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LIVING FOR CHRIST & MODERN-DAY SLAVERY:

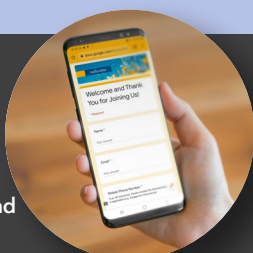
Are We Enslaving People Without Realizing It?

There is the belief that modern society has eliminated slavery. After all, fair work practices have been legislated and abuses are punishable by law, giving power to victims to fight for justice - right?

This is unfortunately not true. There is still a proliferation of modern-day slavery in very subtle forms. The following statistics are from 2016, and the numbers are expected to be higher today:

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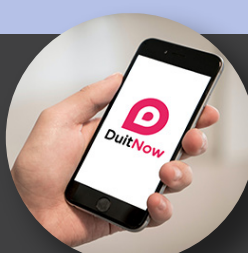
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there are over
40.3
MILLION
PEOPLE
in modern-day
slavery

71.3% are women & girls



50% of female victims are in the commercial sex industry

1 in 4 victims is a

child



15.4 are victims of
MILLION PEOPLE FORCED MARRIAGE

24.9 are victims of
MILLION PEOPLE FORCED LABOUR

6 Common Types of Modern-Day Slavery



Forced Labour

non-voluntary work involving a threat of punishment



Bonded Labour

Forced work for debts that are often made impossible to repay & passed on to children



Domestic Servitude

Live-in domestic workers who cannot leave of their free will



Sex Trafficking

Women, men, and children forced to engage in commercial sex acts. Any child under 18 involved is automatically a victim



Forced Marriage

Characterised by lack of consent by at least one party



Child Labour

Forced labour on any child under 18

We see that a staggering 71.3% of modern-day slavery victims are women and girls. Historically, there have been patterns of human rights abuses that impact women and girls more. This includes domestic and sexual violence, and discriminatory beliefs and practices around access to property, education, and even citizenship. Globally, women are also more likely than men to live in extreme poverty and to report food insecurity – this is directly linked to one's access to education, leaving women to be the most disadvantaged of all.

Have we unknowingly been contributing to this global issue? Have we been mistreating people we employ or those who work under us? Though the bulk of the response to this issue falls on governments around the world, we have a role to play as well. As consumers, have we indirectly been enslaving people through the goods and services we enjoy? Do we know of people who are modern-day slaves? Do we make it a point to ensure the welfare of people around us?

This should matter to us because it matters to God. God has consistently mandated the care of others, especially the marginalized. God gave clear boundaries for the employment and care of servants, and even mandated death for the owning,

abuse, or exploitation of another person (Exodus 21:16). Jesus himself modelled a life that is counter-culture, and throughout his ministry redeemed the dignity and value of women, children, and the marginalized in the kingdom of God. We ourselves were once slaves to sin and death, but are now redeemed through the work of Christ on the cross.

And as we unleash the gospel, we unleash liberation- from injustice, bondage, and sin- that is found in Christ. Like Christ, we should endeavour to redeem the dignity and value of every person for who they are in the eyes of God.

Let us create fair job opportunities for the marginalized. Let us create equal access to education, especially for women, and stop the cycle of poverty and oppression. Let us meet people where they are, and be a friend and a brother to them despite our differences in race or social status. Let us reflect God in all things we do, so that people can taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). 🙏



By Joy Apacible

Joy is a member of FBC's Missions Team.

LIVING MISSIONALLY:

Why I Am A Lawyer For IJM

About a month ago, I left legal practice to join an NGO.

At 16 years old, I decided to pursue a legal career to advocate for social justice, after being moved by the plight of refugees. When I was reading law in the United Kingdom about six years ago, I came to know of International Justice Mission (IJM) through a Lawyers' Christian Fellowship conference. IJM is a global NGO that has offices embedded in communities across 14 countries to combat human trafficking and slavery. I admired how IJM uses legal skills to secure justice for victims of trafficking, and subscribed to IJM's newsletters immediately following the conference.

Shortly into my legal career, I realized that it is difficult for young lawyers to be involved in human rights cases, as most law firms prioritize billable work and young lawyers are often too preoccupied with work to take on pro bono files. Although I enjoyed legal practice, I felt restless, and that sense of restlessness grew as I increased in seniority (and busyness). My teenage desire to use legal skills to

do human rights work still burned within me, and each time I received a newsletter from IJM, I hoped that IJM would someday establish an office in Malaysia and prayed that God will do something about my restless heart.

In strange and mysterious ways, a recruiter reached out to me earlier this year and told me that IJM had recently set up an office in Malaysia. As a key destination country for migrant labour, Malaysia draws massive numbers of workers from neighbouring source countries. Forced labour is a serious problem in Malaysia and migrant workers, refugees and stateless children are vulnerable to labour trafficking. Therefore, IJM Malaysia seeks to work with justice system agencies, businesses and civil society to protect victims of labour trafficking by strengthening justice systems, bringing criminals to justice, rescuing and restoring survivors, and helping local law enforcement build a safe future that lasts.

One thing led to another, and I was eventually offered the position of Lead, Legal Services in IJM Malaysia. God had graciously answered my prayers! However, a part of me wished that the offer came slightly later - ironic, right? I was in a good place in my career - working in a top international law firm, enjoying legal practice and attractive employment benefits, getting along with my colleagues and bosses, and having career development opportunities before me. Giving all of these up was very difficult. It was also challenging to get the support of my Asian family members who want their daughter/ niece to be a rich lawyer and who consider leaving legal practice as a "waste of a law degree".



However, life on earth is short and temporary; I could climb up the corporate ladder, earn big bucks and become famous, but these earthly things will ultimately fade away. I often feel like I am living in a protected bubble, naive to the needs of vulnerable people in my community, whereas God has commanded us to love our neighbours, which includes defending the rights of the poor and needy (Proverbs 31:9).

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I left legal practice because I am sure that IJM is where God wants me to be now. I see God using my legal experience and professional relationships to contribute to IJM's work in Malaysia. I was restlessly looking for an opportunity to do human rights work, but God was using my time in legal practice to train me for work in IJM. His plans and timing are perfect.

God uses us wherever we are, whether we are in a corporate career or full-time missionary work, in favourable or unfavourable circumstances. He also wants us to love our neighbour, wherever we are. Our neighbours may include a domestic helper at home, construction workers in our neighbourhood, or factory workers in our company. Are we loving them as we love ourselves? Let us combat forced labour together as a church.

If you are interested to learn more about labour trafficking and IJM's work, please visit www.ijm.org.

Conversation Catalyst

- Consider the clothes you are wearing. Could child labour have been used in the production of your garments?
- What are some possible occurrences of modern-day slavery here in the Klang Valley?
- How does Scripture shape how you view the world around you?

Resources:

- https://downloads.globalslaveryindex.org/ephemeral/GSI-2018_FN_L_190828_CO_DIGITAL_P-1632640412.pdf
- <https://borgenproject.org/the-six-types-of-modern-day-slavery/>
- <https://www.ijm.org/>



By Aileen Yeo

Aileen loves shopping, hanging out with friends, and hiking in her spare time. She has been attending FBC for about 4 years and is actively involved in GG LG.

| Pulpit Program

October 10, 2021 Jesus the Lord of The Sabbath

(Matthew 12:1-13)



PREACHER
Dr. Peter Ng

October 17, 2021 When God Speaks

(1 Kings 22:1-39)



PREACHER
Dr. Hew Fen Lee

October 24, 2021 Parable of the Sower

(Matthew 13:1-23)



PREACHER
Leong Yew Lum

October 31, 2021 The Church Within the Veil

(Exodus 26:3-37, Matthew 27:50-53)



PREACHER
Arnold Lim

| Worship with Us



MAIN SERVICE

| ZOOM |
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Sundays 9:00am



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for Ages 0-12yrs
| ZOOM |
Sundays



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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Missions Week



1. Since IJM Malaysia is a newly established office, it is looking to build relationships with governmental and non-governmental organizations. Pray that God will provide IJM with opportunities to build relationships and collaborate with these organizations in combating human trafficking and forced labour in Malaysia.
2. Pray for Christians like Aileen who are at the forefront of advocating for social justice. Pray that God

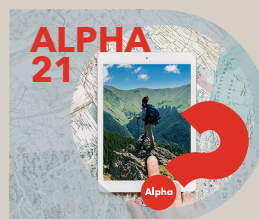
will continue to fill them with His love as they pour themselves out in service. Pray that they will also have God's wisdom and favour at work, especially in their dealings with various agencies to protect and seek justice for victims.

3. Pray that we will seize every opportunity to provide equal access to jobs and education for all peoples, especially those who are marginalized.
4. Pray for the global fight against modern-day slavery. Pray that God will work His justice through governments, organizations, and individuals. And pray that God will put an end to the abuses and oppression man's greed fuels.

| Upcoming Events



Romans
From Wretchedness To Righteousness
Every Wednesday
For more information, contact Church Office at 03-5621 2623



Is There More to Life Than This?
Alpha 21 will begin on 6 January 2022.
Every Thursday 8:00pm
[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the next Alpha program.



Daily Prayer Meeting
Every Saturday to Thursday 9:00pm
Zoom ID: **929 735 694**
Password: **pray**



Monthly Prayer Meeting
30 October 2021 (Saturday)
2:00pm to 3:30pm
Zoom ID: **869 8003 5137**
Password: **pray**

More Information on Upcoming Events