victims of injustice around the world. Your contributions will be used for JVI's general operations (eradicating human trafficking, empowering the urban poor, and ensuring access to justice) and to support selected justice ventures. JVI is a tax-exempt organization under sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the contributions to JVI are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. You can contribute by checks made payable to Justice Ventures International. Your contribution can be made online through [www.justiceventures.org](http://www.justiceventures.org) or mailed to:

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