



2019 IMPACT REPORT

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SET  FREE

**NOTE FROM
OUR DIRECTOR**



What began ten years ago with faltering steps, experimentation, and faith is now effective, transformational action making real impact.

As you read this impact report you'll see that God is using ordinary people to transform neighborhoods and protect the vulnerable.

Set Free leaders are partnering with God to:

- Protect women from gender-based violence in Kenya
- Help homeless teens find shelter in Michigan
- Reunite trafficked children with their families in India
- Offer hope to women in a strip club in Ohio
- Raise awareness to thousands of children and mobilize hundreds of churches and more.

**The hopeless are finding hope.
The broken are experiencing healing.
The vulnerable are being protected.
Jesus is setting captives free!**

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KEVIN AUSTIN


Set Free Movement teams around the world build community resilience and reduce vulnerabilities to human trafficking. Teams work in the direction of freedom across sectors and issues with at-risk youth, refugees, those caught in homelessness and poverty, as well as survivors of sexual exploitation. Some teams also address labor trafficking, gender-based violence, and cybersex.

This year, we celebrate a decade of rebuilding community in the pursuit of shalom. Over the past 10 years the Set Free Movement has raised more than \$1 million dollars through Freedom Sunday. These funds have helped launch 21+ freedom projects around the world. Through teams, the SFM is incubating and accelerating additional ministries and independent organizations: Eden's Glory in Illinois, MyPlace in Jackson, MI, St. John's Home in Bulgaria, and more.

Set Free teams across the world are making great strides in reducing vulnerability by partnering across sectors to create new futures.



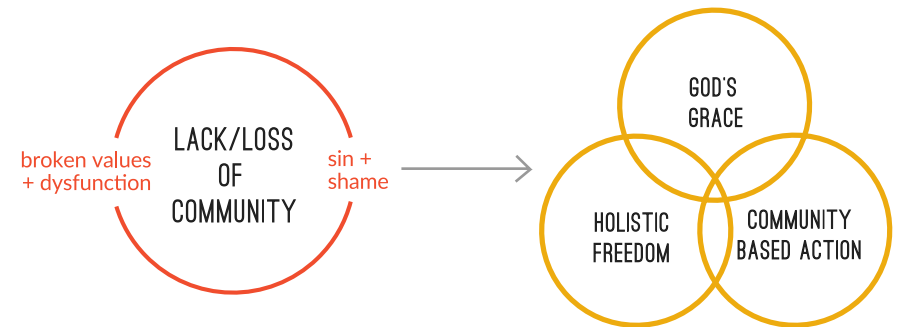
ST. JOHN'S HOME PARTNERS IN PRAYER



ABOUT THE GLOBAL SLAVE TRADE

We believe slavery is a symptom of a deeper problem: our brokenness.

Injustice emerges from fragmented relationships, divided communities, unjust systems, and distorted cultural values. Slavery and human trafficking are the by-products of poverty, racism, sexism and gender-based violence, abuse, forced migration, civil war, addictions, and more.



Ending slavery means we must help transform people and communities from the inside out. We need to address the root causes of exploitation. This means we must heal brokenness at all levels: relationships, communities, and systems.

Freedom starts with rebuilding community. That's why we not only seek justice for the oppressed— we pursue shalom to help transform the world.



OUR MISSION

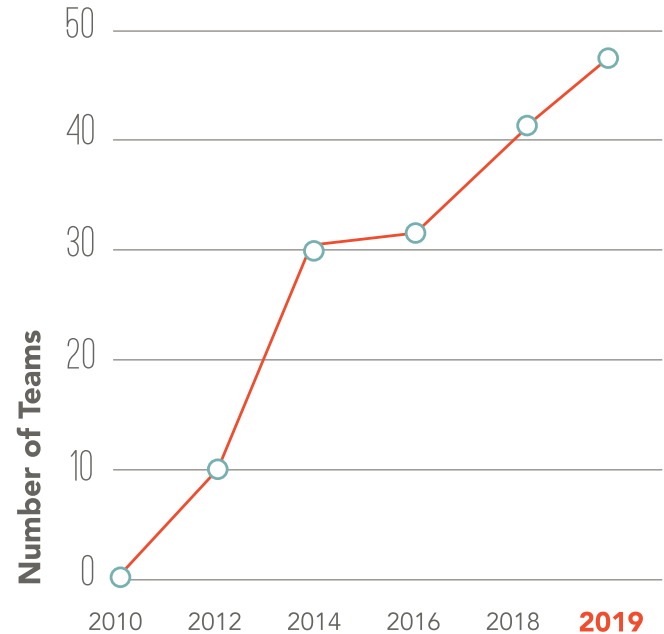
THE SET FREE MOVEMENT SEEKS HOLISTIC FREEDOM TO CREATE NEW FUTURES AND END MODERN SLAVERY THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED ACTION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS.

47 TEAMS | **11 COUNTRIES** | **100+ LOCAL PARTNERS** | **1000s OF LIVES IMPACTED**



OUR PROGRESS

10 years ago, the Set Free Movement was comprised of just a few churches in the US who wanted to end slavery in their own communities, today our network includes 40+ teams.



Set Free Teams from around the world work tirelessly to rally their communities to have zero tolerance for exploitation.

In 2019, alone:



16,400+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED TO TAKE ACTION



3,896 TIMES WE DIRECTLY SUPPORTED SURVIVORS OR PEOPLE AT-RISK OF SLAVERY



4,400 HARD HOURS WORKED BY TEAM MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS



5,600+ YOUTH TRAINED TO STAY SAFE

Since 2015:



174,606 COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED TO TAKE ACTION



11,494 TIMES WE DIRECTLY SUPPORTED SURVIVORS OR PEOPLE AT-RISK



32,987 HOURS OF HARD WORK BY VOLUNTEERS



27,956 YOUTH TRAINED TO STAY SAFE

KEY MILESTONES OF 2019

Replicated and grew ministries to support freedom



We are successfully replicating our work in other ministries. Our latest team projects include - Set Free Monterey, a restoration home for women, and MyPlace, rental space for youth.

Strengthened leadership around the world



We continue to invest spiritually, emotionally, and financially in six international leaders, two of which are receiving master's degrees because of our support. In the U.S., we are helping multiple leaders facilitate change in their communities.

Shared expertise and best practices across sectors



We advised businesses on labor rights, human trafficking, and how the private sector can be a driving force for justice. We equipped a business to pledge a zero tolerance policy of forced labor to be used both nationally and internationally to raise awareness and challenge systems of injustice and another to be certified as compliant with US laws concerning worker's rights and forced labor.

Celebrating a decade of freedom



Over the past 10 years of Freedom Sundays SFM has helped launch more than 21+ projects and raised more than \$1 million for freedom. Each year, Freedom Sunday allows SFM to partner with churches around the world to create a transformative impact.

MULTIPLYING MINISTRIES TEAM SPOTLIGHT



The Set Free Monterey Bay Team is making great strides in reducing vulnerability and creating new futures for those affected by and at risk of human trafficking.

Set Free Monterey Bay works to educate their community about human trafficking and is planning to assist previously trafficked, adult women to find healing in a Christ centered, restoration home. In 2019, the group trained more adults and students than any previous year through their education and awareness curriculum, 1,770 people in total!

2019 was the Set Free Monterey Team's first year as a 501(c)3 organization. The team's future goals include creating a user-friendly, digital adaptation of their classroom presentation and to identify a house for their future restoration home. The team hopes to secure more donors and to generate a larger passive income stream through online giving and business partnerships.

How to pray in 2020: The team would appreciate prayers to identify financial partners, provisions for the restoration home, increases in classroom presenter volunteers, and resilience and energy for volunteers and the Board of Directors.

LEARN MORE: www.setfreemontereybay.org

US HIGHLIGHTS

Teams are leading the conversation on human trafficking prevention through community awareness events. Thousands of youth are educated yearly.

Plans to launch two new restoration homes are underway. One for women survivors in California and another for at-risk youth in Michigan.

IN MICHIGAN:

In 2019, the Spring Arbor Set Free Team made immense progress in their goal to support youth in the foster care system through the creation of MyPlace. There are 13,000+ children in foster care in Michigan. MyPlace is addressing that vulnerable population who may lack a safe, stable home with a is rental space for young people. With emerging and existing community partnerships, MyPlace will provide a safe home and surround the youth with life skills education and mentoring.

The Spring Arbor team is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2020. As the inaugural team, Set Free Spring Arbor continues to grow and expand their awareness efforts and build on their team's experience.

How to pray in 2020: Pray specifically for MyPlace and the leadership team as they navigate the process of finding the right rental home and build partnerships in the community.



After spending 2018 focusing on prayer and team building, in the Fall of 2019, the Canfield, Ohio team established a teaching resource kit and began a strip club ministry.

To date, the team has taught around 200 children about human trafficking and prevention steps.

The team is also partnering with Rahab Ministries to begin a strip club ministry. In the long term, this ministry will help to build relationships necessary to help women get out of the industry. Future goals include continuing to build relationships with the women who work at the strip clubs and to inform and educate more children and youth.

How to pray in 2020: Pray the team continues to build relationships with people in the community. Pray for the emerging strip club ministry and that those who are at risk may be kept safe from traffickers.



CANFIELD, OH



SEATTLE, WA

The Seattle, WA team is working diligently to support foster families. The team coordinates “caregiver night outs”, social worker appreciation initiatives, and continues to be a source of hope for young adults aging out of the foster care system.

Their biggest accomplishment of 2019 was starting “Fostering Futures”, a program that supports the needs of vulnerable young adults in extended foster care as they move out on their own. The team’s church provided home furnishings and grocery cards for 6 foster young adults.

In the future, they hope to put together “Welcome Home” kits and host life skills classes so that every young adult aging out of foster care has basic life skill knowledge and cleaning supplies/home goods for their first place.

How to Pray in 2020: The team would appreciate prayers for the health of their leaders, for student leaders to build the Seattle Pacific University team, and for their foster family ministries.



INDIA

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

India has the highest prevalence of slavery in the world, with an estimated 18 million people forced into bonded labor, prostitution, child trafficking, and other forms of exploitation. It is fueled by socioeconomic factors, the caste system, gender inequality, a broken legal system, and more.

Our team in India is working tirelessly to protect the vulnerable and fight trafficking. We are helping to reunite trafficked children who've been rescued with their families, supporting emerging leaders, and mobilizing churches centered on Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit to seek shalom in their neighborhood.

How to pray in 2020: Pray for stability and funding opportunities for reuniting children and families. Pray for provision for the local churches and leaders as they work to protect the vulnerable in their communities.

In Hungary, we are preventing the exploitation of at-risk children, ethnic minorities, and the unemployed. We are supporting children at a Hungarian children's home and a safe home through English lessons, Bible studies, mentoring, games and crafts. This team works to establish a safe, trusting space where youth can find belonging instead of turning to a pimp or gang.

In 2019, the team made great strides in reducing vulnerability and connecting with women affected by trafficking through their prison ministry work. The team's future goals are to continue to deepen their impact in the children's home with increased programming and to be more involved in the women's prison ministry.

How to pray in 2020: The team would appreciate prayers for their work as they continue to build trust with community organizations and trust God to continue to open doors for more opportunities to connect and support the vulnerable.



HUNGARY



ST JOHN'S HOME



St. John's Home: a home to build the resilience and prevent the exploitation of Roma girls.

A highlight from 2019 was the dedication of the St. John's Home in Bulgaria. St. John's Home creates access to education, health care, and vocational training in a safe, spiritually rich, loving, family environment for Roma girls.

The Roma are an ethnic group in Bulgaria that has suffered persecution for generations. Due to generations of racism, Roma families often face severe poverty, unemployment, and a lack of access to health care, education, and other services. Through this project we are working to address racism against the Roma people and reduce these vulnerabilities.

What began as a Freedom Sunday project in 2016 culminated after years of hard work in the dedication of the home in September 2019. The Set Free Movement championed the work, helped raise funds, and partnered strong with Free Methodist World. Missionaries and national leaders.

We celebrate this milestone and ongoing work to create holistic freedom for both Bulgarian and Roma people.

FIND OUT MORE: WWW.STJOHNBG.COM

Freedom Sunday this year will be different from years past.

Because of Covid-19 we are encouraging churches to participate any Sunday from September 2020 through Lent 2021. We realize that some churches may need extra time to gather again and refocus. We will have materials available in July 2020 as usual. For the first time this year, we will have resources in Spanish!



The Set Free Movement, Impact Europe, Latin America Area (FMC), and Select Conferences in the USA are teaming up to build holistic community resilience. This year, we are partnering with churches and organizations in Columbia, Spain, Texas and California to provide support for those most vulnerable to trafficking including immigrants, marginalized refugees, and children.

As a unified movement, Freedom Sunday is one way your church can connect with others around the world to move in the direction of holistic freedom. We are protecting the vulnerable, strengthening communities, and pursuing Christ-centered justice initiatives to fight trafficking. Join us.

JOIN US
FOR
FREEDOM
SUNDAY

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TOTAL REVENUE

\$173,338

EXPENSES

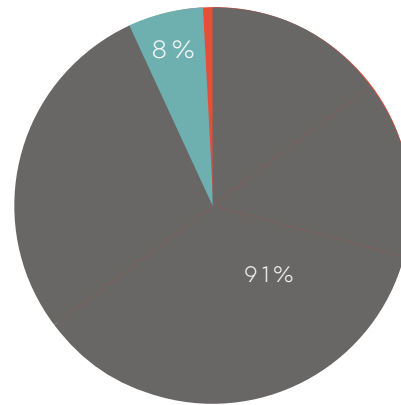
PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$143,179

SUPPORTING SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION: \$11,000

FUNDRAISING: \$3140

TOTAL EXPENSE \$157,319



- PROGRAM
- ADMINISTRATION
- FUNDRAISING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Van Valin (Chairperson)

Kevin Austin (Director)

Bishop Linda Adams

Curt Sarles

Dierdre McCool

Tim Burkhart

LOOKING AHEAD

FREEDOM SUNDAY

Join us for Freedom Sunday starting in September. Visit www.setfreemovement.org for more details.

SPANISH TRANSLATIONS

This year, SFM will be making many materials available in Spanish for Freedom Sunday.

UPDATED URBAN SHALOM

Coming this fall look for an updated version of Urban Shalom with additional small group resources.

NEW WORK IN LATIN AMERICA

We are currently exploring new possibilities for work in Latin America. More information to come later this year.

WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

LEARN MORE: SetFreeMovement.org

JOIN US FOR FREEDOM SUNDAY

starting in September. **Register at**
www.SetFreeMovement.com/Freedom-Sunday

HELP US SUSTAIN THIS WORK

Become a Freedom Advocate (gifts of \$10-49/month)
or a Community Builder (gifts of \$50+/month).

Sign up at: SetFreeMovement.com/Give-Monthly

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Set Free. **Shop at:** shopSEEDmarket.org/set-free

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OUR SET FREE TEAM LEADERS + MEMBERS



KEY PARTNER AGENCIES



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



COMMUNITY BUILDERS GIVING \$50+ EACH MONTH



FREEDOM ADVOCATES GIVING \$10-49 EACH MONTH

The Set Free Movement exists because of the time, commitment, energy, and generosity of our supporters—people like you.

As a global community, all of our work is done through collaboration and partnership with national leaders, missionaries, churches, and other agencies. We are deeply grateful for all those in the Set Free family, with special thanks to:



PERCENTAGE FOR FREEDOM PARTNERS

Businesses investing in new futures for at-risk communities by donating a % of their profits and standing for fair labor practices:

