



**SLAVERY**  
**HAS A FACE.**



# KATYA, 22

FREEDOM PARTNER: THE A21 CAMPAIGN



## SLAVERY HAS A FACE. MEET KATYA.

Katya grew up in Russia with her loving mother and grandmother. After graduating high school, she traveled to Japan to study economics for 3 years. When she returned home to Russia, there were no jobs, and Katya's family was struggling to make ends meet. Katya, feeling the responsibility to support her family, responded to a newspaper ad seeking waitresses in Greece. She signed a contract to work for 6 months.

Upon arriving in Athens, Katya was told she would not be waitressing, but instead, forced to strip, dance and have sex with paying customers. Katya and 30 other girls were sold for sex day after day, night after night. They were beaten and abused if they refused.

There was little hope of escape until a chance meeting with a Greek woman, who said she could help. The Greek woman and her husband took Katya on a small boat to the next island where she could receive help from the police.

When the police heard Katya's story, they placed her in a recovery home, where she began to receive the love and restoration she needed to heal. Katya says, "The atmosphere felt like home. All of my stress and fear is gone. God has changed the way I feel, and the way I view things. It's all changed. I feel like I have two wings on my back. I am free."

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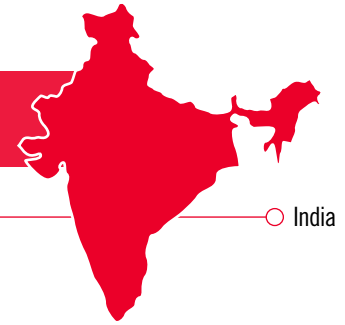


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## RAJESH, 50

FREEDOM PARTNER: FREE THE SLAVES



India

### SLAVERY HAS A FACE. MEET RAJESH.

Like the majority of slaves in the world, Rajesh is a victim of forced labor and debt bondage. For 30 years, Rajesh has been enslaved and indebted to his landlord. When Rajesh was 20 years old, he took a small loan from a landlord of a nearby farm for 1,900 Rupees (about \$35US) to help cover the medical bills of his family. From the moment Rajesh accepted the loan, he sold himself into bonded slavery—a dark hole that is nearly impossible to break free from. For 30 years, no matter how hard or how much Rajesh worked in the landlord's fields, his debt was never paid in full. Rajesh made only a fraction of what he would have as a daily wage laborer, and what little he did earn went toward his debt that continued to grow over the years. He was trapped in a broken system. The landlord kept the record of the loans and repayments, so Rajesh was at his mercy and never able to pay his way out of the debt.

With the help of a rescue team, Rajesh and more than 20 others from his village were able to speak out and bring charges against the abusive landlord. Today, after 30 years of slavery, Rajesh is now free.

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# ELIZA, 14

FREEDOM PARTNER: IJM



○ Manila, Philippines

## SLAVERY HAS A FACE. MEET ELIZA.

Fourteen-year-old Eliza came from a deeply unstable home and was desperate for a job so she could survive on her own – heavy burdens for a young girl to carry alone. Eliza was pleased when she was hired at an upscale club in metro Manila as a waitress. But instead of waitressing, the owner sold and forced Eliza to have sex with paying customers in the back room of the club. Eliza's innocence was stolen from her. She was raped, beaten and used over and over again. This nightmare continued until a rescue team, working with local authorities, coordinated rescue operations at 10 different bars in Manila where children were being sold for sex. Eliza was finally free and safe for the first time in her life.

Now Eliza is living a full life with a bright future. For 3 years, she received counseling, education, and physical care at an aftercare home.

The rescue team brought the case against the bar owner to court. After a long trial spanning 4 years with many twists and turns through the judicial system, the bar owner was convicted of Qualified Trafficking, the most serious trafficking crime under local law. He was sentenced to life in prison.

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# AMANDA, 8

FREEDOM PARTNER: LOVE 146



Cambodia

## SLAVERY HAS A FACE. MEET AMANDA.

Amanda was living a nightmare. At just 8 years old, she was trafficked through various cities in Cambodia and sold on the streets and Internet to men willing to pay for sex. For 6 years, she was abused, raped and used daily. This way of life was all Amanda knew. Though physically alive, she was dead on the inside and numb to the world. She hated life.

At 14 years old, she was rescued from a brothel and placed in a government institution. However, she but did not receive the help and assistance she needed, so she soon found her way back to the bars that she knew as home. It was not until Amanda was 17 years old, rescued a second time, and placed in a recovery home that she realized her life had value beyond being used for sex. At the home, Amanda was shown love and respect, and she was cared for physically and emotionally. She began receiving education through a program that allowed her to learn at her own pace. At 17, Amanda started learning at a fourth grade level but she excelled at such a rate that just a year later, she passed exams that allowed her to skip high school and go on to college. Amanda now works as a professional caregiver for children and adults. Her smile radiates when she says, "I am happy with my life now. It is the love of God that makes me happy."

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## GUILLERMO, 24



FREEDOM PARTNER: MADE IN A FREE WORLD

FL, USA

### SLAVERY HAS A FACE. MEET GUILLERMO.

For Guillermo, it all started 4 years ago, when he was offered the chance for well-paid work in the United States. Once in Florida, he was sold to a labor contractor for \$1,100. The contractor explained that he would have to work to pay back the money he now owed him. Every day Guillermo was taken to work on tomato farms. The work was backbreaking; a normal day lasted from 5:00am until 7:00pm. On payday, Guillermo was given a check for \$80, but immediately, the contractor charged him \$40 towards his debt, \$30 for rent, electricity, water and food, and he was left with only \$10. This system of payment continued, with his debts increasing. It seemed the contractor would never let him leave.

One day, one of Guillermo's co-workers tried to escape, but was caught. The contractor beat him and threatened to kill him if he attempted another escape. "This is when I realized that it was really slavery," Guillermo remembers. "The next day I was sick from bad food and I was weak and I couldn't work. But that wasn't enough. They made me work. I had no choice."

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**SUMMER, 18**

**FREEDOM PARTNER: NOT FOR SALE**



○ Capetown, South Africa

## **SLAVERY HAS A FACE. MEET SUMMER.**

Summer was from a neighboring African country before she was trafficked from Johannesburg to Cape Town. Once in Cape Town, her traffickers gang raped her, forced her to take drugs and began to forcefully sell Summer's body to paying customers. Over and over, day after day, Summer was abused, raped and used. In desperation, she reached out to a volunteer of a local shelter, who helped Summer escape from her dire situation.

Summer was brought to a local hospital, where she spent time recovering and getting the appropriate medical care she so desperately needed. Once released from the hospital, the volunteer helped Summer acquire shelter, ongoing care and basic necessities to help her thrive in her new freedom and continue the long road of recovery.

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# ANYA, 25

FREEDOM PARTNER: POLARIS PROJECT



## SLAVERY HAS A FACE. MEET ANYA.

Anya wanted a better life outside her rural village in Russia. A friend told her about a “marriage broker” that could help her marry a man in the United States. The hope of a better future and the promise of America lured Anya to accept an offer of a marriage and move to the United States. Soon after getting married, Anya’s husband began brutally beating and abusing Anya. After many years of constant physical and sexual abuse, her husband started setting up dates for Anya and selling her out to other men willing to pay for sex. If Anya refused to have sex with the “customers,” she was beaten and her life threatened. Having nothing left to lose, Anya bravely escaped. With the help of recovery team, Anya was placed in a safe home. Today, Anya is finding restoration and healing. The hope of a full life she once dreamed about is now becoming a reality as she receives ongoing care, education and opportunities to rebuild her life.

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