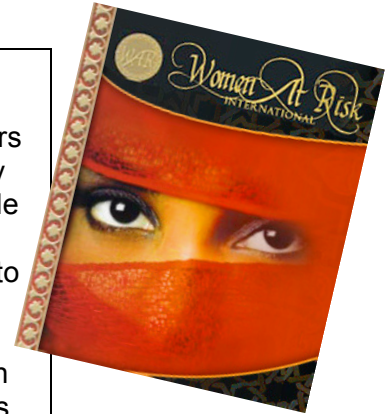


18 December 2009

Dear Friends,

I know that this is a busy time of year for you but I would like to ask you to pray for me as I go to Thailand (a 95% Buddhist country) to share the love of God with young women who are trapped in sexual slavery. The Lord laid a burden on my heart for these women this past summer as I became involved with a ministry called **Women at Risk International**. I am excited that God has given me this opportunity.

Satan has been actively working to demean and devalue women. There are more slaves in the world today than there were when slavery was legal in our country. Virginity is sold by human traffickers to the highest bidder. Children as young as 5 years old are sold by traffickers. According to the U.S. State Department, "800,000 people a year are trafficked against their will. Of these people, 50% are children. 70% of women who are sold into sexual slavery, chained to beds of horror." The injustices are endless. **Women at Risk International** seeks to wrap arms of love around these wounded women to offer a message of grace and hope and clothe them with dignity to restore their lives. It also seeks to raise awareness of this issue that has been sentenced to silence until recently.



I am convinced that God wants me to step out of my comfort zone and reach out to these women and give voice to their silenced cries for help. In **February of 2010** I will travel with 44 other women from around the United States to Thailand. While we are there:

- ✓ We hope to have the opportunity to minister to those who have been rescued from the victimization endured from being trafficked.
- ✓ We plan to encourage these women to pursue their life with dignity, build them up with the hope of Christ and treat them as the daughters of the king that they are.
- ✓ Lord willing, some of us will have the opportunity to go on outreach into the bars to offer freedom from slavery while the rest of us pray for them.

Please **PRAY**:

- ✓ For **me and the women** I will be traveling and ministering with that we will show the love of Christ through our eyes and lives.
- ✓ For **the women** we will visit in the safe houses and bars that God would touch their hearts with His message of love and redemption.
- ✓ That God will provide the **financial resources\*** necessary to make this trip possible.

\*I need to raise \$4,000 for airfare, lodging, meals and transportation by the middle of January 2010.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I pray that God will bless you with His love and mercy because of the redemption we have in Christ Jesus.

Serving Him

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