

## Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking

### RESPONSE 2010

#### **THQ:**

THQ prayers were focussed on victims of sex trafficking. Rochelle presented the powerpoint presentation and led people to pray for various aspects of sex trafficking. It was very well received and quite moving for people.

#### **College for Officer Training:**

Chapels at the college are 35 minutes long. We began with watching the 'Truth isn't Sexy' video clip, doing a responsive Scripture reading and prayer (provided on website), then people moved within 4 prayer stations set up throughout the chapel (one set up as prison cells, one as a prayer labyrinth, one around the mercy seat, one walking through a 'dark alley' to pray for those involved in the sex industry). We ended with Josh singing the prayer trafficking song from last year (Created in His image) and with the video clip 'I'll Fight'. We found the materials on the website very helpful. The fact sheets gave me information for the display materials, and we had the powerpoint with music circuited while people prayed at the stations. The weekend was well promoted, and the materials were accessible and user-friendly. The chapel was, I believe, a meaningful experience for those involved and that is due to everything that was provided to aid with preparation.

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA:**

**Divisional Headquarters** – The chapel was set up as a prayer room with prayer stations that depicted different aspects of trafficking and a list of victims to pray for personally. A number of people took the opportunity to walk through the stations and pray for the different subjects presented and individuals caught up in the sex trade, as well as those who we know have been trafficked.

**Divisional men's camp** – Prayer for victims of sex trafficking was offered at the two divisional men's camps happening during the Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking (at Camp Sunrise and Camp Mountainview) and the resources from the website were used.

**614 Vancouver** - We had a human trafficking expert come and speak at our knee drill (prayer gathering), and then we launched a 24-7 prayer season that will last until Nov 11, and that will have a focus on human trafficking, including a great deal of education and targeted prayer. We also emphasized our Wednesday night outreach to prostituted women, and our couch program to help women get off the street.

**Abbotsford – Cascade Community Church** - On Friday morning we had our staff and volunteers gather for our usual devotional time. We shared about human trafficking and then had a prayer for the victims. On Sunday morning we had a special segment in worship - showed slides and then had prayer. We printed off the prayer guide and included that in our bulletin.

**Campbell River – Ocean Crest Community Church.** We had a prayer room set up on Saturday from 9 to 1 with 5 different prayer stations where many of your resources were used. We concluded this time with a prayer walk through an area of town affected greatly by this injustice. Our youth had their own prayer room and prayer walk on the Thursday evening prior to the weekend. The Sunday service was focused completely on this weekend; message was on Micah 6:8 - we had an open time of prayer during the service. We used the “teaching kids about human trafficking” materials for the Awana kids ministry. Overall, we felt the weekend went very well. This weekend is relevant for all people, especially men.

**Cariboo Hill Temple** - We had a specific time for prayer for victims of Human Trafficking in the Sunday morning meeting using the prayer guide that was sent out by the Ethics Center.

**Kelowna** - We hosted an informational workshop on Saturday afternoon from 1-3 p.m., held a 24-hour period of prayer (Saturday 4:00 p.m. through Sunday 4:00 p.m.) and, of course, dedicated our Sunday morning service to the subject of Human Trafficking. As part of the Sunday service we had representatives from World Financial Group who held its Summit of Change (climb of Mt. Baldy) in support of our anti-trafficking initiatives here in Kelowna present their cheque (\$3600). We also shared the Chaco and the Chocolate Factory children`s story (found on the Stop Trafficking website). A number of fundraising initiatives are underway to pull together resources for targeted work in this region.

**Langley - Gateway of Hope** – This past weekend our Sunday Service was totally focused on Human Trafficking. I used the Prayer Guide for a special time of prayer and I also used the Power Point presentation with music at the beginning of my message. My message was focused on the stats and situations that are faced by many in our society. I also used this time as a reminder that we need to pray for everyone involved in Human Trafficking, on both sides of the issue with the reminder that we are all God's children. I encouraged those present to take home the Prayer Guide as a reminder to pray not just this weekend but throughout the year. Thank you for your leadership in this very critical matter.

**Metrotown** –Wednesday evening we had 15 participants join our Corps Sergeant Major, Stuart in a prayer walk along Kingsway with a piece of chalk in hand sending the message out there that we say no to human trafficking. We also stopped in front of our local XXX video store and prayed against the pornography that they sell as well as other services. Following this one hour prayer walk sharing chalk messages along their way, the women of Metrotown Citadel hosted a ham dinner and showed the powerpoint presentation provided by the Ethics Centre. We had 24 participants. Saturday, Metrotown Citadel hosted an open church encouraging our community, church, friends and family to join us in the 10 hour prayer labyrinth from 10:00am - 8:00pm. During those 10 hours we hosted two movies, "Taken" and "Amazing Grace". We had 15 participants. During the Saturday open prayer labyrinth, I invited the ladies for 11:00am for brunch, (the men were at men's camp in BC), and we had 9 ladies that came out ready to learn and pray against this great evil. Sunday we used our prayer time focusing on the need to unite as one and we prayed together. I also incorporated our message the power of the committed to oppose to the power of bondage. If we are not committed to Christ then we are in bondage to the world. "The cost of Discipleship" was the title and Luke 9:57-62 the Scripture passage. This Thursday I, Captain Lisa will be taking this message to my Rotary club. They were interested to hear we hosted a dinner and they want me to share with them this ugly truth. The faq sheet on Canada is very important

because our Rotary club that wants to make our community a better and safer place, so they need to be educated.

**Nanaimo** – We had a day of prayer (6am – 8pm) with 11 prayer stations, including one dedicated to victims of sex trafficking with relevant information. The prayer guide was helpful. We used the powerpoint presentation in our Sunday morning service followed by a time of prayer. During the year we also held a human trafficking awareness day that was very well received.

**Penticton** - This weekend we celebrated Women's ministry weekend. On Saturday we held a Victorian Tea. What a great time we had. I used this opportunity to talk about Human Sexual Trafficking - a topic that would never have been addressed at a real Victorian Day tea. We had one of our corps members who has been caught up in the sex trade give her testimony and then we had prayer for those caught up as slaves but also for the perpetrators as well as the customers. On Sunday, I followed the theme of this year - Known by the Shepherd to remind people that those caught up in this horrific lifestyle are also known by the shepherd and need to be prayed for but also welcomed into the Good Shepherd's sheep fold which is the church.

**Powell River** - Just to let you know how our corps observed this most important weekend... On Friday evening, we had a moms and tots gathering at my home, and amongst socializing, I handed out prayer cards/wish list from Deborah's Gate Trafficking Victims' Safe house. I expect we will do some kind of fundraising or gathering of items requested by the safe house so as to support the essential work being done there.

On Sunday morning, we incorporated the Anti-Human Trafficking theme into our service, by distributing the prayer guide for people to use in prayer both during a reflective/response time in the service, as well as for when they go home so they can keep these concerns at the forefront of their prayers for days to come. I was able to incorporate into my sermon what human trafficking involves and why we must pray against it, work for victims' freedom in many senses, and even ask God to help us to love those who do such harm to others. Again the Deborah's Gate cards were available for distribution, with many ladies taking multiple copies to give to their grown children or other ladies who were not present. In fact after the morning meeting had concluded, one of the women on our missions committee thought it would be a great idea for her group to raise awareness about the Army's Anti-Human Trafficking efforts, and gather items for the Safe House - realizing that the mission field doesn't have to be a world away.

**Prince Rupert** - Our annual Women's Day of Celebration was held this past weekend and time was devoted to discussing and praying for Human Trafficking. Also during our Sunday morning meeting time, prayer was also given. In addition, Victim Services, headed by our soldier Marlene, is hosting a two day conference the first part of November.

**Surrey** - Prayer was offered on Saturday and Sunday for Human Trafficking. I felt bad that we did not have any specific time set aside, but it was unfortunate that it was on the same weekend as Men's Camp.

**Vernon** - Friday night we watched a documentary called 'Demand' at the Talkin Donkey (our justice church plant coffee shop), had conversation after & went out on town to graffiti messages. Four teens

from the local public high school came out with us. One location was outside of a drop-in centre for addicts & street people, and we wrote our messages of hope. The other location was outside Libra Love Shop (sex stuff & porn shop). We wrote messages about the impact of porn and trafficking of persons and had an encounter with by-law officers who didn't think it was breaking any bylaws and left us be. Saturday night we chalked 'Source Adult' - a 24/7, 365 sex & porn shop - sidewalk with messages about trafficking, porn & its effects. We also encountered two staff members and engaged in conversation with them. On Sunday we set up prayer stations and had people move between them with corporate prayer at the end. The youth resources & Canadian fact sheet were helpful.

**Westsong Community Church** - We had a prayer emphasis in our service(s) and then held a half day of prayer from noon to midnight.

**Williams Lake**- What I did this year was ask some businesses in town to put up the posters in their businesses. I sent emails to all the churches to help join us in prayer. On Sunday morning I did a small sermon on human slavery using Joseph as an example in the Bible. I have a small collection of books and DVD's that I put out on a nice displayed table for people to use if they wish to take them home plus some Army material. I used video clips from stopthetraffik to start my sermon.

#### **ALBERTA & NORTHERN:**

**Divisional women's retreat:** This past weekend was our Women's Retreat and we did recognize the Weekend of Prayer during our time together. We informed the ladies of the weekend during our first session recognizing we would not want to miss the opportunity in joining other around the world in partnering in prayer. We also had a display area with information on trafficking. During a session on Saturday Major Danielle spoke on the topic with what a difference we can make in our communities. She also led a 2 hour workshop on Anti-Human Trafficking. During our Sunday worship we joined in a united prayer for people trapped in trafficking.

We had 8 ministry units in the division (**Drumheller, Calgary East Village Mission, Red Deer, Calgary Forest Lawn, Grande Prairie, Edmonton Crossroads (E3C), Calgary Glenmore Temple and Peace River**) who let us know that they participated in the Weekend of Prayer, and here is a summary of their responses:

- Participated in Traffic Jam initiative on facebook.
- Resources were terrific.
- Appreciated the frequency of emails to promote the weekend.
- Sanctuary was set up with 5 prayer stations and prayer guides. Visual props at each station to facilitate facts and mood.
- During Sunday worship held a specific time of prayer which proved to be very powerful.
- Included THQ resources in brochure.
- Material from THQ very helpful.
- Prayer guide very helpful.
- Prayer during morning worship.
- 24 hours of prayer Saturday – Sunday. 37 people participated at different times.
- Used video – “The truth isn’t sexy”
- Power point slides

- I commend the people who prepared these materials. All of them were very good and useful.

**Calgary Community Services** - I attended AB-NT Divisional Women's camp weekend, where the prayer weekend was featured in prayer and a workshop hosted by Major D. Strickland. I also participated in the Traffic Jam initiative on Facebook. The resources are terrific, and I hope to use them in my corps setting next year. I appreciated the frequency of emails to promote the weekend - it motivated me to prioritize observance of the prayer weekend. Thank you.

**Grande Prairie** - We had a special prayer time during our Sunday morning worship. The prayer guide was very helpful for this.

#### **PRAIRIE DIVISION:**

<p><b>ESTEVAN-</b> We held Special promotion for 2 Sundays prior to the week-end. There were special prayers doing the Sunday morning services. Women's Ministry did a Sunday evening Prayer walk around Estevan; stopping at places like High School, Hospital, Police Station.</p>
<p><b>HAVEN OF HOPE-</b>We encouraged all of the members of our Corps who are on Facebook to participate in the Traffic Jam. On Sunday morning we had a specific time of prayer, including the story of Telemachus and some recent statistics. We sang the song "He knows my Name" and placed it in the third person so it could be sung as a prayer. Each verse had a specific picture of trafficked children linked with it. In our children's time we educated the children on the "fair trade" logo and encouraged them to become smart about what they buy so that the children in other countries don't have to be slaves anymore.</p>
<p><b>HERITAGE PARK TEMPLE-</b> The Sunday morning meeting was devoted to raising intelligent awareness of, conviction about and prayer for the issues around sex trafficking. We used the following materials from the website: Sexual Trafficking fact sheet (photocopied for each person), Deliver us from evil powerpoint, Sexual trafficking prayer, How to speak to children about trafficking. In addition, the Traffic Jam photo was used as a background for the songs etc. projected throughout the service.</p>
<p><b>MEADOW LAKE-</b>Our Sunday service was centered around human trafficking. We used the powerpoint(which was very powerful), and I used one of the sermon outlines. We finished our service with a prayer walk within our community. I used the prayer guide as a reference for our prayer walk.</p>
<p><b>PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE-</b> Posters were posted on our bulletin board and in our sanctuary. The entire morning service was focused on the Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking, focussing in on human dignity. Prayers stations were set up in the sanctuary and used during the morning service. The prayer guide was used in our reflection after the morning sermon. The congregation was invited to focus their prayers according to the prayer station they visited.</p>
<p><b>SWIFT CURRENT-</b> We had this weekend noted in our corps monthly calendar. Our only event was to focus on this topic during the Sunday meeting. I used the Deliver Us From Evil power</p>

point. It was very well done. This year I also used the RCMP report on human trafficking which was released in March 2010. Last year, I used different resources from the SA site.

**Winnipeg East Corps** - A presentation and prayer were given during the Sunday Service by one of our University age youth

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#### **ONTARIO:**

**Provincial men's camp** - Upon registration everyone was given a prayer guide for the weekend. This was designed to specifically lift up the focus on human trafficking. During the Sunday morning worship, Major Rene used a video presentation and led a special prayer time. Following that, our guest speaker, Dr Derrick used the human trafficking problem to exhort and challenge men in their commitment to God. A display was also set up in the Worship area to give more awareness and provide further prayer resources and other information on how men could take a stand and fight against this modern day slavery.

#### **ONTARIO CENTRAL-EAST DIVISION:**

A few days following the Weekend of Prayer (on September 30<sup>th</sup>), the **OCE anti-trafficking network** and FCJ Hamilton Refugee Centre hosted a screening of "Avenue Zero" (a documentary about human trafficking in Canada) at Toronto's Harbour Light ministries.

**614 Regent Park** - We had a prayer walk on the Friday night to look for trafficking victims and to pray for them. At each key location we tied a red ribbon in reminder of Rahab and as a symbol of hope. During the Sunday morning service we showed the powerpoint and had a time of prayer and we also gave English/Spanish/Chinese prayer guides to everyone in the congregation according to their mother tongue. Prayer guides and fact sheets were placed in our prayer room. We had great discussion during the weekend, and the materials were very helpful.

**Barrie** - The Morning worship was done by Major Jack and Faye who did a wonderful job of presenting this topic to the congregation. It was put in the Corps bulletin the week before, just to give folks a heads

up. Then on Sunday it was presented in a variety of ways. The Prayer guide was given to all who attended. Facts were listed on the back of the bulletin and the power point "Deliver us from Evil" was shown. During the prayer time we were given a piece of paper with a name on it to make a chain with the person beside us. At the end of the prayer time we broke the chains. Freedom was felt for those whom we prayed for. It was very effective. The message was presented on the topic as well from Genesis... Judah and Tamar. I would say good use was made of the materials send to us from THQ.

**Belleville** - We made our congregation aware of this weekend, and we also had special prayer for its victims during the service yesterday.

**Brockville** – We used the fact sheets and announced the weekend of prayer in our Sunday morning announcements.

**Coburg C.C.** - We had a special focus within our Sunday Worship Service where we used the "Deliver us from Evil" powerpoint and our mime group preformed a song. The prayer guides were passed out during prayer time and others participated by reading the written prayers that were provided. The congregation was also challenged to take prayer reminder cards (which I made) to put in their bibles/etc. to remind them to pray for this issue throughout the year. We used the fact sheets too, and the article about speaking to children about trafficking is a great resource for parents/leaders. More sermon helps would be great. I love how the materials come and are basically ready to print and use, it makes supporting this weekend of prayer very user friendly!

**Collingwood** - For the few weeks prior to the Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking our messages were focused around poverty and justice, leading into this weekend. Sunday, September 26th's services was focused on the call to prayer for Human Trafficking. The flow of the service from beginning, through Kidz Time, the message and to the end centered around this theme. About midway through the service the PowerPoint, Deliver Us From Evil, was played, followed by focus prayer guided by the prayer guide. Four different people prayed, one for each of the areas named/listed.

**Erin Mills** - We sang a praise song - "Show Your Power" seeking God as a congregation, showing His power through our prayers - we then remained standing while 4 prayer warriors prayed for the 4 specific areas from the prayer guide. They were asked and given the prayer guide ahead of time so that they came with their hearts prepared for this. We then as a congregation sang SASB 519 seeking God for His help as we continue to learn to walk with Him so that we can continue to have hearts that are willing to come to Him on behalf of suffering humanity. The YP band followed up this time with the playing of "Spirit of the Living God" All information received was helpful. As we are blessed with many children present each week in our worship, we worked hard to be sensitive to the children with regards to this topic. Therefore, the prayers, individually and corporately became our focus.

**Florence Booth House** - Posters were made with information/graphics from the powerpoint slides. I had scriptures printed on a hand-out: Mt. 19:13,14; Mt.18:1-14; Lev.23:22; Deut.24:14. On the reverse were the prayers you included, plus my own. Staff & residents volunteered to read various ones, and we all spoke the "Lord have mercy", etc. We all read the scriptures, and I spoke briefly on how much God loves and cares about the young/poor/refugee/vulnerable in our world, in our community.

Anyone who wanted to keep their readings/prayers and and prayer pamphlet were welcome to keep it, and a good number did so. The Director, Staff present, and any interested resident attended this special Chapel Service. Of course we sang: I explained about John Newton before we sang "Amazing Grace". Also: What a Friend We Have in Jesus. I also went to the **Homestead** and did a very similar service. I did a visual start: with various items in my bag that the ladies had to decide which things were expendable and should be thrown into my trash can. To end we sang "Amazing Grace" and I explained about the slave runner John Newton, and the difference Jesus made in his life, and the great influence he became to William Wilberforce who was the MP who led the British Parlaiment to abolish slavery. They found this extremely interesting. Knowing how much God cares about the insignificant, vulnerable ones, and the difference one person can make in our community/world, is causing some real thought among our women.

**Gladstone C.C.** – Our Sunday service was focussed on the theme “Let my people go” and we used the powerpoint presentation.

**Gravenhurst** - We spoke of the reality of Human Trafficking even here in Canada and held a time of focused prayer during the Sunday Morning meeting. I don't have power point equipment and didn't use any of the resources.

**Huntsville** – Our whole service was dedicated to this cause.

**Immigrant and Refugee Services** at Harbourlight - in our weekly Bible Study we decided to take a class to commemorate the Victims of Sex Trafficking. We spent time discussing this topic and took some time to pray. Perhaps if it's possible have a person give their testimony, this would perhaps make people realize that this acts are evil and unacceptable in our society or anywhere in the world. It was a good experience, though sad but makes us all aware of what is happening (suffering, pain and abuse of women).

**Kemptville** - We incorporated the Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking into our Sunday morning worship. We are currently doing a sermon series on the gospel of John. I spoke about Jesus clearing the temple as an act of holy discontent and challenged us to consider what breaks our heart like it breaks the heart of God and how is he using us to bring about his justice in the world. Then we easily segued into the topic of Human Sex Trafficking. We watched the Deliver Us From Evil powerpoint with audio and prayed through the prayer guide. The video (Truthisn'tsexy) was a bit too short for Sunday morning use. I was looking for something a bit longer and informative. However, the powerpoint with audio was a nice option. Thanks for the fantastic resources that were provided. They were easy to use and set the stage for a powerful prayer time. The song "Heal us" is awesome! A nice reflection on the reality of the impact of trafficking on the native community.

**Meighen Health Centre** - Given our population, we didn't use any of the formal materials, but the desperate problem of Human trafficking and its victims was made a part of the prayer service as well as the week before in both the Manor & Residence.

**Northridge C.C.** – Our Social justice wall in the Church foyer displayed facts and resources leading up to emphasis. The squares at the bottom of the wall were written by our youth. Special prayer focus took place during the morning worship – the prayer guide was circulated and the video "The Truth Isn't Sexy" was shown. We used the prayer guide, fact sheets, powerpoint presentation, prayer sheet, article for children and the French, Chinese, Spanish and Korean resources.

**North Toronto C.C.** - We focused our Sunday morning service around three points: there is injustice in the world, the answer to this is found by looking at the character of God, the Good News - God uses people like us to make a difference. We used video clips, material and statistics provided by the ethics centre and created a multi media presentation that invited individual and corporate participation by the congregation through the reading of scripture and ready pre-written prayers. It so happened that this weekend fell on our Children's Fall fun Fair, the date for which was already set before we arrived in July. It was an interesting contrast, the irony was not lost on us, as we celebrated the lives of our young and innocent we were praying for those who were experiencing quite the opposite.

At **Orillia** corps, the weekend coincided with our Children and Youth Sunday and the theme of the morning meeting was Slavery. Fairly early in the meeting they used a script, which was adapted from an idea in a UK book called Multi-Sensory Prayer. There were also 2 short scriptural talks on the subject, concluding the second with reading John Newton's story with a DVD, pictures and music, of Amazing Grace in the background, which was very moving. The Prayer Guide was very helpful and it was included in the corps bulletin so people could take it home and continue to pray. We are so glad that such an emphasis, with so many resources, was made available. We pray with you - may God continue to deliver them - and us- from evil.

**Oshawa Temple** - We had a prayer/singing segment focusing on what human trafficking is all about and its seriousness. We used the fact sheets and prayer sheet and felt well resourced. We had a 15 year old girl read the prayer to represent the age group largely affected by this crime. We also incorporated statistics and other helpful information about this crime and how the Salvation Army and governments/agencies etc are working to do their part in combating this problem worldwide.

**Ottawa Citadel** – We put a notice in the bulletin, and everyone received a copy of the "Deliver Us From Evil" prayer guide. We had a focused prayer time for victims of trafficking and used the Power point presentation.

**Parry Sound** - The emphasis was advertised and announced for a few weeks prior. The Prayer Guide was distributed in our bulletins the Sunday prior. The congregation was encouraged to use the guide during the weekend.

**Picton** - Took time in the morning worship service to show video and have prayer for those who are victims. This was led by the Divisional Women's Ministries Secretary Major June. The prayer guide was passed out to the congregation.

**Richmond Hill** – We had a time of prayer and showed the powerpoint presentation in our Sunday worship.

**Scarborough Citadel** - The focus of our service on Sunday was around Human Trafficking. I used a couple of videos through the service that I downloaded from Youtube and the sermon was based on why we should care about H. T. I didn't use any of the provided materials.

**Woodroffe Temple:** We started our service with an explanation of what this weekend was about and the importance of intercession. We used the resources available, with the powerpoint followed by intercessory prayers and a musical selection.

**Yorkminster Corps** (Toronto) – Our family worship centred on this theme, including the scriptures, songs, children's story, musical items and media materials. All of these were used to tell the story and express the heart of God on this subject. The culminating act was a prayer exercise with all the congregants participating in one of three standing circles. Each person was given an action sheet to take home. Since then, Heather has met with 5-6 ladies to follow up on the action points. We used the prayer guide, fact sheets, powerpoint presentation, prayer sheet, prayer for men and Spanish resources.

#### **ONTARIO GREAT-LAKES:**

**Divisional event** - Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> was Human Trafficking Awareness Day - a divisional event hosted at London Citadel. 45 people attended the awareness sessions, which started with a video greeting from MP Joy Smith. RCMP representative Marty gave facts and statistics about domestic trafficking as well as stories of successful prosecution of traffickers. London CrimeStoppers gave a presentation about their efforts, outlining the Blue Blindfold campaign and explaining to us how their anonymous tip and reward system works and can be a great tool for reporting suspected incidents of trafficking. Jorge shared with us about his journeys to brothels in places like Thailand to rescue young victims and Singer/Songwriter/Comedienne Kelita shared about raising several hundred thousand dollars to rescue young girls who are forced to work in brothels in Cambodia. Finally, Aura of the Salvation Army Correctional & Justice Services in London reported on efforts locally to help trafficking victims escape from their life of exploitation. We learned some of the things that we can all do to safely identify and report suspected incidents of trafficking. The awareness session was followed by dinner and a fund-raising concert in the evening, featuring London Citadel Junior Chorale, London Citadel Praise & Worship Team, Kelita (with comedy and songs) and finally, the high energy band U Turn. All proceeds went towards the fight against Sex Trafficking In Canada.

**Burlington CC** - We set aside some time in our Sunday worship service to show the Powerpoint and to pray. We used the powerpoint presentation, the prayer guide and the fact sheets and the powerpoint presentation was VERY helpful. Thank you for making us aware of this.

**Cambridge** – We used the powerpoint presentation and had a time of prayer.

**Essex** – We used human trafficking in the Sunday sermon. We also had a human trafficking story shared. We used the powerpoint presentation and had a prayer focus

**Freeway** – Ruth was invited to speak for an evening of awareness on the topic of human trafficking.

**Georgetown** – In our Sunday worship, we used trafficking as the theme for our sermon & prayer

**Guelph** - Friday Prayer walk, Sunday sermon ``Deliver us from Evil``, article from Salvationist, prayer

**Hamilton Public Relations and Development Department** - Hamilton PRD office used the powerpoint and fact sheets to highlight this issue as a component of the "Sleep in the Park" event.

**Hespeler** – We used human trafficking as the theme for our Sunday sermon, and we had prayers and used the pamphlets.

Hillcrest - On Sunday, we used the powerpoint, prayer guides, and fact pamphlets. Our prayer and sermon were based around human trafficking.

**Kitchener** - Friday night, we had prayer stations with different themes for people to pray individually. Human trafficking was the theme for our Sunday sermon and prayers.

**Leamington corps** - At our corps we had a special time of prayer during the Sunday morning service, following the sermon, to focus on Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking. We used the Deliver Us From Evil Powerpoint, and then used the Prayer Sheet to pray together. Each member of the congregation was also given a Prayer Guide.

**Listowel Citadel** - We had originally scheduled Sunday as our Ministry to Women Sunday, but when the special guest needed to change weekends, we went with the human trafficking theme. We held a prayer time on Friday night using the FAQ sheet, the prayer guide and three of the stories. We had three of us present for that. The overall theme for our Sunday morning service was human sex trafficking. We started off reading the account from the Army's history where the girls rescue homes were just being set up and the problem of human sex trafficking was just being identified, through to where WT Stead was going to jail for buying Eliza Armstrong. Later in the service we used the Human Sex Trafficking information (the one with the picture of two girls for sale) and Timea's story. Being in rural Ontario, our members don't see or hear much about human trafficking, so it was not something that resonated with them at all.

**London** - We had 2 groups in London go out prayer walking on the Friday evening. One group was comprised primarily of youth from the London Citadel Youth Group. We prayed at City Hall, the London Court House, a strip club, along the street where women are prostituted and also at a local hotel where women are exploited. The kids marched silently praying for the various needs as well as writing slogans in chalk on the ground where we prayed. (Free the Slaves, Stop the Traffick, etc.)

**Meadowlands** – Human trafficking was the theme for our Sunday sermon, worship and prayer

**Milton Khi** – We used a video and had a 10 minute talk on human trafficking and pornography. We made a resource table available with books, pamphlets

**Mountain Citadel, Hamilton** - We held a special prayer emphasis in our Sunday worship service and commenced that by showing the 'Deliver Us From Evil' powerpoint. An informational slide was also incorporated into the loop prior to the service, sharing how individuals can become involved in the fight

against trafficking. We also copied the prayer guide and inserted in our bulletins, encouraging the congregation to become aware of the need and to continue in prayer. And at the end of the service, we distributed bags of chips, idea borrowed from resources a couple years ago, with labels attached...as an object lesson of the minimal cost which children are sold into sexual slavery. Thank you for the resources...and for providing us with valuable tools which enable us to bring awareness of the need to our congregations. Blessings on your work!

**New Liskeard** - Sunday sermon & prayer.

**St. Catharines corps** - Yes, we did have special emphasis on the Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking in St. Catharines Corps. Major Valerie was our speaker, as she sits on the Divisional Trafficking Committee. She spoke from Genesis 37 with Joseph being sold into slavery. We began our worship service with the power point slide show and we had special prayer for the victims of Human Trafficking. Our whole worship service focused on fighting evil & darkness to bring release, freedom and light. We made available to our congregation copies of the prayer guide and also the SA positional statement on Human Trafficking.

**St. Marys** – We had a presentation and time of prayer on Sunday.

**Sarnia** – Friday night prayer walk and prayer time in corps

**Simcoe Community church** – Capt. Deborah advertised the weekend at the local Ministerial group and in the Community Events of the newspaper; the newspaper also sent a (young) reporter who showed up before everyone else did on the Friday night for the prayer walk. One family made candle holders from 2 litre pop bottles and we carried them downtown to various points and prayed. I got to take almost my whole Sunday school class (11-14 in age), so it was a good opportunity to talk about human trafficking and what The Salvation Army is doing around the world. Another group went in a different direction. Those who couldn't walk were welcome to stay and pray at the corps; we had a display of posters, etc. set up. After the walk we had the men view the SA video clip and they were given a copy of the prayer for men. Then we had Fair Trade tea and coffee and hot chocolate and bananas and chocolate, and we talked about why to support Fair Trade. We also had samples of lotions and body butters from The Body Shop, which has a "stop the trafficking" campaign. On Sunday morning, people noticed the sidewalks covered with chalked slogans about freedom and stopping the traffic - the kids did that before the prayer walk. Sunday morning the focus for prayer and worship was the suggested "Deliver us from Evil." I also encouraged people to use the Facebook "I am Stop the Traffic" for their status and several posted the clip. I think it was a good weekend over all; next time I will try to be intentional about getting others to join me in fasting on Friday.

**Sudbury** – Human trafficking was the theme for our Sunday sermon and prayer. We gave out resource materials.

**Thunder Bay** - Sunday Powerpoint presentation and prayer, pamphlets handed out.

**Westminster Park** – We had prayers on Sunday morning.

**Sault Ste. Marie** – We used the powerpoint presentation and had a time of prayer.

**South Winsor Corps and Winsor CRC** – We had a prayer time, showed a video and had a prayer walk on the Friday evening.

**Woodstock** - We set up a prayer room at our Church location and our Family Services location. The prayer room included the facts Sheets and a prayer guide. On Friday morning the staff and employees at our Family Services location began the day with a devotion and prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking. On Monday morning we began our day with devotions and prayer using the facts sheets and prayer guide. During our Sunday morning service we had specific prayer focus. We shared some info from the facts sheets and used the responsive prayer that was provided. We had hoped to show the two videos but on Sunday morning we could not get it to work.

**Wyndfield** – We used the prayer guides and powerpoint presentation, and created a Facebook prayer group created for our Corps

#### **QUÉBEC:**

*(note: these responses have been translated from French)*

**Eglise communautaire de Quebec** – Our entire Sunday service was dedicated to prayer for victims of sex trafficking, including the sermon. We used the French poster and prayer guide.

**Shawinigan** – We spent time in our Sunday worship service praying for victims of sex trafficking. We used the prayer guide and fact sheets, and the (French) powerpoint presentation was very useful.

**Sherbrooke** – We fasted and prayed during the whole weekend. Friday night we had a prayer walk in the downtown core of the city, and on Sunday during worship we used the (French) powerpoint to focus our prayers. We used the (French) poster, prayer guide and fact sheets as well. Our congregation really welcomed this topic and their responses were very revelatory. Thank you for the resources.

**St. Jerome** – In our Sunday service, we showed the (French) powerpoint presentation and had a time of prayer.

#### **MARITIMES:**

**Charlottetown**- Due to the 125 anniversary we focused on Human Trafficking the week before (September 19) in our service. We used our prayer time in the service to bring attention to trafficking and had several people pray on behalf of the congregation. We passed out the prayer guides and we challenged the congregation to use the prayer guides for the whole year, coming back to it more than just at this time of year.

**Fairview-** We distributed brochures and advertised the weekend in our bulletin and had a special prayer focus during the Holiness meeting. This is a very sensitive issue, but very well received by Corps people. It is so important to raise awareness at a local level. We used the prayer guide, fact sheets, prayer sheet and powerpoint presentation.

**Fredericton-** We held a time of prayer during our Sunday Morning Service. I find video clips to be very helpful in making people realize the scope of the situation.

**Halifax Citadel** - We had a special time of prayer in our Sunday morning service. We prayed for all who are affected by Sex Trafficking; perpetrators as well as victims. All material was helpful. We used the prayer guide, powerpoint, prayer sheet and youth specific resources.

**Kentville-** We commemorated the weekend of prayer for victims of sex trafficking by having a prayer breakfast and praying specifically for it. We also had special prayer in our morning worship service as well. We found the prayer sheet most helpful.

**Sackville corps** - We used the power point slide presentation with the song. We arranged our prayer time to reflect the same. Although we didn't commit the total service the theme, the time we did commit was very meaningful and the message was received.

**Springhill, Nova Scotia.** We actually had our weekend Sept 19th because we had a youth weekend/service planned for this past weekend. We had a specific prayer time in our Sunday service and used the powerpoint slideshow...and then repeated just the individual slides with prayer requests out of it during our prayer time. People were involved and responded well to the time of prayer (which was nice to see and maybe a little surprising)

**Summerside-** The Weekend of prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking came on the same date as our 125 celebration on PEI. On Sunday morning Commissioner Marilyn had a special prayer for the victims of Sex Trafficking. The TC and TPWM were visiting **PEI** and had prayer for victims of trafficking with the leaders and in the services wherever they went.

**Sussex C.C.** – We advertised the weekend in our bulletins and made use of the prayer guide, fact sheets, powerpoint presentation, prayer sheet, prayer for men, and youth resources.

**Sydney-** A featured time of special prayers and information was presented. Various officers (both active & retired) presented or lead prayers. We used the prayer guide and fact sheets.

**Woodstock Community Church, NB** – The prayed during the Sunday morning service using the powerpoint presentation, the prayer for men and the prayer sheet.

**Yarmouth C.C.** - We gave out the prayer guide in advance so that our people could be in prayer during the week prior. We had a prayer focus during our worship, which included a video presentation, power

point presentation, and prayers from the congregation. We used the prayer guide, fact sheets, prayer sheet and powerpoint presentation.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR:

Corps Reporting	Activities	Materials useful
<b>Bayview</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation by the Youth</li> <li>2. Youth set profile picture &amp; status to the Traffic Jam status for the weekend</li> <li>3. Special Prayer time was held in Sunday services</li> <li>4. Prayer meetings Monday through Sunday(8:30-9:30 A.M.)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The weekend Prayer Guide</li> <li>2. FAQ Sheet</li> <li>3. Deliver us from Evil” PowerPoint</li> <li>4. Traffic Jam for Facebook</li> </ol>
<b>Corner Brook Citadel</b>	Held Prayer Breakfast with focus on this theme. We shared some victory stories like the truck driver who called 911 and that lead to the rescue of nine minors, 31 offender convictions, and shutting down a 13-state trafficking ring. We were glad to be a part of this ministry. God bless	Prayer Guide
<b>Corner Brook Temple</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ladies Bible Study Group focused on the issue with special prayer for the victims</li> <li>2. Special Prayer Concert on Sunday evening with special focus on this issue</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power Point Presentation</li> <li>2. Fact Sheet</li> <li>3. Prayer Guide</li> </ol>
<b>Bishop’s Falls</b>	Prayer Focus during Sunday Worship	FAQ Sheet
<b>Bay Roberts</b>	The Sunday evening Worship service took the form of a Prayer meeting which was focused on this issue. We also showed the youtube video from Project Mexico. This is the first time I presented it in this way but I am very pleased I did. I was anxious about the response of the congregation but I did receive positive feedback. Thank-you for all the helpful resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power Point Presentation</li> <li>2. FAQ Sheet</li> <li>3. Prayer Guide</li> <li>4. Prayer sheet</li> </ol>
<b>Musgrave Harbour/Carmenville</b>	Special Prayer Time in both Corps/gathered around the altar and joined hands as they prayed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prayer Guide</li> <li>2. FAQ Sheet</li> </ol>
<b>Park Street Citadel</b>	Power Point Presentation with special prayer	Power Point Presentation

<b>Pathway Community Church/Paradise</b>	Special Guest- Dolly Correctional & Justice Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power Point Presentation</li> <li>2. Prayer Guide</li> </ol>
<b>Grand Bank</b>	Included Prayer Guide in Sunday Bulletin/Prayer	Prayer Guide
<b>St. John's Citadel</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emphasis during WM Sunday &amp; Men's Rally</li> <li>2. Display in Prayer Room during September</li> <li>3. Placed Prayer Guides in Corps Bulletins</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prayer Guide</li> <li>2. Power Point</li> <li>3. Prayer for men</li> </ol>
<b>Twillingate</b>	Special Prayer Focus during Sunday A.M service	Prayer Guide

**Gander Citadel** – At Gander Corps, we held a special "Concert of Prayer" in the Sunday Evening service. In that service, we incorporated the "Deliver us from Evil" powerpoint, prayer guide, and the manuscripts responsive prayer. It would be great in the resource pack for next year, to include suggested songs, as well as prayer choruses to be used in special focus services. Thanks so much for the resources already available!

**Corrections and Justice Services** - Prior to this past weekend I sent out an e-mail to the whole division (corps officers & Social Services staff) requesting prayer for the Sexual Human Trafficking and offered my support to anyone who was interested. I attached the information I had received from THQ - as a resource / materials for everyone to utilize.

I commemorated the Weekend of Prayer by firstly developing a power point presentation, along with the National power point presentation, and presented both to one of the new corps just outside the City; this presentation had also been advertised in the previous week's service. The presentation started with William Booth and the Army's history of involvement world-wide. Pieces were introduced from Victor Malarek's Book "The Natashas". From there it was concentrated on the Canada scene and Newfoundland & Labrador information and hands on experience. Following the National power-point with Cheryl Bear's song we had five individuals praying the requested prayers indicated on the Information sheet sent from THQ.

This presentation replaced the sermon for the morning and resulted in being a very powerful tool for those present. The Corps Officer then challenged the people to pray for a week re their children's programming and challenged them to come up with ideas that would protect their children and teenagers. Those ideas would then be discussed and integrated into their weekly programming at that Corps. It was truly a morning of constant blessings, encouragement and inspiration!

#### **BERMUDA:**

(from DDWM): I received reports from **3 corps and 1 social ministry unit**, indicating that they gave this issue a prayer emphasis during the weekend of September 25-26.

The **Harbour Light chaplain** showed the power point presentation to their clients and then they went on a prayer walk in a park overlooking the city of Hamilton. They were given three different handouts

(separately over a period of time) and then dispersed from the larger group to find a secluded place to pray privately. Following the three prayer sessions, they returned to the larger group for a de-briefing. Reflecting upon their comments, it proved to be a very meaningful exercise for this group of men.

One corps made it a major prayer focus for their prayer breakfast (with 67 women in attendance) during their Women's Ministries Weekend. Ladies prayed around the tables for different groups involved in this crime. This corps highlighted this issue and made it a prayer concern during their Sunday morning worship as well.

One corps announced the special weekend for a few weeks and encouraged the corps people to be in prayer privately. During the Sunday morning service, a significant portion of the service was devoted to prayer, using the prayer guide that was included in the resources. Information was also distributed to corps folks and they were encouraged to access information from various sources. Much prayerful engagement was evident.

Another corps invited a person knowledgeable on the topic to speak to the congregation and then he lead in prayer. The prayer guide was a useful tool.

**WEB-SITE** ([www.salvationist.ca/trafficking](http://www.salvationist.ca/trafficking))

- ❖ In terms of our website stats from August 1 to September 30, here are the number of hits related to the various pages:
  - Weekend of Prayer (including all Weekend of Prayer downloads) - 3,624
  - Human Sexual Trafficking - 1,460
  - Resources - 601
  - Deliver us from Evil article - 223
  - How You Can Help - 184
  - French page - 167
  - SA Response 162
  - Anti-Trafficking Network 122
  - Spanish page 112
  - 100 Huntley St video 104
  - Around the World 79
  - If You Suspect 40

**Total hits from trafficking posts/pages: 6,878**

**YOUTH:**

The I Am Traffic Jam facebook page ( [www.facebook.com/iamtrafficjam](http://www.facebook.com/iamtrafficjam)) was very successful. We had 2,400 Active Users, 1,082 people 'like' / 'fans' of the page (as of Monday, Sept 27).

Popularity: Wed Sept 22 - 18 new likes, Thurs Sept 23 - 139 new likes, Fri Sept 24 - 380 new likes, Sat Sept 25 - 218 new likes.

Supporters: Female - 68% (largest percent is 18-24 yr olds at 19%), Male - 31% (largest percent is 18-24 yr olds at 12%)

Top 5 Countries: 388 New Zealand, 322 Canada, 126 Australia, 90 USA, 30 UK

Top 5 Cities: 299 Auckland, 66 Wellington, 57 Sydney, 56 Toronto, 22 Victoria

**Maritimes** (from Divisional Youth Secretary): We did receive the Traffic Jam stickers just a couple days before our divisional Youth Together event. We did distribute the stickers to the teens at the end of Youth Together as a challenge to the teens to take these back to their youth groups or cell groups or other youth events and talk through some efforts that they can do to support this very real social issue. I did download the information that was on [sendthefire.ca](http://sendthefire.ca), including the sample letter that could be send to their member of parliament, and we put all the information in a brochure for all the leaders that were present. So the teens got the stickers, the leaders got the info and together they were challenged to continue the dialogue and planning at home.

**Quebec** – We handed out the traffic jam stickers at Youth Councils and explained to youth that The Salvation Army is fighting human trafficking.

**Ontario Central-East** – At “Converge” (youth councils) we hosted a Traffic Jam. Sheryl did some online research and found the company Freeset - who has an amazing story - and we ordered their messenger bags to sell. We showed a portion of their promo video, and had a time of prayer for the girls/women that are being employed by the company, for the men who buy them, and that the Freeset company would continue to have an economic impact on each of these girls. The youth also brought things to sell, either homemade items such as jewellery, banana bread, cookies, or some painted nails and for a donation you were able to sillystring your youth pastor (there are some great pics of that on facebook). The rough total is about \$1300.00 which is pretty amazing from the youth - which was doubled by an anonymous donor because their heart was so moved by what the youth were doing for other people.

**PARTNERS IN MISSION:**

**FRANCE/BELGIUM:** The Chief Secretary for France and Belgium Territory wrote to thank us for the materials we made available in French. He said they would be using the IHQ poster, which had already been translated into French, but that the prayer guide and fact sheet would be very helpful. He said he was sending these to all officers in the Territory for their use for the international day of prayer, and saw it as a great example of partnering in mission.

**KOREA TERRITORY:** The Chief Secretary for Korea Territory wrote to thank us for the Korean resources (prayer guide and fact sheet) and assured us that they would be used widely throughout the Territory. They also reported that they have a continuing ministry of hope and compassion through a number of social centres in major city areas and especially in the southern port city of Pusan where such trafficking is known to occur.

**PHILIPPINES TERRITORY:** Chief Secretary for the Philippines Territory, contacted us wanting an English fact sheet about trafficking, and so we sent him one.

**SOUTH AMERICA WEST TERRITORY:** The TSWM wrote, saying the Spanish resources we sent were going to be helpful in ministry and also attaching a powerpoint that had been created for ministry units in their Territory. Notably, their weekend of prayer is not restricted to *sexual* trafficking.

#### **OUTSIDE OF SALVATION ARMY:**

- Aux. Captain Tina forwarded Korean resources to all **Korean churches** on her contact list. She tried to get the Korean poster printed in “the Christian Post” but at the last minute, the editor decided not to print it.
- **“Canada Fights Human Trafficking”** wrote to us showing “definite” interest in the prayer weekend and wanting to be on our distribution list to get updates and information. We added their email addresses to the list.
- **World Vision** wrote, thanking us for the information and saying they would forward to their appropriate internal contacts.
- **Beyond Borders** thanked us for the information and reminded us about funding opportunities for anti-trafficking work with youth.
- **Karen** emailed us wanting information. She has travelled to many countries of trafficking when working abroad and edited parts of a video (on international and Canadian trafficking) and is now creating awareness about human trafficking in churches. She asked us for permission to use the posters and to hand out materials and said she is most impressed with the Salvation Army campaign. “I would be honoured to endorse their cause and work in my presentations and appreciate the permission to use the materials.”

- Harriet of the **Sister School of Notre Dame** in **Waterdown, Ontario** wrote to thank us for the resources and to assure us that she would be using them for about 80 of her senior women. After the weekend, she wrote, “We were most grateful for your resources. We set up a display of photos, candles, books, prayer outside our chapel Friday eve as an awareness as well as posted a notice for staff and residents in our dining room. The candles were lit all day Saturday and individuals would sit nearby and reflect, read or pray. On Sunday afternoon we used your prayer guide of the 7 stations; had various individuals read the introduction and Scripture for each and all present (about 45 people) and prayed aloud the prayer points. It was a powerful faith experience, and I believe such energy joined with so many groups around the world praying has to have a positive effect on the whole criminal activity and all concerned. I found the idea of stations a meaningful concept to follow. The resources were easy to adapt to any group. Thank you again for this initiative.”
- From Theresa- “I will be praying and fasting on the weekend. I have also encouraged others to do the same. It is such a great idea.” S. Theresa, Member of the Stop HT committee of the **School Sisters of Notre Dame**, Waterdown, ON
- From **International Justice Mission Canada**: “We were praying for this event and trust it went well. We too had a busy weekend of sharing the message of global injustices in various venues this weekend. We continue to pray for you and thank you for sharing this journey with us. Thanks.”
- We got a call from Sister Karen, whose congregation is the **Franciscan Missionaries of Mary** and she is a part of the Trafficking group in St. Boniface that is headed by Sister Gabriel. She had been on the website and was coordinating the Weekend of Prayer for her congregation in Winnipeg.
- From **Martha** (member of the human trafficking awareness committee in Greater Toronto Area): “I prayed on my own on the Friday... I did not use the materials but some would be helpful for future... thank you!”