Operation Rescue: Purity and Danger in Narratives of Sex Trafficking

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Narratives of Giving

“It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”

— Mother Teresa
Central questions

- What narratives and images of need have motivated U.S. Christians to view human sexual exploitation as a missions issue?
- Domestic v. international outcomes of engagement
Captivity, Slavery, and Human Trafficking

27 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE AS SLAVES TODAY
Sex Trafficking as an Evangelical Missions Issue

HER NAME BECAME A NUMBER.
HER NUMBER BECAME OUR NAME.
Captivated

CHAPTERS

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Missionary Humanitarianism

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

SADDLEBACK

IJM
Innocence Abroad

Rahab's Rope
Love in Action
Global Journeys

Join God's Global Mission
Explore This Year's Global Urban Treks
Sari Bari products
The Hearts of Men

THE HEARTS OF MEN FILM, UNEARTHED PRODUCTIONS

REAL ESCAPE FROM THE SEX TRADE, SEATTLE
Borrowed Aesthetics

Gentlemen's Club
As they arrive at the AVN Adult Entertainment Expo, youth minister Craig Gross hugs a bunny mascot as partner Mike Foster videotapes. They set up a booth representing their new Web site, XXXChurch.com.
XXXChurch
Sari Bari
The Mission at Home
Flash your cash in style
And bring freedom at the same time
Made from the Indian sari marked by a woman's name
Laying a Foundation for Heroes
Learn more about the Heroes Campaign

Made from the Indian sari marked by a woman's name
Kantha

The art of the stitch

Made from the Indian sari, marked by a woman’s name
Images of need, of rescue