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Lives and Communities transformed by the power of God



Slavery in Australia is a growing concern in the community. The Federal Police report increasing numbers of men and women being trafficked into the country for forced labour and sexual slavery. Men and women are trafficked to work in agriculture and mining industries, as domestic servants, or in hotels or restaurants. Young women from Asian countries are commonly lured with student visas, believing they are coming to further their education in Sydney or Melbourne, and then forced to work in brothels upon their arrival.

## StreetLight

An End Slavery Australia team was formed in June 2011 with a commitment to raising awareness and prayer support in the community about human trafficking. Already opportunities to serve in other ways are opening.

End Slavery Australia seeks to educate the community on the issues, how to recognise and respond to them, and engage churches in action and awareness. We offer workshops and other educational events in churches and to small groups in the community, and have been growing an active prayer network to support the work of End Slavery ministries in Australia and globally.

In 2012 the team is starting StreetLight, teams who visit and care for women in Sydney's sex industry. Teams will provide a contact point where women can seek care, support, prayer and resources, including help exiting the sex industry if they desire to do so. We're praying for the growth of several outreach teams this year, going into multiple suburbs where legal & illegal brothels are operating in Sydney.

The StreetLight teams, while existing to minister to women in the sex industry (not limited to victims of trafficking), hope also to work with local law enforcement and other anti-trafficking service providers to address situations of slavery if they are encountered.

## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

We've been blessed to see this ministry team growing in just a matter of months. God has brought connections with three local churches to be actively engaged in the brothel outreach project, and a number of other churches are exploring partnering with this ministry. Prayer walks in areas of concentrated brothel activity have been held in western Sydney as well as networking with many others in similar ministries. It's exciting to see this rapid growth in team size, support, and partnerships in less than a year!





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## MEET THE TEAM

### KELSEY WILSON

Originally from Seattle, Washington in the USA, Kelsey leads the End Slavery Australia team in Sydney. She served with International Teams in Athens, Greece, for two years, working with women and men in prostitution and trafficking situations, both through street outreach and aftercare in a shelter for trafficking victims. In Athens and previously in Los Angeles, California with the Salvation Army, Kelsey has been involved in training community groups and churches on trafficking issues, awareness, outreach, and aftercare. She is married to Andrew from Adelaide. Other volunteers also join Kelsey in her mission.



### ERIN MCCOY

From Sydney, Erin serves as an intern. Her passion to end slavery, particularly sex slavery, has grown over the years and Erin longs to use the skills gained through her degree in Business and Marketing to make a difference to the lives of those enslaved today.



### :: PRAY

- For growing awareness in Australian faith communities of trafficking and slavery, and for God to move hearts to be actively engaged in the issue
- For the StreetLight teams who are beginning to do outreach into brothels - for open doors, safety and wisdom, relationships to be built and freedom for the enslaved.
- Join our prayer network for regular updates: [endslaveryau@iteams.org](mailto:endslaveryau@iteams.org)

### :: GIVE

- Items such as cupcakes or holiday gifts will be a regular expense to reach out to the women working in brothels
- Operating costs of a mobile phone number to provide help and resources to the women, and a basic website offering this information as well

- One time costs in assisting women with emergency needs, housing, transport, etc.; training and education costs, and general office/admin expenses
- [www.iteams.org.au/give/](http://www.iteams.org.au/give/)

### :: GO

We are seeking people who have a heart for justice and the enslaved

- End Slavery Staff Members. This could include office/admin work, public speaking, event planning, marketing, outreach to brothels, research, or any combination of your gifts, skills and passions
- StreetLight team (outreach) members. This requires a one year commitment of fortnightly outreaches, as well as team meetings, ongoing training, and group and individual debrief activities
- Prayer group leaders. For those desiring to pray for the End Slavery team and the global trafficking issue - host a small group that meets regularly to pray. We'll provide you with resources, stories, and specific requests and answers to prayer

OPPORTUNITIES

## ABOUT END SLAVERY AND INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

International Teams is committed to seeing lives and communities transformed by the power of God. Our ministries focus on the poor and oppressed in eight priority areas including Refugees, Muslims, Trafficked and Enslaved, Urban, Disadvantaged Communities, Children at Risk, Youth, Ethnic and Unreached.

Our End Slavery ministries seek to Loose the Chains of Injustice (Is 58:6). We are growing ministries across the globe addressing a broad spectrum of needs to end slavery from prevention to support and restoration of those enslaved.

There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today--more than at any time in human history. An estimated 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Approximately 50% of all victims are children.