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Highlights May—October 2014

Dear Friends and Partners,

CVJC has been busy this season! Launching off the summer was the annual EOC Human Trafficking Conference at Children's Hospital, hosted by Central Valley Against Human Trafficking. Our own advisor Dr. Randy White, representing CVJC and Center for Community Transformation was a keynote speaker. He encouraged Fresno advocates and agencies to "keep the faith" in a message of hope.

Prayer

CVJC has hosted and partnered for many events over the last few months, such as our on-site Pray for Freedom walks in collaboration with Breaking the Chains (an agency lead by two survivors who are committed to establishing an adult safe house in Fresno County). We are now gearing up for Freedom Sunday 2015, and are dialoguing with many faith communities who will participate.

Freedom Churches

In August, we honored our financial partners and volunteers in a Fresno First Baptist service dedicated to "Freedom". We took a moment to reflect on the topic through a drama performance entitled "Identity," exposing the many negative labels which entrap victims and survivors. Our prayer is that through our Freedom Church initiative, more faith communities can be resourced to become safe havens and mobilized to serve.



A CVJC volunteer resources at the Family Festival

Juvenile Justice

For months we have been praying for an open door at Fresno's Juvenile Justice Campus (Juvenile Hall) for incarcerated youth, after their program director shared with us her heart to provide opportunities for girls. Melissa Gomez, our co-director, shares "These young women are full of God's potential. They have often experienced lives of brokenness and are targets for exploitation." In partnership with Youth For Christ CVJC will begin a 10-week prevention curriculum in mid-January to serve the girls unit. This will help us identify victims and provide valuable resources and support. In the Spring we look forward to sharing an update on how this program is initiating change.

One More Free!

We were honored to fulfill our mission (*to partner with the church and community to prevent human trafficking*) in a very concrete way this October! We had the amazing opportunity to resource and help one victim get safely to her home state after she walked into our office asking for help. Through collaboration we can make a difference in the lives of victims and survivors and stop more abuse from occurring in our neighborhoods. THANK YOU for joining us in prayer, in serving and through your financial gifts! Together we work towards freedom!

- Melissa Gomez & Jessica Pittman, co-Directors

EACH ONE COUNTS!

Numbers represent lives impacted!

Presentations/Trainings: 19

Individuals Educated: 807

Community Prayer: 12

Cumulative Juvenile Justice Attendance: 37

Advocates/Victims/Survivors Resourced: 18

Volunteer Hours Donated: 631

Emergency Interventions: 1

*Please feel free to contact us for details on how we calculate our numbers.