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Helping the Helpless

*Martha's
Story*



The Red Light District

“Thanks to you, forgetting the past was easy for me. I am now smiling with my life after being rescued from the physical and psychological damages I went through in the red light district.”

These are strong words from someone who had little hope of ever escaping a life of sexual slavery alive. Her words become even more powerful when you realize they were said by a nineteen-year-old girl who just spent the past four years in the hell known as the red light district.

This quote came from Martha – a young lady who is no different than any one of us. Maybe you grew up in a broken family or survived child abuse or neglect. Maybe you were young and naive once. Martha, just like you, needed the help of someone – anyone!

Martha was born in a small town. Her father died when she was very young, so she has no memory of him. Because of poverty, she was sent to live at an aunt’s house hundreds of miles away. After she was forced to leave her home, she never heard from her mother again. As if she hadn’t suffered enough, fear then drove Martha from her aunt’s home because of the frequent mistreatment

she was subjected to. She had endured multiple attempted rapes by a family member. And she was just 15 years old!

Martha soon encountered a pimp who deceived her with false promises including the opportunity to earn a lot of money. Because he was so persuasive, and she was still young, Martha believed him, only to find herself thrown into a life of sexual slavery. She lived in this hell seven days a week for four long years. Every day she asked herself, “Could my life ever change?”

Martha needed someone to rescue her. She prayed for help to come. And finally, one day, she was rescued, BECAUSE OF YOU!

Martha is now in one of your Refuge homes in East Africa. She also attends Mercy Chapel Vocational Training Center where she studies hairdressing.

Martha stated, **“I am very much grateful for everything I got from the safe home to which I was welcomed. My soul has started enjoying serenity. I feel like I am in my own family. Many things have been done for me in the safe home which I consider as if I were born again. I have**



Girls in Red Light District waiting to be rescued



Pat consoling a girl waiting to be rescued

understood what hope means and also made myself believe that I could change my own destiny from destruction to a safer and right life. The opportunities I am given in the safe home to go on with my education and the vocational training of hairdressing have started to make me believe in myself for success. I generally could say that God never forsook me to redeem my life from the life I would never think of again. I love the safe home and enjoy every bit of the activities I engage myself in there.

Girls in Red Light District at our block party



Have you ever wondered, “How could a brothel ever become something good?” Probably not. However, now you are thinking about it, and I can answer that question for you. A tremendous

amount of good can come from a brothel! Or I should say a former brothel.

Through the generosity of Victory World Church in Norcross, Georgia, we actually purchased a brothel in the middle of a red light district in 2010. Why would we ever want to do that? It’s simple. We wanted to be where the girls trapped in a life of sexual slavery are; to be able to meet them where they are.

This once brothel was transformed into a vocational training center, counseling center and a

church, all for the purpose of helping these trapped girls have a chance for a new life. We provide five different vocations

including hairdressing, silk screen printing, computer skills, weaving and sewing. Once they graduate, they can then go on to find work which will get them out of the hell they live in.



Mercy Chapel 2013 graduating class

To date we have had exactly 100 graduates. This December we will have our third graduating class which includes 90 girls and young women!

YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. Because of you, 90 more girls will soon be free from the grasp of the red light district. They will have employable skills and be able to get safe, healthy jobs.

We've been sharing our new motto a lot lately, and it couldn't be truer now more than ever. Together we are SAVING LIVES, SAVING SOULS and CHANGING FUTURES. **But the work cannot stop with Martha or these 90 girls.**

We look forward to sharing another update for this program soon via e-mail and social media. Please make sure you join our e-mail list to

receive even more updates. You can sign up at www.crisisaid.org/contactus or contact us at info@crisisaid.org or **1.888.740.7779** to ensure you are on our e-mail list. We don't want you to miss anything you are accomplishing around the world.

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THANK YOU! You literally make the impossible possible! Your partnership is blessing thousands, saving thousands, restoring thousands.

God bless you,

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