



Pastor's Packet

SEX + MONEY

A NATIONAL SEARCH FOR HUMAN WORTH

Film Overview:

Sex+Money: A National Search for Human Worth is a documentary about domestic minor sex trafficking in America and the modern-day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it. Since September 2009, the *Sex+Money* crew has traveled to over 30 states and conducted more than 75 interviews with federal agents, victims, politicians, activists, psychologists, porn-stars, and others, in order to understand how the sexual exploitation of children has become the nation's fastest growing form of organized crime.

It is currently estimated that between 100,000 and 300,000 American children are at risk of being commercially, sexually exploited.

After three years of research we have determined that Awareness, Organization, and Resources are the keys to combating this issue. Therefore the film is part of a larger campaign that:

- increases awareness and educates the public through a 50 State Film Distribution Tour
- partners with www.endslaverynow.com to provide a state-by-state anti-trafficking directory that unites existing initiatives and involves people locally
- partners with FACT Alliance to channel funds to restoration homes that serve survivors of child sex trafficking (www.letsrespond.com).

The *Sex+Money* grassroots 50 State Film Distribution Tour will take place between August and December 2011. Our goal is to screen the film at one large church and one public university in each of the 50 states.

At the church screenings we would like to present the film in its entirety (90 minutes) followed by a short message, and a time of worship and prayer led by our worship team. In addition, we would like to receive an offering for local restoration homes that serve survivors of sex trafficking in America.

We are excited to share this film with your church body. Please invite as many other local congregations as possible to attend!

The goal of the *Sex+Money* documentary is to bring freedom to those enslaved!



The Purpose of the Church Screenings:

Historically, the church played an indispensable role in fueling the abolitionist movement that ended slavery in England and America.

Groups of Christ-followers, such as the Quakers in England and the Methodists in America, were appalled by this injustice and their implicit involvement. As a result, they were moved to take action – first addressing the sin within their own communities and then calling society to do the same. We would like this to be true of the modern-day abolitionist movement against sex trafficking.

Current statistics show that we are not as removed from this issue as we might think:

50% of Christian men and 20% of Christian women watch pornography.

<http://www.blazinggrace.org/cms/bg/pornstats>

Over half of evangelical pastors admit to viewing pornography last year.

<http://www.safefamilies.org/sfStats.php>

29% of Christians in the U.S. feel like it is morally acceptable to view movies with explicit sexual behavior.

<http://www.safefamilies.org/sfStats.php>

20% of all porn is child porn.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/HumanTrafficking/SexTrafficking.aspx>

The US has the highest divorce rates in the world; divorce rates are higher among Christians in the US than atheists and agnostics.

http://www.religioustolerance.org/chr_dira.htm

Nationally 450,000 children run away from home each year. One out of every three teens on the street will be lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home. This means at least 150,000 children are lured into prostitution each year.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/HumanTrafficking/SexTrafficking.aspx>

An estimated 100,000 to 300,000 adolescents are commercially sexually exploited annually in the U.S.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/HumanTrafficking/SexTrafficking.aspx>

Human traffickers prey upon those who live below the poverty line. 12.9 million of the 35.9 million people living below the poverty line are children.

http://money.cnn.com/2004/08/26/news/economy/poverty_survey/

Our Message to the Church:

We believe that it is only through the power of Christ that we will see the wounds of our nation healed; for it is by Christ's sacrifice on the cross that we are redeemed from the slavery of sin. Now we can enter into a personal relationship with Him that brings freedom and healing from our own wounds and brokenness. We are praying that the Holy Spirit leads us through a process of revelation, repentance, revival and reformation so that we can be "salt" and "light" in our country.

The call to action for the Church is to return to the 1st and 2nd commandment. God has taken our team through a process of re-discovering the importance of relationship with Him before trying to serve others, something we refer to as "Intimacy to Advocacy". We are not interested in joining the "social justice" bandwagon. We desire to see our nation radically transformed from the inside out as our individual relationships with Jesus Christ are strengthened and renewed, and people are set free from the bondage of sin that perpetuates this tragedy.

The fundamental question we pose to the Church is,
"When does my personal freedom, create the next person's slavery?"

This message will be presented briefly by a member of our team after viewing the film.

Worship and Prayer:

After watching a film like this people will feel a range of emotions. We would like to direct these fears, concerns, questions and hopes back to God through a time of worship and prayer led by our team. This will give the audience a chance to process through the information and reflect on what God wants to do in and through their lives.

The reason we would like our worship team to lead this time of response is two-fold.

First, the leaders are very familiar with the issue of child sex trafficking and have experience leading congregations in repentance, prayer, and worship concerning the issue. Second, our team will have sufficient time to practice together to ensure the consistency and quality of the worship and prayer time.

LET'S TAKE ACTION:

PRAY – A Faith-Based Response

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 6:12

It is our mandate to pray and contend for light to prevail over darkness. Join Exodus Cry, the prayer movement to end slavery.

Visit: www.exoduscry.com

LEARN – Be Empowered by Knowledge

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2:6

Get informed about domestic minor sex trafficking in America.

Visit: www.sexandmoneyfilm.com WATCH Sex + Money film!
www.sharedhope.org to look at your State’s Report Card

GO - Be an Agent of Change

“Do not be conformed to this world, but continually be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God’s will is—what is proper, pleasing, and perfect.” Romans 12:2

Use your occupation and skills to help make America a slave-free nation.

Visit: www.endslaverynow.com

SPEAK – Be a Voice for the Voiceless

“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.” Psalms 82:3

Successful sting operations have started from concerned citizens reporting a problem.

Call: 1-888-3737-888 to report suspected trafficking in your area

GIVE – Materialize the Movement

“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?” James: 2:16-17

There are less than 100 beds available across the country to serve victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. So even if all the children were set free from exploitation there would be nowhere for them to go.

Visit: www.letsrespond.com

Meet the Executive Producer:

"I am thrilled that Morgan Perry, one of our graduates of YWAM's University of the Nations, is leading this crucial initiative to end human trafficking. Morgan is an outstanding young woman whose tenacity and courage has mobilized a movement that we are thrilled to be a part of."

- Youth With A Mission Founder Loren Cunningham



Morgan Perry studied film and photography in nearly 30 nations on every inhabitable continent while pursuing her degree in Mass Media from the University of the Nations. Her classroom became the front lines for journalistic media as she documented the San Tribe of Bushmen in the Kalahari Desert and the turmoil in the West Bank. University of the Nations is affiliated with the largest international Christian mission movement, Youth With A Mission (YWAM).

For one of her undergraduate thesis projects she co-produced a book on international sex trafficking called *Sex+Money: A Global Search For Human Worth*. While researching to write this book, she discovered that this same form of slavery exists in America. In seeking the Lord about this issue a verse was highlighted to her, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3). Morgan felt the Lord call her to expose sex trafficking in her own nation before continuing to fight it in others. To do this, she became the Executive Producer of the feature-length documentary, *Sex+Money: A National Search for Human Worth*, which is the first documentary about child sex slavery in America and the modern-day abolitionist movement.

Since 2009, Morgan has done interviews on CNN International, CBN News, Voice of America, Christianity Today, Family Talk Radio with Dr. James Dobson, and others.

Morgan explains her vision for the faith-based screenings as follows: "We are approaching faith-based communities across the USA in hope that you will allow us to share what God has placed on our hearts. We would like to partner with your congregations in a time of worship and intercession after watching the film, so they can experience personal freedom and hear from the Lord about how to rescue and protect these women and children."

Meet the Worship Team:



Isaac Gill has been leading worship for almost 10 years. Born and raised in Williamsburg, VA, Isaac graduated from James Madison University in 2009 where he studied digital film making and songwriting. He has lead worship for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at James Madison and also served in leading worship at the largest YWAM (Youth With A Mission) campus in Kona, HI. Along with leading corporate worship, he has spent much time leading prayer-centered-worship, including serving for six months in daily worship and intercession at the Global Outreach House of Prayer on the YWAM Kona base. As a recording artist he has a strong standard for excellence in praise music, and moreover he is passionate about including congregations in worship.



Megan Perry grew up in Williamsburg, VA leading worship for youth groups and corporately for her large inter-denominational church. She graduated from James Madison University in 2007 with a B.A. in Communication Studies and a Minor in Music. Megan recently spent a year at Hillsong Music Australia where she sang and played piano on the worship team. At the same time, she studied and interned for the Worship & Creative Arts Department at Hillsong International Leadership College. Megan spent the past two years involved in ministries of YWAM where she led worship and prayer in Turkey, Kona and across the U.S. during one of the Sex+Money tours. Her hope for this tour is to see people encounter the love of Jesus our Savior and find true freedom in Him.



Jasen Chung is currently a worship leader at the largest YWAM Base located in Kona, HI. He was raised in the Korean-American Presbyterian Church and has been leading worship since 2005 for Youth, College, and Adult ministries. He left his corporate banking career track in 2009 to pursue the Lord, and has been with YWAM since. In 2010, Jasen planted a house of prayer in Haiti, taught on intercession and worship, and mobilized a 200 Hour Burn initiative across the nation to cover it in prayer and worship during the National Presidential election. His heart is to arm people with the power of worship and intercession to bring freedom and victory over injustice.



Chris Conley, 22 years old, is from Virginia Beach, VA. He has played drums for 10 years, and studied Music Production at Old Dominion University. More importantly, Chris has a desire to see men and women of faith step into heavenly places during corporate worship times, and commune with the Spirit of the Lord in freedom and joy. Chris is also a volunteer Young Life leader, and has been playing drums at his home church for nearly 4 years.



Joe Swanson, 24 years old, is from Los Angeles, CA. As a musician for the last 11 years, he has studied Jazz theory and performance in college and plays a number of instruments including the guitar and bass. In recent years, Joe has lead worship at his church's youth group in Southern California. Joe also played bass guitar on various worship teams at the YWAM Kona base and in the prayer room. He finds joy and fulfillment in bringing others into the presence of God whether by leading worship from the front or groovin' in the back on his bass.