

### Human Trafficking is One of the Greatest Threats to Children Today

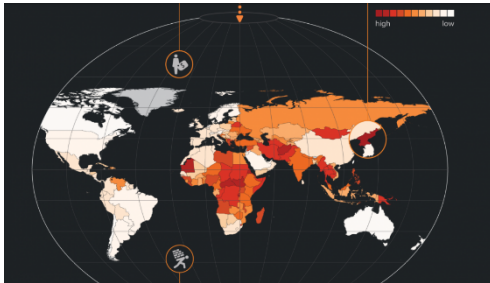
#### WHAT is Human Trafficking?

The ownership, sale, or control of a person for sexual exploitation or forced labor. It is known as “modern slavery.”

Common forms are sex trafficking, domestic servitude, forced labor, debt bondage, child labor, and forced or under-age marriage.

#### WHERE Does Human Trafficking Occur?

Every city in every country, and also in villages, rural areas, and slums. Current hot spots include sub-Saharan Africa, India and bordering countries, parts of Latin America, and Papua New Guinea.



**ZimZam serves in many of the  
human trafficking hot spots.**

#### HOW MANY People Are Being Trafficked Today?

An estimated 25 million - more people are in slavery today than at any time in history - over nine million in Africa and nearly 8 million in India.

#### WHO Are The Victims?

1 in 3 are children under the age of 18, and another 1 in 3 are youths aged 18-25. Females (women and girls) are 71% of the victims.

#### WHY Are So Many Children Trafficked?

Traffickers prey on the vulnerable. Children are vulnerable because they are physically small, trusting, subject to poverty and homelessness, and often lack healthy family environments. When children are not part of healthy institutions like schools and churches, they can become unconnected to adults who care.

## WHERE Do Traffickers Get Their Victims?

At home (some parents are willing to sell their children to traffickers), in slums, on the streets, at public places like markets and malls, and on the internet.

## WHAT Does The Bible Say?

Joseph, the son of Jacob, was trafficked by his brothers – sold into slavery. This was called “evil” (Gen. 50:20), but God redeemed Joseph. Human trafficking is one of the world’s greatest evils, but God can use His people to “defend the oppressed” (Isa. 1:17).



## HOW Can Church Planting Help Prevent Human Trafficking?

- A healthy church provides a refuge for children
- A healthy church removes much of the vulnerability children face
- A healthy church provides children with moral grounding
- A healthy church provides a community of people who care for each other and help each other
- The pastor and others in a healthy church know what is happening in the community – who has needs, what kids are most vulnerable
- People in the community know that the church can help and they can turn to the church in times of danger or trouble
- A healthy church can meet physical and spiritual needs of trafficking survivors

## WHAT Is ZimZam’s Role?

- ZimZam serves in parts of the world with high levels of human trafficking
  - Over 700 healthy churches planted and multiplying
- ZimZam focuses on the most vulnerable: children – “A Church for Every Child”
- ZimZam trains leaders how to plant churches that are a refuge for children
- ZimZam trains leaders about human trafficking and the church’s role in preventing it