



## **History**

International Crisis Aid (ICA) became an approved 501c3 non-profit organization in March 2002.

## **International Work**

In September of 2000, International Crisis Aid (ICA) began work in Southern Sudan by delivering humanitarian aid into areas where starvation, disease, and genocide abound. Since that time, ICA has provided aid to 6 additional countries and has increased the programs and services to include orphanages, nutritious food, medical and dental clinics, emergency relief, community development, purified water wells, as well as schools that provide a quality education.

While implementing these programs, ICA noticed an unconscionable situation involving sex trafficking of young girls. In March of 2007, ICA opened its first home for girls in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Today, ICA has a total of 5 rescue homes in Ethiopia and 1 in Cambodia. Once rescued and taken to a secure home, the girls receive food, shelter, medical care, legal support, an education, and counseling.

## **U.S. Rescue Homes for Victims of Sex Trafficking**

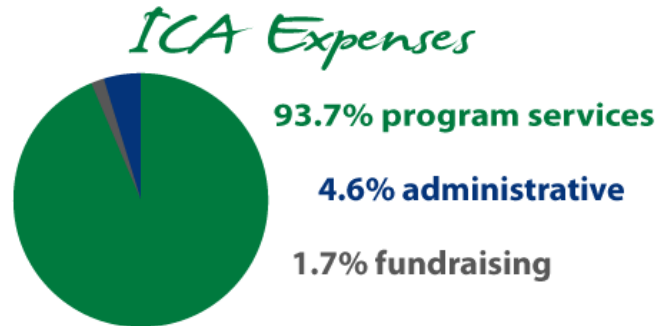
In October 2008, ICA met with representatives from the FBI to discuss sex trafficking in the United States. As a result of these meetings, ICA has decided to open 2 homes for young American girls rescued from the horrors of sex trafficking. Currently, over 200,000 American children are at risk of trafficking into the sex industry (*US Dept. of Justice*). The FBI reported that only 49 beds are available in the USA for these American victims of sex trafficking. When these girls are rescued if all the beds are full, the FBI has no choice but to put them into the juvenile system. After learning about the current situation, ICA feels it necessary to explore opening homes in the United States.

ICA is in the process of interviewing experts and researching all local, state legal requirements and other pertinent information. ICA is also forming an advisory committee of local area experts in the field of child trauma to begin the process of developing resources both people and program. ICA plans to open homes in St. Louis, Mo and Atlanta Ga. Each home will consist of 24 beds and incorporate a complete holistic approach of rehabilitation for the girls. ICA plans to work closely with federal and local law enforcement officials to become the first choice of where to send girls when rescued during law enforcement operations.

## Accountability:

International Crisis Aid is a member of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance and the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. In FY 2008, 94% of all donations received went directly to our programs while only 6% were used for fundraising and general administrative expenses.

### Fiscal Year 2008 Expenses:



ICA is accountable to God, our donors, partners, Board of Directors, and especially to the people we serve.

ICA is firmly committed to good stewardship of funds entrusted to us by our donors. We consider the management of the resources God and our donors supply as a sacred duty. To ensure our financial accountability, we are a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. We fully support the purpose and goals of ECFA and display its seal to reflect compliance with its membership standards.

We believe that it is not only important to be accountable to donors, but it is equally as important to be accountable to the people we serve. We try to practice standards of accountability that are above what may be required by law. We also expect the same from all our partners. This includes everything from receipts for goods & services to timely and accurate reporting on work being done in the field. ICA tries to manage the expectations of all parties, making sure all understand what each is responsible to do and how to report.

### ICA has FIVE Principles of Partnership:

- Always Honest and Open
- Build Trust
- Stewardship of all God's Resources
- True Partnership
- Accountability

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## Sex Trafficking in the United States

- **St. Louis** Woman Pleads Guilty to Federal Sex Trafficking Charge (*St. Louis FBI, April 13, 2009*)
- In June 2008, the FBI **arrested 345 Americans**—including 290 adult prostitutes—in one sting operation. (*FBI*)
- Since 2003, **308 pimps and hookers** have been convicted in (US) state and federal courts of forcing youngsters into prostitution and **433 child victims** have been rescued, according to FBI Director Robert Mueller. (*FBI*)
- In 2007, the FBI launched a total of **119 human trafficking** investigations, made **155 arrests**, and filed **63 complaints**. Ninety-one information/indictments were filed in our human trafficking cases, and our investigative efforts resulted in 57 convictions. (*FBI*)
- A University of Pennsylvania study estimates nearly **300,000 children in the United States** are at risk of being **sexually exploited for commercial uses** - "most of them runaways or thrown-aways," said Ernie Allen, president of the NCMEC. (*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*)
- **200,000 American kids** are at risk for trafficking into the sex industry (*youthnoise.com*)
- **Teen Girls' Stories of Sex Trafficking in U.S.** International Sex Trafficking Is a Well-Known Problem, But **It Happens Here** as Well (*ABC Primetime, February 9, 2006*)
- Federal agents and local police in **Johnson County, Missouri** raided 12 businesses and four homes on 10 May 2007, rescuing **15 women** from 'massage parlors'. (*Humantrafficking.org*)
- Between **14,500 and 17,500 victims** are trafficked into the **USA** each year (*NCSONline*); The CIA estimates **40,000—50,000** victims);
- There have been reports of trafficking instances in at least **20 different US states**, with most cases occurring in New York, California and Florida (*Center for the Study of Intelligence*)
- Three Plead Guilty to Sex Trafficking of Children (San Diego FBI, January 20, 2009)
- Halting Human Trafficking, **31 Arrests** in Major Prostitution Ring (FBI, August 16, 2006)
- **797,500 children** (younger than 18) were reported missing in a one-year period of time studied resulting in an average of 2,185 children being reported missing each day. (*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*)
- For every 1,000 children in **Missouri**, 5-10 are in some state of maltreatment. (*Department of Justice*)
- **One in 12** (82 of 1000) **youth** experienced **sexual victimization**, including sexual assault (32 per 1000) and attempted or completed rape (22 per 1000). (*Crimes Against Children Research Center*)

## Sex Trafficking Around the World

- **1.2 million children** are being trafficked every year; this is in addition to the millions already held captive by trafficking (*UNICEF*)
- Every **2 minutes** a child is being prepared for sexual exploitation (*UNICEF*)
- The average victim is forced to have **sex up to 40 times a day** (*US Department of Justice*)
- The average age of a trafficked victim is **12-14 years old** (*US Department of State*)
- Approximately **30 million children** have lost their childhood through sexual exploitation over the past 30 years (*USAID*)
- Sex trafficking is an engine of the global **AIDS** epidemic (*US Department of State*)
- People are trafficked from 127 countries to be exploited in **137 countries** (*UNODC*)
- The total market value of illicit human trafficking is estimated to be in excess of **\$32 billion** (*UN*)
- By 2010 human trafficking will be the **number one crime worldwide** (*The A21 Campaign*)