



# Human Trafficking

Quick Facts from *Zealous Love: A Practical Guide to Social Justice*

*“We hear a Christian assure someone that he will ‘pray over’ his problem, knowing full well that he intends to use prayer as a substitute for service.”*  
--A.W. Tozer

## Overview

Human Trafficking is the world's second largest illegal trade industry.<sup>1</sup> There are more people enslaved today than during the entire trans Atlantic Africa slave trade.<sup>2</sup> Human Trafficking includes but is not limited to sex trafficking, labor trafficking, bonded labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, involuntary servitude among guest workers, involuntary domestic servitude, forced child labor, child soldiers, children exploited for commercial sex, and child sex tourism.<sup>3</sup>

This is a multifaceted, multinational evil that affects both developing and developed nations alike.

## Quick Facts

- Around 1.2 million children are trafficked *each year*, many of them for purposes of sexual exploitation.<sup>4</sup>
- Worldwide there are between 12.3 million and 27 million children, women, and men in slavery.<sup>5</sup>
- Trafficking creates “profits” of at least 32 billion US dollars a year.<sup>6</sup>
- An estimated 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked annually in the United States.<sup>7</sup>



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1 Polaris Project website, [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org). Accessed July 9, 2009.

2 Paul E. Lovejoy, *Transformations in Slavery: A History of Slavery in Africa* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), 19.

3 US Department of State 2008 Trafficking in Persons Report, pp. 18–28.

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<http://www.ijm.org/ourwork/injusticetoday>; UN News Centre, “UN and Partners Launch Initiative to End ‘Modern Slavery’ of Human Trafficking,” March 26, 2007, <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=22009&Cr=slave&Cr1>.

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7 Polaris Project website, [http://www.polarisproject.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=86](http://www.polarisproject.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=86).