



# LIFELINE

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Helping the Helpless



*Asha's Story*



**A**t the young age of eight, Asha's parents sold her to a local witch doctor, and the life she once knew vanished. She was now his property and served him for an excruciating six years before running away. Asha tried to escape her nightmare, but instead ended up trapped in sexual slavery in the area's infamous red light district. But God had other plans for Asha. In 2009, we found her and welcomed her into our Crisis Aid Refuge Home. Her nightmare was finally over! Throughout the next few years, we had the privilege of witnessing her unbelievable transformation.

When Asha came to Refuge in 2009, she was withdrawn and afraid. She could not read or write and had no dreams for the future. But things began to change, and soon after, Asha was heard saying, "I was lost, but now God has changed my life, and I will serve Him forever." We had no idea the fullness of that statement or what was to come.

Asha began taking courses at Crisis Aid's Mercy Chapel Vocational Training Center. She worked hard, and by 2011, she joined our staff serving as a runner and an office assistant. Soon thereafter, she reached her goal of becoming the top graduate of Mercy Chapel's first graduating class! Just think, in only a few short years, Asha went from being unable to read or write, to graduating top of her class! Because of her success and dedication, Asha was promoted to be a Teacher's Assistant in the Hair Dressing Department.

Her story does not end there. Asha did so much more than just learn a new vocation, she returned to the red light district and began rescuing others. She became a strong and very capable leader in our Global Safe Campaign. Working with Crisis Aid

to rescue and restore victims held in sexual slavery became her life's purpose.

By 2014, Asha was promoted to Assistant Coordinator of Mercy Chapel. One year later, she became a Coordinator in the very Refuge Home that saved her.

Asha recently said, "I've been at this Refuge Home for five years and am now working as a normal citizen. These have been the best five years of my life. I am very happy and trying to give back by helping other girls. When I summarize my life here, I've found my true identity, and by finding myself, something heavenly. Above all, I have learned much love."

This year, Asha celebrates 6 years of being on Crisis Aid staff. She continues to go back into the Red Light District bringing girls out and inviting them into your Refuge Homes and Mercy Chapel. She also assists with the intake processes in the Homes and with basic counseling. She shares her testimony with the girls still struggling, helping them understand the possibilities that wait for them. After all, she knows better than anyone what it truly means to be set free.

Asha is responsible for assisting in rescuing and training hundreds of girls trapped in sexual slavery. The education you provided that empowered Asha can never be taken away from her. In addition, the ripple effect you created touched hundreds of girls and will have a lasting impact on them and their children for the rest of their lives!







This is a story  
of true redemption.

Thank you for  
making it possible.

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**A**sha's story is not the only one. Many lives have been eternally changed through your giving. Even stories right here in the U.S. of children's lives that have been touched through your Wings program and your U.S. Refuge Home.

Education can never be taken away. Education and the love of God can set and keep people free for a lifetime and can be the impetus which breaks the cycle of poverty in a person's life, forever effecting their family for generations to come. With your partnership, we are launching new educational programs on dairy production and modern farming techniques in some of the most impoverished areas we have ever served.

We are deeply grateful for the help you've provided to young girls, children and families plagued with life-threatening poverty and oppression. Your support has literally rescued them from the clutches of a living hell. Your programs have helped train, inspire and move many to live successful, independent lives.

Safe homes, food, water, medical care and the love of God save and restore lives. The journey for each

person takes time. Please consider pledging a monthly gift in addition to what you already give annually.

Through your partnership, we can invest in the futures of more girls, like Asha, families and children who desperately need your help. If you can impact just one person for the rest of their lives, isn't it well worth it?

Our vision for the future is not only to rescue people, but also to teach job skills for an enriched life. But this can only be done, TOGETHER.

Thank you for considering increasing your support.

May God bless you,



Pat and Sue Bradley

**PS** By donating today, you can help us achieve measureable results in people's lives.

**PPS** We invite you to come walk in the shoes of those whose lives you are transforming. Their stories will be on our website soon, so make sure you sign-up for our email updates.

**Your Gifts Make A Big Difference. Thank You For Caring.**

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