DAY 9, December 3rd Human Trafficking

"Human trafficking is all around us, in all regions of the world... in practices of forced labour, sexual servitude, recruitment of child soldiers and other forms of exploitation." Mr. Guterres, UN Secretary General. www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2017/09

Mara's Story

Mara lived in Moldova where it was difficult to find work. She heard there were great opportunities in Western Europe so jumped at the offer of a job in a bar. Mara quickly realised that she had been deceived and was now a victim of trafficking. She was bought and sold by traffickers who took her through Albania, Italy, France and England before she arrived in Ireland. Here her passport and papers were taken from her and destroyed, and she was put to work in a brothel. Mara had to work all day and frequently into the night, receiving only food and shelter. If she did not obey, Mara was told her family in Moldova would be killed. Mara managed to escape and got the support and help she needed. (Shared with permission)

Question:

What is my reaction to this true story?

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Global Facts about Human Trafficking:

1. Human are trafficked for: Sexual Exploitation, Cheap Labour and Organ Transplants.
2. All countries are a source, transit or destination for traffickers.
3. Human Trafficking (HT) is the 2nd most lucrative criminal activity after illegal sale of arms.
4. Globally 24.9 million victims are trapped in modern-day slavery. 71% are women and girls and 29% men and boys. www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource

Pope Francis' describes HT as: '*Ugly, cruel and criminal...an aberrant plague and a modern form of slavery'*. He is asking for a global commitment to end the practice. Rome, 30 July, 2017

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ACT TO PREVENT TRAFFICKING
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UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration –

The Fifth Informal Thematic Session focussed on: "*Smuggling of Migrants, Trafficking in Persons and Contemporary Forms of Slavery*." This includes identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims" UN, NY 5th Sept 2017. www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) **Target 8.7:** calls for nations to,

"Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking…recruitment and use of child soldiers..." www.unicefusa.org

CEDAW: (Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) **Article 6:** *States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation or prostitution of women.* http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/

Action to prevent human trafficking:

1. Raise awareness about Human Trafficking. Often victims are working in beauty salons, car washes and picking fruit.etc.
2. If you see anything suspicious report it to the police or an NGO working to eliminate HT.
3. Pray for victims who have been trafficked and those keeping them in slavery.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries...

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49 **Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence.**

CHILD MARRIAGE...

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15 million girls under the age of 15 are married each year.

See: www.salesiansisters.net

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...

16 DAYS

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