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Human Trafficking
A Weekend of Prayer - Sept. 29-Oct. 1

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“Reena was brought to India from Nepal by her maternal aunt, who forced the 12-year-old girl into a New Delhi brothel shortly after arrival. The brothel owner made her have sex with many clients each day. Reena could not leave because she did not speak Hindi and had no one to whom she could turn. She frequently saw police officers collect money from brothel owners for every new girl brought in. The brothel owner coached Reena and all the girls to tell anyone who asked that they were 25 years old and had voluntarily joined the brothel. She frequently saw police officers collect money from brothel owners for every new girl brought in.”

Although this sounds like an unlikely story, estimates of 700,000 to 4 million people each year are trafficked by international organized crime groups. In Canada alone at least 5,000 people a year are trafficked. Humans can be trafficked for sex, to work in sweatshops, construction, the list goes on and on. This problem is so extreme that worldwide it brings in \$10 billion (USD) each year.

The Salvation Army contacted Mennonite Church this summer to join in a weekend of prayer. Mennonite Church Canada is supporting this and invites you to join people around the world on Sept. 29-Oct. 1 in praying for everyone who is touched by human trafficking. Prayer is needed for government leaders, families of anyone involved, the traffickers and trafficked persons. Together in prayer we can make a difference.

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