

Street Kids & Child Trafficking – The Jesus Solution

1. Introduce to a child (Simon Peter) – trafficked, became a street child.

Define what trafficking is, what street children are.

2. Streetism & child trafficking are huge & interactive problems.

Street children single most vulnerable population, an easy target

Numerous

Needy at a very basic level

Looking for an opportunity for a better life

Not connected to family

No one will miss them—they won't be reported missing

Many governments are anxious to get rid of them & won't ask many questions about how it is done.

It works the other way, too. Children get trafficked & some get “dumped,” ending up on the street, where they are vulnerable to getting trafficked again, maybe to an even worse form of slavery. The two problems feed off of one another.

3. Why do we have these problems?

Most people say poverty, but the bigger problem is lack of hope.

Kids go to the streets looking for hope.

Parents jump at the lies of traffickers in search of hope.

4. How is Jesus the solution?

Jesus provides the only real hope.

Jesus provides lasting hope for now & for eternity.

5. How can Christians help bring the Jesus solution to kids who are victims?

Support organizations who are targeting street kids & human

trafficking issues from a Christian viewpoint (including organizations ministering to those in the sex industry).

Get personally involved if you can, but avoid starting your own organization if you possibly can. The organizations who have the experience doing the job could expand their services & the places where they serve if they had adequate support.

6. How can we use the Jesus solution to prevent or reduce these problems?

Sin is inherent within us & always seeks to express itself. We won't SOLVE or END the problem fully till Jesus comes, but that shouldn't stop us from working toward a solution. We CAN prevent some children from becoming victims. We CAN reduce these problems significantly.

Children who are sponsored & have regular Christian fellowship & teaching do not get trafficked.

Children & families who learn about the dangers of trafficking and at the same time receive the Hope of the Gospel message are very unlikely to be trafficked or to end up on the street.

Staff & volunteers (& all Christians) serving in vulnerable areas should be trained & sensitized to recognize & help victims of human trafficking.

(Tell about Henry, recent girl from N of UG, Linda, water girl at Agbo)