



ECCC Women Ministries Project 2009

Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

The Women Ministries in Canada are partnering with the ECC Women Ministries and will support the **Break the Chains** initiative specifically in South East Asia in 2009. The ECCC partners with the International Justice Mission to support their work in this region.

Today over 27 million people exist as modern-day slaves. One in four of them are victims of sex-trafficking. Salila, pictured here, experienced it firsthand. By God's grace she was rescued by International Justice Mission.



IJM's Four-Fold Purpose

1. Victim Relief - Relieve the victim of the abuse currently being committed.
2. Perpetrator Accountability - Bring accountability and just consequences under the law to the specific perpetrator(s) of abuse.
3. Structural Prevention - Prevent the abuse from being committed against others who are also at risk by strengthening community factors that are likely to deter potential oppressors, reduce the vulnerability of at-risk populations and empower local authorities to stop such abuses.
4. Victim Aftercare - Provide access to services to help victims transition to their new lives and to encourage long-term success.

How can we fulfill God's charge to us to BREAK THE CHAINS of injustice and set the prisoners free (Isaiah 58:6)?



In Southeast Asia, IJM staff work on the frontlines to bring rescue and relief to victims of sexual violence, including trafficked women and children, and to prosecute their perpetrators. Despite a growing commitment to fight this illegal activity in the region, trafficking continues to constitute a major human rights violation in Southeast Asia. Poverty, overburdened legal systems and social instability all contribute to the prevalence of trafficking.

In Cambodia, 60 percent of individuals in commercial sexual activity report being forced to join the sex industry, and as many as one third of the individuals in the sex industry are children. In the Philippines, where some estimates suggest that as many as 100,000 children are victims of commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking remains a serious problem as well. In May 2003, the Philippines enacted a comprehensive anti-trafficking law that imposes a stiff penalty of up to life imprisonment for convicted offenders; however, these laws remain under-enforced.



For more information check out www.ijm.org/ourwork/southeastasia

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP:

Partner with ECCC Women Ministries of Canada and the International Justice Mission as we work towards bringing justice and peace in South East Asia.

You can give to Women Ministries through the ECCC.

Please send your donation with "Break the Chains" in the memo field to:

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