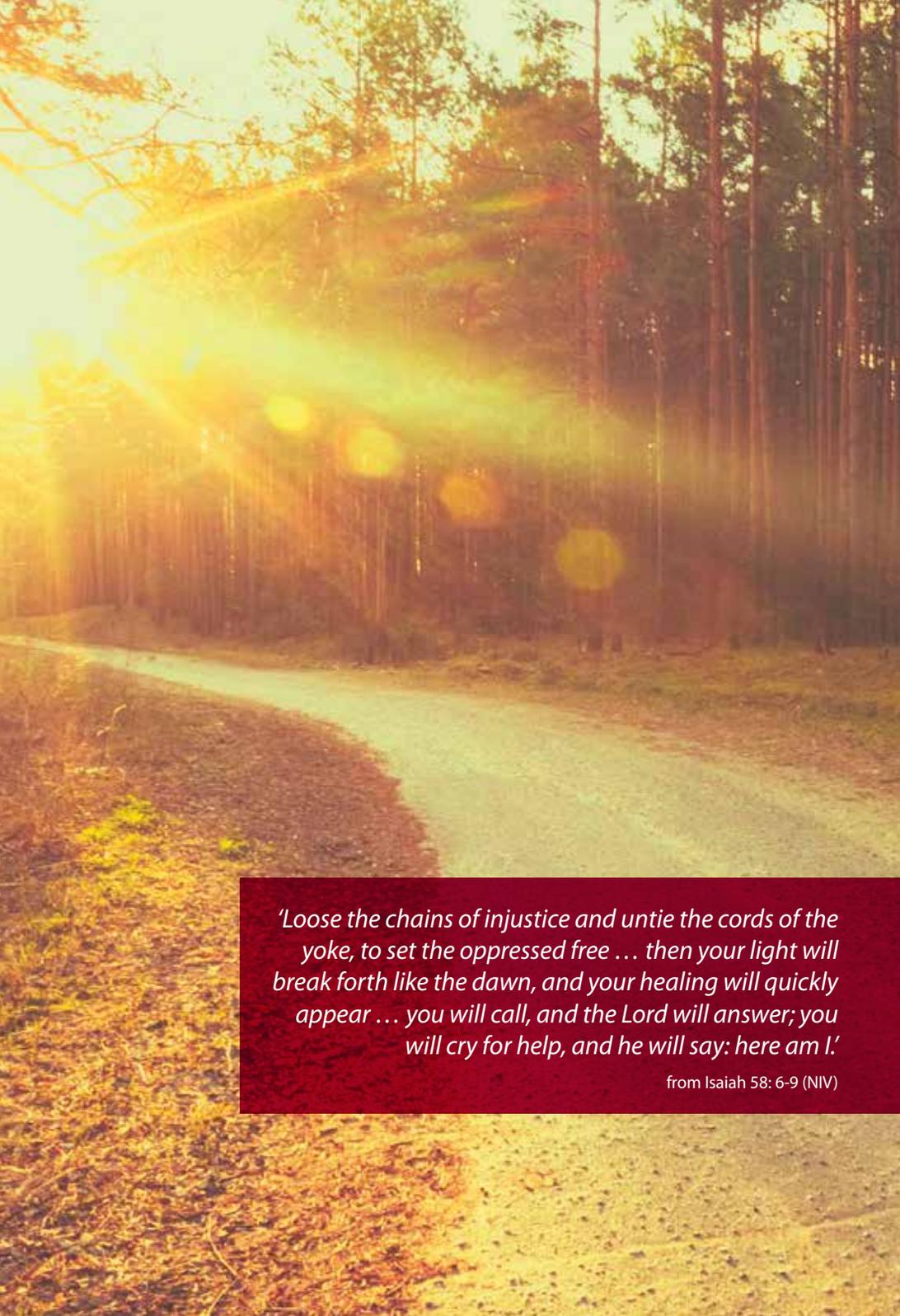




Human Trafficking

**What is it? What is CARE doing?
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A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. The sun is low in the sky, creating a strong golden glow and lens flare effects. The trees are tall and thin, with some bare branches in the foreground. The path is covered in fallen leaves and pine needles. A dark red rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom right of the image, containing white text.

'Loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free ... then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear ... you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I.'

from Isaiah 58: 6-9 (NIV)



What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking involves recruiting, transporting or holding a person by use of threats, coercion or deception in order to exploit them. Essentially, it is the oppression and abuse of people motivated by financial or personal gain. It is often described as a form of modern day slavery.

Trafficking happens all over the world, across international borders and within countries. In the UK each year about 2,000 men, women and children are helped to escape from trafficking, but this is just the tip of the iceberg. The Government estimates there are 10,000 – 13,000 victims of modern slavery in the UK.

Victims of trafficking are often tricked into coming to the UK by false promises or because of threats against them or their family. People are trafficked into prostitution, pornography, agricultural and building labour, manufacturing, domestic servitude, forced begging, benefit fraud, petty criminality and organ removal. They are forced to work for little or no pay; they may have limited freedom and poor living conditions. Many experience physical or emotional abuse.



There are thought to be around 35.8 million people in modern day slavery worldwide.



Mary's story

Mary fled her village in Nigeria because of abuse from the community elders. Whilst living on the streets of the capital city, she met a man called Tony who told her she could get a good job in England. He bought her a ticket and came with her to London.

Hours after she arrived, Mary was taken to a brothel where she was locked in a room. For many months she was forced to have sex with up to 10 or 12 men a day who paid money to Tony.

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Human trafficking denies people their God-given dignity, future and hope. God calls on His Church to seek justice for those who are exploited.

What is CARE doing?

CARE has been working to address human trafficking since 2006. We raise awareness and work for changes in the law and Government polices across the UK Parliaments and Assemblies.

We were actively involved in the development of new laws across the UK in 2015, supporting amendments to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015. We also acted as the principal advisor to Lord Morrow, who took the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 through the Assembly. However, there is still more to be done.

Our work focuses on these areas:

- tackling the demand for human trafficking for sexual exploitation
- ensuring that survivors of exploitation are given adequate care and protection
- provision of special support for child victims
- strong action against those who exploit others



How can I respond?

You can stay informed about what the Government is doing by signing up to our Loose the Chains emails: care.org.uk/loosethechains-signup

You can write to your MP and your MSPs, AMs or MLAs or arrange to meet them in person, either alone or with other supporters. Our Loose the Chains emails will highlight specific opportunities to do so.

You can contact your Police and Crime Commissioner (in England and Wales) to encourage them to make trafficking a key priority in your area.

You can speak about this issue to people that you know. Contact your local newspaper, or speak at your church, school or student groups. You can join with people in your area to campaign together.

You can be watchful for signs of trafficking and keep your eyes open for it in your community. Understand the signs at: modernslavery.co.uk

If you suspect an instance of trafficking in your area you can contact:

- the Police (101 or 999 if someone is in immediate danger)
- Crimestoppers (0800 555 111 crimestoppers-uk.org) where you can leave information anonymously

Do not confront a suspected trafficker or victim of trafficking. Your safety and that of any possible victims is of primary importance.

You can pray for survivors and those continuing to experience exploitation, for police and for politicians as they work to prevent and reduce human trafficking.

You can find more ideas of how to take action and further information on this issue at: care.org.uk/humantrafficking

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More Information

If you would like more information about Human Trafficking, please go to our website or contact the CARE Public Affairs Team on **020 7233 0455** or at ltc@care.org.uk

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