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To lift our brethren out of these circumstances requires the benevolence of funders, and the tireless strength and determination of Salvation Army officers, employees, and volunteers who faithfully support SA WSO's vision of creating a better world. Our vision is realized in every woman of the WORTH program who discovers her own dignity when she can refuse the sex trade for new found opportunities; in the men and women of Nigeria who are empowered through the CHAIR program with knowledge to combat the HIV/AIDS virus; and in the coconut farmers of the Philippines whose livelihoods were restored after Typhoon Haiyan.

These and countless other SA WSO community-led missions currently in action across the globe are restoring hope, dignity, and future for individuals and communities in need.

We give thanks for you and for the gratitude and compassion that inspire your faithful support of SA WSO's work and vision.

May God bless you with His spirit and a heart that continues to sing His name.

David Jeffrey
Commissioner

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– Lt. Colonel William Mockabee
Executive Director
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My team can say this with confidence because our work reflects a vision passionately focused on the future, where by the grace of God, people live in safe and sustainable communities in which differences are respected, basic needs are met, and all enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and worship in freedom. As beneficiaries of Christ’s redeeming love and sacrifice, we share a conviction to uplift our brethren in their time of need, and to restore hope in a life journeyed by faith in the Gospel.

At SAWSO, we know that a brighter future requires the employment of lasting, sustainable solutions to the issues of poverty, disease, disaster, and abuse that plague the developing world. By leveraging The Salvation Army’s impressive global reach, our team members work closely with those in need to discover community-driven solutions to the challenges at hand. Our goal is to not only help, but to empower and mobilize their active and vital role in meeting those needs themselves. This is the surest route to lasting success.

We also know that a better tomorrow requires opportunity today. SAWSO-funded programs are opening a world of knowledge, ability, and possibilities to individuals who were once hopeless, and our service is motivated by their eagerness to grow and thrive.

Featured in this report are seven distinct countries served by SAWSO, all of which have faced unique challenges and at times, an uncertain future. In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, countless coconut trees, along with the livelihoods and spirits of the Filipino farmers who owned them, were uprooted and destroyed. As our featured story, SAWSO was privileged to support long-term sustainability efforts for 5,000 farmers and their families in the Leyte Province, to help restore purpose in their lives and peace in their hearts.

The breadth and scope of SAWSO’s service is in thanks to our supporters, who share in our conviction that a better world and a brighter future are both possible and proven. Thank you for choosing us as faithful stewards of your generosity.

May you too be uplifted by the spirit of our Lord and Savior as you further His kingdom in service,

William Mockabee
Lt. Colonel
We work faithfully with those affected by poverty, until they are fed, sheltered, and empowered to remain so.

We work faithfully with those affected by disease, until they are healed and further sickness is prevented.

We work faithfully with those affected by disasters, until they are restored and strengthened against future misfortune.

We work faithfully with those who are victims of abuse, until they are safe and made forever whole.

We work faithfully for God, always.
MISSION
To support and strengthen The Salvation Army’s efforts to work hand-in-hand with communities to improve the health, economic, and spiritual conditions of the poor throughout the world.

VISION
Create a world where people live in safe and sustainable communities in which differences are respected, basic needs are met, and all enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and worship in freedom.

PURPOSE
Promote the mission of The Salvation Army.
Since its founding in 1977, The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) has been blessed to share the love of God by serving and uplifting the world’s most vulnerable people.

We believe that enduring change begins in the heart of the beneficiary and their desire to take an active role in improving their lives. By working through The Salvation Army’s global presence in 126 countries and leveraging relationships with the public sector, government, and faith community, SAWSO helps identify needs in the developing world and employ solutions that not only transform individuals, but also inspire long-term growth and sustainable change in their communities.

Our programs are engaging individuals to discover their full potential. Our WORTH program supports income-generating activities and educational training for women in Kenya. Our programs in the red light district of Mumbai, India are restoring safety and dignity in the lives of women and children once chained to human trafficking.

We continue to support the global fight against HIV in Nigeria through our Community HIV & AIDS Integrated Response (CHAIR) project which is equipping individuals and communities with knowledge and resources around the disease.

Community members, trained and invigorated to carry forth our initiative, are mobilizing others to be tested, encouraging those who are afflicted, and helping us reduce the rate of new infections.

We restored the livelihoods of Filipino farmers by funding the provision of coconut seedlings, financial support, and intercrop seeds to replace the trees and crops destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan.

We also funded service for displaced individuals and families suffering in the conflict zones of Ukraine, ensuring food, bedding, and material goods for those persons in need.

We supported the Puli Youth Services Center (PYSC) in Taiwan by funding the purchase of a new dormitory which provides permanent housing for boys who have lost parental care and often come from broken families. The PYSC offers higher education, vocational training, and job placement for residents, with many teenagers graduating with job opportunities and new hope for the future.

We are fighting chronic kidney disease in Sri Lanka by sponsoring outreach education and mobile screening clinics in Polonnaruwa District, where now more than 20,000 people have been screened for the disease.

In all of our projects in 2014, we were privileged to help restore and uplift individuals and communities in need, thanks to the support of generous donations from the American public, partner organizations, as well as government and private funding sources.
The Salvation Army is active in 126 countries, integrated with local communities – building deep relationships. These carefully nurtured ties allow The Salvation Army to see below the surface to understand the root of many issues. At The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO), we leverage this more profound understanding to help identify local needs. We support the work accomplished to address those needs. And long after the work is done, we continue to encourage positive change.

**Internationally, The Salvation Army has:**
- More than 50,000 indigenous employees working in 126 countries
- 8,580 corps and community centers
- 2,769 schools with more than 500,000 students
- 319 hospitals and clinics

In 2014, SAWSO partnered with The Salvation Army in local communities in 61 countries, believing that these communities had a capacity for growth and sustainable change. Sustainability is a result of SAWSO’s emphasis on holistic transformation – serving people spiritually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

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4. Bahamas
5. Bangladesh
6. Barbados
7. Bolivia
8. Brazil
9. Burma
10. Chile
11. China
12. Colombia
13. Congo (Brazzaville)
14. Congo (Kinshasa)
15. Costa Rica
16. Cuba
17. Czech Republic
18. Dominican Republic
19. Ecuador
20. El Salvador
21. Estonia
22. Georgia
23. Ghana
24. Guatemala
25. Haiti
26. Hong Kong
27. India
28. Indonesia
29. Jamaica
30. Japan
31. Kenya
32. Latvia
33. Liberia
34. Lithuania
35. Malawi
36. Mexico
37. Moldova
38. Mozambique
39. Netherlands Antilles
40. Nigeria
41. Pakistan
42. Panama
43. Papua New Guinea
44. Paraguay
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46. Philippines
47. Poland
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51. Singapore
52. South Africa
53. Sri Lanka
54. Taiwan
55. Tanzania
56. Uganda
57. Ukraine
58. United Arab Emirates
59. Uruguay
60. Zambia
61. Zimbabwe
The restorative spirit of God is most often experienced through the encouragement of others possessing and conveying Christ-like love in words and actions.

Fueled by the generosity of donors who share in this spirit, and through widespread presence spanning 126 countries, The Salvation Army is blessed to offer restoration to individuals and communities in need – to bear their burdens and lift their spirits – before, during, and after disaster strikes.

In November, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan wreaked unprecedented destruction on the Philippines. Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services teams rushed to the scene of the devastation – the worst in the Philippines’ history – providing food, shelter, water, and emotional and spiritual care for the survivors. At least 6,300 people were killed and 1,785 went missing. More than 16 million people were affected, four million displaced, and approximately half a million houses completely destroyed.

With sponsorship from The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO), The Salvation Army met immediate needs by distributing 14,000 relief packs among survivors in Tacloban, Dulag, and North Cebu. In partnership with Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), Samaritan’s Purse, and World Health Organization (WHO), The Salvation Army supported medical care, vaccinations, counseling, dental care, and the distribution of hygiene kits to 45 villages in the municipality of Dulag and Tacloban City.

In the weeks following the disaster, focus shifted to long-term, integrated community development projects to enable residents to improve their livelihood and sustain their daily needs.
One of the hardest hit industries was farming. Coconut farming, in particular, is a very important source of economic activity in the Philippines, which is among the biggest producers in the world with approximately 3.5 million farmers across the country, according to the Department of Agriculture. Coconut trees are considered to be the “trees of life” to farmers in the Philippines due to their value in offering oil, lumber, wine, juice, food, coal, medicine, and cleaning material.

In Typhoon Haiyan’s wake, countless coconut trees, along with the livelihoods and spirits of the farmers who owned them, were uprooted and destroyed. An estimated 33 million trees were damaged by the typhoon affecting 240,000 of farmers in the Leyte Province alone.

SAWSO had the unique opportunity to support long-term sustainability efforts by working in partnership with The Salvation Army in the Philippines and local government units to identify 5,000 farmers in Leyte as recipients of coconut seedlings and inter-crop seeds, which will bear fruit and vegetables in the interim while the trees grow to fruition. A total of 223,256 coconut seedlings were distributed in 39 villages in Leyte.

Gorgonio and Arlene Agullo were two such beneficiaries of the project. Residing in the village of San Rafael, Dulag Leyte, the Agullos used coconut farming as their sole source of income. When Typhoon Haiyan struck, 98% of their crops were destroyed, along with any hope they had for the future in earning a living and providing for their home and family.

The Salvation Army provided 152 coconut seeds with fertilizer, along with financial support to the Agullo family, restoring their purpose and revitalizing confidence in the future.

The Salvation Army continues to provide essential support and sustainable solutions for villages struggling in the aftermath of disaster in the Philippines – and around the world – thanks to SAWSO donors who are compassionately enabling outreach and restoration for international communities in their time of need.
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The Salvation Army Norway  
The Salvation Army USA Southern Territory  
The Salvation Army USA Western Territory
The Community HIV & AIDS Integrated Response (CHAIR) Project run by The Salvation Army in Lagos, Africa’s most populous city and Nigeria’s commercial center, serves six of its poorest communities. These include the Ijora informal settlement – a jumble of tiny shacks crowded together and built on stilts over a trash-filled swamp, housing migrants from around West Africa. Prostitution and drug abuse abound here, putting the residents at high risk of contracting HIV.

Worldwide, Nigeria has the second highest number of new HIV infections reported each year, and an estimated 3.7 percent of the population are living with HIV, according to UNAIDS. Lagos State, in particular, has experienced an increase in HIV/AIDS infections and insufficient response to the need.

In spite of these challenges, the Ijora community’s spirit is strong. This was evident when Salvation Army staff and officers – sponsored by The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) – conducted a day of outreach education and HIV counseling and testing. Using the small structure with wood plank and tarp walls that serves as a community center as its base, the team invited the slum’s residents to come for HIV tests.

Testing is a major component of SAWSO’s CHAIR project, which aims to reduce the rate of new infections, provide care and support for those infected and affected with HIV, and to reduce stigmatization and discrimination in Lagos State through advocacy and raising awareness.

CHAIR also trains community leaders and other key individuals to address stigmatization and encourage positive thinking – a component that supports SAWSO’s commitment to creating sustainable communities where members are personally active in improving quality of life.

An Ijora resident, a diminutive middle-aged lady, had completed CHAIR’s two-day training for volunteer community mobilizers just the day before. The team was concerned because she had been so quiet during the training. She seemed reluctant to interact with other trainees and appeared to have trouble understanding the information being taught.

But in her own community, she was transformed. Megaphone in hand, she headed the team’s small parade through the settlement, calling out for her neighbors to come for testing. The warmth with which she was received – and the response – were impressive. The staff received a constant stream of community members requesting HIV testing and counseling, while the others chatted with families in the waiting area.

Those who tested positive were referred to government health services for treatment and could join the Salvation Army’s support group for people living with HIV. Those who were negative left reassured and with information on how to protect themselves.

Thanks to supporters, SAWSO is engaged in the global fight against HIV. Entrenched at the heart of local communities, the CHAIR project is equipping communities with knowledge and resources, empowering residents to take action, and restoring peace in the hearts and households of those who are served.
In just 45 years, Taiwan has experienced rapid economic growth as it has moved from an agrarian to an industrial society. Now home to more than 23 million, the societal transformation of this small island has resulted in rising levels of crime, addiction, juvenile delinquency, and suicide, which became the second leading cause of death among young people in 2014.

Where there is darkness, human compassion has the ability to spark a flame of hope.

The Puli Youth Services Centre (PYSC) was established in 2002 by The Salvation Army in Taiwan to reach and help shape a brighter future for disadvantaged youth in Puli Township, Taiwan. Working in collaboration with the area juvenile justice system, the PYSC offers physical, emotional, and spiritual support to teenagers, mostly boys aged 12 to 18 years, who have lost parental care and often come from broken families or backgrounds of domestic violence, poverty, or criminal history. Through continual support, including housing and basic services, the PYSC seeks to develop the character, integrity, and future of these young residents through counseling, ministry, and encouraged service to others.

In 2014, The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) had the unique opportunity to enhance this program through the purchase of a dormitory building for the PYSC, reflecting SAWSO’s vision of fostering safety and opportunities for communities in need. The new building provides permanent housing for 80 boys at any given time. Now in its 13th year, the PYSC offers higher education, vocational training, and job placement for residents, with many teenagers graduating with job opportunities and new hope for the future.

Yilin was in elementary school when he was referred to the PYSC. While he knew his family was incapable of properly caring for him, he was at first saddened and resentful of the court’s referral.

However, his time at the PYSC granted him the opportunity to grow his faith and vision of the future. In building relationships and sharing his life story with a diverse community, he dedicated himself to service to others and discovered a new zeal for life.

Five years later, Yilin now has a culinary degree from a vocational school, made possible by support from The Salvation Army. He expresses his gratitude for success by preparing and serving meals at the PYSC, and making time to offer counseling and a listening ear to teenagers of similar circumstances.

Another young member, Jun, was physically abusive toward his mother prior to joining the PYSC. Soon after joining the program, he began receiving emotional counseling and life skills education which gradually changed the misconceptions he had about his family. With assistance from The Salvation Army, Jun received professional caregivers training and became a qualified practitioner specializing in caring for physically-challenged senior citizens. Now an active member of The Salvation Army Puli Corps, Jun’s newfound faith and stability have allowed him to rebuild relationships with his family.

Success stories like Yilin’s and Jun’s would not be possible without the combined effort of generous donors, The Salvation Army in Taiwan, and SAWSO collaborating under the guiding vision of creating a brighter future for communities in need.
In Kenya, just like many other developing countries, widowhood often represents a social death for women who suffer with not just the sadness over loss of life, but also the loss of status, safety, and position in the family. Abetting the ruthless cycle of poverty, widowhood has an irrevocable impact on children who often suffer ill health and malnutrition, and lack the means to obtain appropriate education, health care, or other forms of support. With few opportunities under the country’s patriarchal system, Kenyan women in these circumstances often feel hindered, hopeless and the need to pursue degrading work as a way to provide.

The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) seeks to elevate women out of these dire circumstances through the WORTH project - creating for them a new cycle of sustainability fueled by holistic education and empowerment. Bringing together groups of 20-30 women, the WORTH curriculum provides literacy and savings training and social mobilization for women in need. Program members are taught how to read and write; to keep business records; to account for group and personal savings; and to run their own businesses. The strength and success of the WORTH model can be attributed to the small communities of members, who meet weekly and lean on one another for emotional support, financial contributions, and accountability.

When her husband passed away in 1998, Jane, a citizen of Kitale, Kenya, was left with five children to raise – ranging from eight to 16 years of age – and was soon expecting another. Like so many other single and marginalized mothers in the region, financial pressures began to mount and she found herself struggling to provide the very basics for her large family. Food was scarce in the home and the children were often forced to miss school due to the high cost of education. At a point of absolute desperation, Jane made the heartbreaking decision of selling sexual services to men.
Jane described this period in her life as being very degrading, but she soon found a way out.

Leaning on the financial support, training and accountability of the WORTH project, Jane launched her own ironworks business. Three years after joining the program, Jane's business is thriving, and her children are all receiving an education, with some going on to attend university. Perhaps the best part of this story is that the tables have completely turned. Jane is now the boss, and to meet demand, recently hired two men to support her growing business. In her journey to empowerment, Jane traveled from being enslaved by men to freely hiring them.

Before joining the WORTH project, Nancy, a member from the nearby community of Elgon, struggled to provide food and education for her four children while working various odd jobs. Upon joining the project in 2013, Nancy borrowed a loan from her WORTH group equal to approximately $25 which helped her launch a business selling beans and cereals. Within two months her first loan was paid off and she borrowed a second, which allowed her to expand her product base to include sugar, millet, and bread. Borrowing for a third time allowed her to rent a kiosk which helped increase the visibility and security of the business. Nancy is now working to pay off her final loan, but does so happily now that she is able to provide consistent meals and education for her children.

Another WORTH member, Josephine was destitute when her husband moved to Nairobi for work and failed to send money to support their family. Unable to provide for her children’s meals or school fees, she would often sacrifice dignity and reputation to beg for food and money from her neighbors.

Through her participation with her WORTH group, Josephine has been able to better save and invest money in the microbusinesses of fellow members. With elevated self-esteem and a newfound sense of worth, her leadership qualities helped her get elected as Chairwoman of her group. Streaming income allowed her to purchase a cow, which provides sustenance for her family as well as milk she can sell to the community. Most importantly, her children are consistency fed and educated.

WORTH resonates throughout entire communities as women gain lasting financial stability, self-sufficiency, and most importantly, the ability to care for their children and end the cycle of poverty at home.

Since its inception three years ago, WORTH has brought new hope and opportunity to more than 50,000 women and their families in both Kenya and Uganda thanks to the generous support of donors.
In the face of great tribulation, “The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble” (Psalms 9:9).

As The Salvation Army around the world works faithfully with those affected by disasters – striving to be a source of strength for the oppressed – it reaches out to The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) for support in restoring and strengthening communities against future misfortune. While disasters are most often acts of nature, The Salvation Army’s local presence in 126 countries ensures year round support for communities suffering in the face of conflict and manmade disasters.

What began in Kiev, Ukraine as peaceful demonstrations by student protestors over government corruption in November, 2013, escalated to a violent response by state security forces in early 2014. The ongoing conflict has resulted in more than 6,000 deaths and at least one million displaced people, many of whom have been trapped in conflict zones, forced to shelter in basements, lacking drinking water, food, heating, electricity and basic medical supplies.

The Salvation Army has been actively serving in the Ukraine since 1993, and continues to provide services and programs to the area amid conflict. In coordination with other non-governmental organizations (NGOs), in January, 2014, The Salvation Army in the Ukraine began opening welcome centers in local community center buildings such as Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovograd and Kiev for thousands of displaced people to receive food, clothes, hydration, warmth as well as emotional and spiritual support.

Through funding from SAWSO, The Salvation Army in the Ukraine was able to continue serving displaced individuals and families throughout the summer months of 2014, providing refugee camps and welcome centers with food and material goods, such as bedding, personal hygiene items, cleaning products, baby formula, and school packs. The Salvation Army also hosted day camps that welcomed and supported Internally Displaced People (IDP).

In addition to supporting the four designated welcome centers, The Salvation Army is also present in other Ukraine communities such as the conflict zone of Donetsk. In mid-2014, the Donetsk Corps officers were not permitted to stay in the area due to the dangerous situation, but services of The Salvation Army in Donetsk continued throughout the year under the coordination of a faithful local volunteer and Salvation Army member, Vera Volf. As the newly appointed Coordinator of the Donetsk Outpost, Vera bravely serves her community with a small scale program including food distribution, Bible study, and prayer meetings.

In thanks to SAWSO donors, individuals like Vera are able to be a stronghold for the oppressed, restorers of peace in the hearts of the suffering through the reach of The Salvation Army.
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In the last 20 years, chronic kidney disease “of unknown origin” has killed up to 20,000 people and sickened as many as 400,000 more in a poor rural area of Sri Lanka. The disease strikes farmers – who are their families’ breadwinners – in the prime of life. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports nearly 15% of people of the region’s Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, and Badulla Districts aged 15-70 years are affected, with approximately 13 people dying of the disease daily.

The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) is working to change these statistics by sponsoring outreach education and mobile screening clinics in Polonnaruwa District, an area identified by the Government as being underserved due to the severity of the disease.

Salvation Army staff work to detect the disease early, when its progress can be reversed by treatment, by offering urinary protein and blood glucose testing to gauge residents’ potential risk or current level of kidney damage. For those at risk or with elevated levels, the Army provides referrals to the local district hospital, where a kidney specialist provides treatment which can include dialysis for advanced cases.

According to Lisa Firth, Health Technical Advisor with SAWSO, possible contributors to the kidney failure are contaminated water and dehydration from field work in the hot climate, although researchers have yet to determine the exact cause. Locally, The Salvation Army has been offering preventative services by helping residents clean their wells after flooding and through water distribution.
“We’re encouraged by the difference being made by the highly committed Salvation Army team in Polonnaruwa District,” said Firth. “When I visited in October 2014, they had tested more than 6,000 people and referred 497 who tested positive for medical care.”

Suraj Rangana, a resident of Polonnaruwa, was 29 years old when he suffered a wound on his left foot that would not properly heal, even with treatment from the local hospital. Married with two children, he was soon unemployed due to the disability and worrying about how to provide for his family and his children’s education.

Around the same time, the Salvation Army Mobile Medical Clinic came to his neighborhood where personnel conducted a blood test which confirmed he had chronic kidney disease. Government-funded dialysis was available, but traveling to the area’s General Hospital for treatment twice a week created burdens of both time and cost. Within five months from the time of his diagnosis, a relative agreed to donate a kidney and Rangana underwent a transplant that changed his life.

Now serving as an employee of the Safe Water and Livelihood Development Project of The Salvation Army in Polonnaruwa, Rangana is overcome with gratitude.

“During a time of deep stress and frustration, my only happiness, joy, and contentment came through The Salvation Army,” said Rangana. “My only desire is to give hope to another person through The Salvation Army’s community work and to prevent individuals from taking the ‘painful road’ that I traveled.”

As of March 2015, more than 20,000 people have been screened for the disease, 1,500 tested positive, and approximately 700 referred to the General Hospital.

“At SAWSO, we are committed to working faithfully with those in communities around the world where The Salvation Army serves to bring healing and avert preventable illness,” said Firth. “We are so thankful for our donors and the medical staff who make life-saving programs such as this one possible.”
# SAWSO 2014 Financial Summary

## Statement of Financial Position

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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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## Statement of Financial Activities

**REVENUE**

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**Revenue**

- Public Support Contributions: $21,314,943
- Investment Income: $5,269,288
- Government Grants: $230,534

**Total Revenue:** $21,545,477

**Expenses by Program**

- Community Development: $12,970,688
- Relief and Reconstruction: $4,195,691
- Health Service: $827,084
- Empowerment and Livelihoods: $737,624

**Total Expenses:** $13,708,312
Inspired by the saving love of Christ, The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) remains committed to freeing individuals from the chains of human trafficking, to offer strength to the powerless, comfort to the oppressed, and hope to the thousands of men, women, and children enslaved around the world.

The red light district of Mumbai, for instance, is the home and workplace for 9,000 young women and girls tied to the sex trade industry. In the same densely populated area, an estimated 5,000 children are living on the streets. But located in the heart of this tragic place are The Salvation Army Jeevan Asha drop-in center and Aruna Girls Home. These two beacons of hope for women and children seeking a safe alternative to the sex trade are supported by funding from SAWSO.

The drop-in center offers counseling, health education, literacy classes and vocational training to women desperate to provide a better life for their families. Particular attention is paid to the children of the women, who can receive schooling, meals and a safe refuge to be with caring staff members. Within the safety and security of these shelters, the children learn that they are loved, protected by God, and can pursue a better life.

Selma

When Selma was 13 years old, she was lured to a Mumbai brothel from Nepal by a man with the promise of a job with the circus. For five years, she was forced to work in a brothel until the owner died and she was freed.

Selma enrolled her daughter in school at The Salvation Army Aruna Girls Home to ensure her safety, and it was there that the staff motivated Selma to take computer classes. She was soon hired by The Salvation Army as an outreach worker for the drop-in center where she regularly visits women working in the brothels and in their homes, and conducts meetings.

Her goal is to help trafficked women find solutions to their issues through Salvation Army programs. Selma takes joy in offering prayer and counseling to them.

“Because of the stigma of prostitution, women do not share their trials with others. I used to be afraid to share my story, but now, I am not afraid of what others think as long as my story might help another woman who can identify with me,” she said.

Now with five children of her own, she is grateful for the love, safety, and education they are receiving through the drop-in center and Aruna Girls Home.

And where outsiders might see despair, Selma sees a silver lining.

“I see so much hope in the red light district. When I go out into the community, I meet so many who have been trafficked from Nepal, like me. I always share with them that they too can come out of it and have a better life. Helping them has helped me.”
Rehman

Rehman was a child when he came to the red light district to live with his grandparents. “I would always witness fights breaking out at home. My only hope was that we could receive food for the night, but we slept hungry many nights. Outside on the streets, there was fighting. There was no place to find safety and I was constantly living in fear. I felt I had no future and no one to look after me.”

Rehman enrolled at the drop-in center when he was seven with help from Salvation Army personnel. “Because of the staff there, I was able to understand why school is so important to my future. Through their support, I recently took the standard test for 10th grade and passed.”

At 20 years old, Rehman now works as a night care staff member for boys from the red light district who themselves are seeking safety and shelter. By counseling, conducting prayer meetings and overseeing their school studies, Rehman is helping them prepare for the future.

“My favorite part of working at the center is teaching the children, because I remember when I was young, no one guided me. It was my dream to help school children in their future, and as I am teaching them now, I see their dreams are coming true.”

Aruna

Banished from her husband’s family after his untimely death, Aruna was 25 and out of options when she moved into her sister’s house in the red light district and began cleaning houses. “The brothel owners would often tempt me to come into the profession saying I would make more money than cleaning houses,” she said.

With three children to care for, amounting stress and fatigue moved her to consider suicide. “But one day The Salvation Army visited my sister’s house. They offered prayer and a place for my children to learn at the drop-in center. They gave me a job to cook for the children at the center, which has helped me provide food and shelter for my own family.”

Her sons and daughter reside at The Salvation Army shelters nearby, where they are protected, being educated, and attending Sunday school. Through her job with The Salvation Army, Aruna has saved and paid installments on a four-bedroom house outside of the city.

“I used to never accept love because I was rejected by my family, but now as I am working at the drop-in center, I receive so much love from the children of mothers who work in the district. I am now loving others and receiving love,” she said.

With financial support from The Salvation Army, Aruna pursued healthcare training which has allowed her to offer counseling and support to women trapped in the red light district.

“God is faithful to me. I have an identity in Christ and I want to shield women and children by helping them build a foundation for their lives. I want them to learn to love like I have learned.”

Meena

Originally from Nepal, Meena came to Mumbai at 13 years old and began working in a brothel washing clothing and cleaning houses. “One day when I was working, I found a baby girl lying in the street. I decided to care for her. As she grew, I learned she was unable to speak – even still, she became my daughter. Her name is Asha,” she said.

Meena enrolled Asha in the drop-in center where Salvation Army staff helped her find a school and encouraged her to learn despite the disability. Meena also participates in The Salvation Army’s self-help program where she works with a savings group and has learned how to sew and create garments as a sustainable source of income.

“So many women in the red light district are asking how they can come out of prostitution. I want to be an example for them; that they too can come out of the brothels. I believe that if we all work hard together, united with The Salvation Army, we can actively fight prostitution.”
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