

Dear friends,

As part of the Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Sexual Trafficking on September 26-28, 2008, the Canada & Bermuda Territory is standing in support of our mothers, sisters and daughters in other territories who are fighting sexual slavery. We are part of the international Salvation Army and we want to bless others around the world through sending letters of encouragement.

We are sending these letters for 3 main purposes:

- 1) They will create awareness about the issue of sexual trafficking – at home and abroad.
- 2) They will serve as a warning to women about the potential dangers in places like Canada. Of course, we love our country and we know that every day thousands of people are successfully making Canada their new home. Unfortunately, there are other people who are being tricked, lied to and coerced as they try to immigrate. We need to warn our fellow Salvationists of this possibility.
- 3) They serve as encouragement to people (women in particular) in other countries/territories – thanking them for educating their women and girls about trafficking, and showing support for their work.

Here's what to do:

1. Using the letter below or one you write yourself, enter the date and select which Territory from the ones listed below that you want to support.
2. Print the letter and have all members of your group (i.e. corps, Bible study, band, youth group, women's group, Sunday school class, etc.) sign it, or sign it as an individual.
3. Put the letter in an envelope, address it to the correct Territorial Commander, attach appropriate (international) postage, and mail it.
4. Continue to pray for the women, men and children of that Territory.

Although there are many territories who could be encouraged in this way, for 2008 we have decided to focus on four that are actively involved in anti-sexual trafficking work. For more information on what these territories are doing, please visit: www.salvationist.ca/trafficking.

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Thank you for your participation. May God bless you through your actions and prayers.



SEXUAL TRAFFICKING

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Date: _____

Our dear mothers, sisters and daughters in _____ Territory,

Greetings in the wonderful, merciful name of Jesus.

This weekend, the Canada and Bermuda Territory has joined the International Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Trafficking. Because of ever-increasing demand in the commercial sex industry, more women and girls are at risk of being caught up in the evil trade in human beings. We have been learning about the injustices of this sexual slavery and how it affects women, men and children all around the world.

Sadly, in Canada, we have cases of women who thought they were coming to our country for work or marriage, but were deceived and kept as sex slaves upon arrival. The Salvation Army is working in cooperation with law enforcement and other agencies to end this evil. Continued prayer is needed.

Our minds and hearts have been turned to the many countries where women, because of poverty and other factors, are vulnerable to the fraud and deception used by traffickers. We join our prayers with yours – for protection, safety, wisdom and well-being for all people, and especially for the women and children in your territory.

Thank you for the work you are doing to educate and protect women and girls in your country about sexual trafficking. You – and they – are not forgotten.

With God's blessings,