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The Challenge

It started with an introduction that led to a conversation, which then led to an opportunity.

Greg Bandy, assistant professor of media communication, met Walden Media's Clayton Ferguson at Ichthus. That's where it began. They decided to work together on an

educational DVD that would contain resources and information regarding the life of William Wilberforce and his fight against slavery. This DVD would promote the movie *Amazing Grace: The William Wilberforce Story*, released in theaters February 23rd. It would be distributed to faith leaders all over the country and in Europe. And Asbury College would be responsible for writing, editing, designing, filming and producing this resource.

This opportunity involved six of our students, Bandy and Dr. Devin Brown, professor of English. With funding provided by the Transformation Project and Lilly Foundation, Inc., our crew traveled to Maine to film interviews, write copy and put together this very impressive DVD. As our students and faculty were faced with the courage and conviction of Wilberforce, we were challenged as well. What are our alumni doing to fight against world slavery today? How are we combating human trafficking? Are our students aware of this issue?

While this may be the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in England, slavery and human injustice still exist in many forms and in nearly every nation. In this magazine, we take a look at the work of just a few of those who are trying to end this terrible atrocity.

From Capitol Hill to the brothels of Bolivia, from politics and journalism to education and ministry—we have alumni who are using their voices and their gifts to combat one of the world's most brutal crimes.

We join the efforts to abolish human trafficking and world slavery. We use the gifts we have been given to share the stories of those in need. Some use their hands; some their financial acumen; and some their cinematic abilities. Others use their position and their voice. What will you use to make a difference for Christ in our world today?

By supporting Asbury College, financially and prayerfully, you are, in essence, supporting our alumni and students around the world. We need your help to continue training, educating and nurturing students to be a voice for the voiceless and to use the gifts God has given each one to engage his or her culture. We challenge you to invest in our students, faculty and staff as they will, in return, invest in others.

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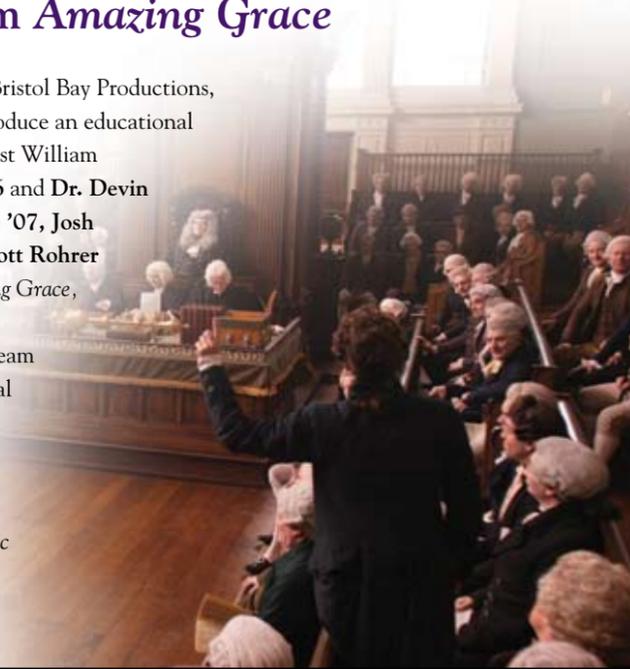
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“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.” -Isaiah 61:1-2

Asbury College Produces Educational DVD for William Wilberforce Film *Amazing Grace*

Asbury College recently partnered with Bristol Bay Productions, sister company to Walden Media, to produce an educational multimedia experience about abolitionist William Wilberforce. Professors **Greg Bandy '76** and **Dr. Devin Brown** with students **Matt Hogencamp '07**, **Josh Taber '07**, **James Donaldson '07**, **Ben Greenhoe '08**, **Scott Rohrer '09** and **Chris Lawson '07** produced the DVD for *Amazing Grace*, opening February 2007. The media rich project includes a number of original documentaries created by the Asbury team as well as the film trailer, exclusive movie clips, educational resources and other partner contributions.

A special screening of the movie was made possible by Walden Media and the Lilly Foundation. Eric Metaxas, author of *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery*, concluded this opportunity by speaking in chapel. 



ACADEMICS

Senior wins Kentucky Academy of Science award

Asbury College senior **Brittany Hale**, originally of Las Vegas, Nev., won first place in the Kentucky Academy of Science research competition in the microbiology division. Hale's project used an ozone generator to determine the best method of achieving sterilization of a culture of *E. coli*.

Senior displays art show in Lexington

Senior art major **Kyle Key** had a collection of his work on display at Central Bank in downtown Lexington from Dec. 29 through Jan. 19. Key's show consisted of 16 impressionistic landscapes. He was able to sell some of his paintings, opening the doors for future art students to premiere their work at this gallery. An example of Key's work was featured on the College's 2006 Christmas card.

Students attend vocation retreat

In January, 32 students and several faculty and staff participated in the 2007 Called Forth to Serve Retreat at Shakertown. The annual Lilly-funded event concentrates on



Senior art major **Kyle Key**, with parents **Kris and Daniel Key '73** at his gallery show closing reception in January.

vocation and is designed for outstanding juniors and seniors. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Rick Steele, professor at Seattle Pacific University.

New media web site wins national award

The Asbury College media department won a fall 2006 Bronze Millennium Award for their new web site at www.asbury.edu/mediacom. This season other Millennium Award recipients included ABC of New York, CNN and ESPN.

Students involved in the project included recent graduates **Jeremy White**, **A.J. Stich** and **Josh Taber**; **Tyler Tate**, **James Donaldson**, **Andy Fowler**, **Bethany Haegele**, **Sara Roe** and **Jordan Hollinger** from the class of 2007 and **Rob Hess '08**.

ATHLETICS

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball had a 34-point victory over Indiana University East at Conesco Fieldhouse, home to the Indiana Pacers. The JV team traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C., to take on UNC's JV team in the "Dean Dome." Despite an early lead, the Eagles lost. Junior **Derek Bland** continues to lead the team in scoring, averaging 15.9 points per game.

Women's Basketball

Six straight wins in January improved the women's team record to 10-7 and 2-3 in conference play. Sophomore **Lindsey Wood** leads the Eagles in scoring at 15.9 per contest.

Swimming and diving

The team traveled to Pass Christian, Miss., on a relief mission trip to assist in the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged community. Also, this year, eight swimmers and two divers have qualified for nationals, Feb. 28–March 3. In swimming: **Kerry Hancock '07**, **Hannah Helfen '08**, **Brad Huster '08**, **Alex Keyser '08**, **Kelsey Perrine '09**, **Lorna Phillips '09**, **Will Sallee '10** and **Abigail Sterneman '10**. Junior divers **Ashley Poore** and **Caitlynn Taylor** also qualified.

Men's tennis

The team travels to Hilton Head, S.C., for their annual spring break

trip, playing six matches in four days. They begin conference play on March 3. Coach **Ron Harper '91** looks for good performances from players **Matt Olsen '07**, **Michael Newlin '08** and **Art Kadlec '09**.

Women's tennis

Now playing in the spring, the team is under direction of new coach **Alice Sawyer**. Originally from Alabama, Sawyer received her B.A. from Northeast Louisiana University where she was a NCAA Division I tennis player. Their season begins in March.

Baseball

Baseball coach **Lee Rogers** anticipates a team of more than 40 baseball players for next fall. More than 90 prospective students are interested in the program. Of these men, 41 have applied to the College at the time of publication.

FACULTY

Art

Dr. Linda Stratford, associate professor of art, organized and moderated a series of presentations on Visual Artists and the Church at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Bible and Theology

Dr. David Rightmire, professor of Bible and theology, published articles on "Sacraments" and "Guenpei Yamamuro" in *The Historical Dictionary of The Salvation Army*.

Christian Ministries

Dr. Clair Budd, professor of Christian ministries, was elected to the North American Professors of Christian Education board of directors for his academic society.

Communication Arts

The fourth edition of **Dr. Jim Owens' '79** book, *Television Sports Production*, was published in November. ESPN has purchased 60 copies of the book and the Beijing Olympic Broadcasting division of the Beijing Olympic Committee purchased 1,500. He was the guest speaker at the Media Fellowship luncheon following the President's National Prayer Breakfast in D.C.

Education

Dr. Rebecca Oswald, associate professor of education, and **Lynn Gagle '88**, assistant professor of education, presented at the Southeast Regional Association of Teacher Educators' annual conference.

English

Dr. Devin Brown, professor of English, will have an essay on *The Screwtape Letters* in *Lion and Logos: The Life, Times, and Works of C.S. Lewis*.

Dr. Marcia Hurlow, professor of English and journalism, has had her poems accepted for publication by *Iodine Poetry Journal* and the *Cincinnati Poetry Review*.

History

Dr. Burnam Reynolds '70, professor of history, has been commissioned by History Compass for an article titled, "The Prehistory of the Crusades." His review of Pope Benedict XVI will appear in the spring issue of *Christian Scholars Review*.

HPERA

Dr. Ken Pickerill, professor of physical education, presented at the North Central District United Methodist Ministers conference.

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Harold Rainwater '69, director of the equine program, spoke at the Kentucky Recreation and Park Society Annual Conference and Trade Show. The Kentucky Recreation and Park Society presented the 2006 Outstanding Program Award to the College's equine program.

Music

Dr. Ronald Holz, professor of instrumental music and music literature, was a guest speaker at the Territorial Music Committee conference of The Salvation Army.

Social Work and Sociology

Dr. Thomas Moore, professor of sociology, taught sociology at Lithuania Christian College last semester.

Spanish

Rachel Coleman '84, instructor of Spanish, published "Que' hacemos con estas mujeres?" in *Huellas, Edicio'n* 2006 in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

INSTITUTIONAL

James Graham Brown Foundation gives \$500,000

The James Graham Brown Foundation has given \$500,000 to Asbury College for the construction of a communication arts center. The Foundation's support will enhance the College's communication arts department, an award-winning program with more than 20 Emmys for student work. This is the second gift to the College from the Foundation. The first assisted with the construction of the Kinlaw Learning and Resource Center.

Great Commission Congress

The Great Commission Congress,

January 22-26, was themed "Places Everyone!" based on Judges 7:21. This year's speaker was **Dr. Russ White**, a WGM missionary and chief of surgery and endoscopy at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. The students raised more than \$6,000 for the indigent fund, which assists patients who are unable to pay the \$13 per day to stay at the hospital.

Anne Graham Lotz to speak in Hughes

Anne Graham Lotz, best known for her book, *Just Give Me Jesus*, is holding a one-day conference for women. "Pursuing MORE of Jesus" will be held in Hughes Auditorium June 2, 2007. AnGeL Ministries is handling registration for this event. For more information, visit www.annegrahamlotz.com, call 859-245-0910 or e-mail jesuslexky@aol.com. All attendees must pre-register and pay in advance.

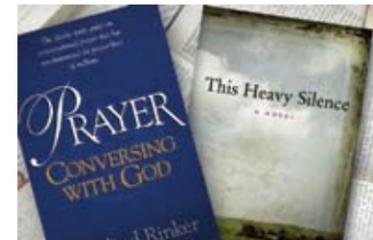
Reunion June 20-24

Please see the special insert section on **Reunion 2007**. This year's theme is Amazing Change and we are welcoming back classes of 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 with special reunions for the Concert Band and "the Zoo" (Johnson Main 1972-present). Please register for reunion events by June 4th for \$5 registration fee. After June 4th, the fee is \$10.

Save the Date

Don't forget **Ichthus Music Festival**. The festival is June 14-16. Participants have the option of staying on Asbury's campus. Space is limited, so register today at www.ichthusfestival.org. Special events will take place on campus prior to the festival. Youth groups are

invited to attend. Community service, trail rides, ropes course/team building activities, film classes and other events will be available. Please visit Ichthus' web page for more information.



SPECIAL NEWS

Christianity Today recognizes two alumnae

Christianity Today featured a list of books from the last 50 years that have altered the way American Evangelicals pray, gather, talk and reach out. They recognized **Rosalind Rinker's '45** book, *Prayer: Conversing with God*, as the most influential book in the last 50 years. Rinker taught that prayer was more than a series of formal speeches, but rather a conversation with God. At the time of this publication, this was a revolutionary idea. Rinker received the "A Award," the College's top alumni honor, in 1975. She passed away in 2002.

Nicole McQuade '97 Mazzarella's book, *This Heavy Silence*, was recognized as the best fiction of 2006. Mazzarella's book was one of 22 nominated titles that bring understanding to people, events and ideas that shape evangelical life, thought and mission. Her book was then selected as the best in her category. Mazzarella currently teaches creative writing at Wheaton College.

Alumnus named Executive Director of NAE

Comm. Todd Bassett '61, former national commander of The Salvation Army, has been named executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). Bassett has served on the executive committee for four years, representing The Salvation Army. He will oversee NAE's administrative, financial and communications functions, helping formulate and implement their organizational vision and strategy. **Edward Williamson '73** and **Jerald Walz '96** serve on the NAE board of directors.



Alumni attend Sundance Film Festival

Several **media communication alumni and professors** turned out for the 2007 Sundance Film Festival in January. Alumnus **Peter Hutchens**, 26, was part of the crew on the documentary

film, *War Dance*, which screened at the festival. Hutchens, a 2003 media communication graduate, spent three months filming in northern Uganda with director/cinematographer Sean Fine. Hutchens worked as the second



unit cameraman and primary soundman for the film. Premiering at the film festival, *War Dance*, directed by Sean Fine and Andrea Nix Fine, was one of 16 documentary films selected from 856 submissions. Sundance describes *War Dance* as "Devastated by the long civil war in Uganda, three young girls and their school in the Patongo refugee camp find hope as they make a historic



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However, slavery and human injustice still exist in many forms and in nearly every nation. Bristol Bay Productions and Walden Media launched a campaign, *Amazing Change*, to recognize and combat world slavery. The release of the movie *Amazing Grace* follows the path of William Wilberforce in his fight against slavery.

THE CHALLENGE

That is the background for our magazine. From Capitol Hill to the brothels of Bolivia, from politics and journalism to education and ministry—we have alumni who are using their voices and their gifts to combat one of the world's most brutal crimes. Prepare to be challenged. 



Two hundred years ago, England was the world's greatest superpower. It was also the world's greatest slave trader. Ships by the hundreds sailed from Britain's shores for the West African coast where crews employed brutal methods to capture and enslave their human cargo for the fields and plantations of the New World. Not only was this inhumane practice highly profitable, it was national policy. Planters and traders leveraged their tremendous wealth to exercise powerful influence in Parliament.

Few voices were raised in protest. To do so would be a tremendous risk to one's professional, political and social position. It would mean years of public criticism and even death threats. Anyone hoping to abolish this slave trade would need intelligence, grace, influential friends, the gift of oration and, most of all, faith. It would take years of tireless, thankless and failed efforts to wake a nation's passion for freedom and justice.

But 200 years ago, one man and his friends did indeed stand up against this injustice. They started a movement that would change the world. That man was William Wilberforce.

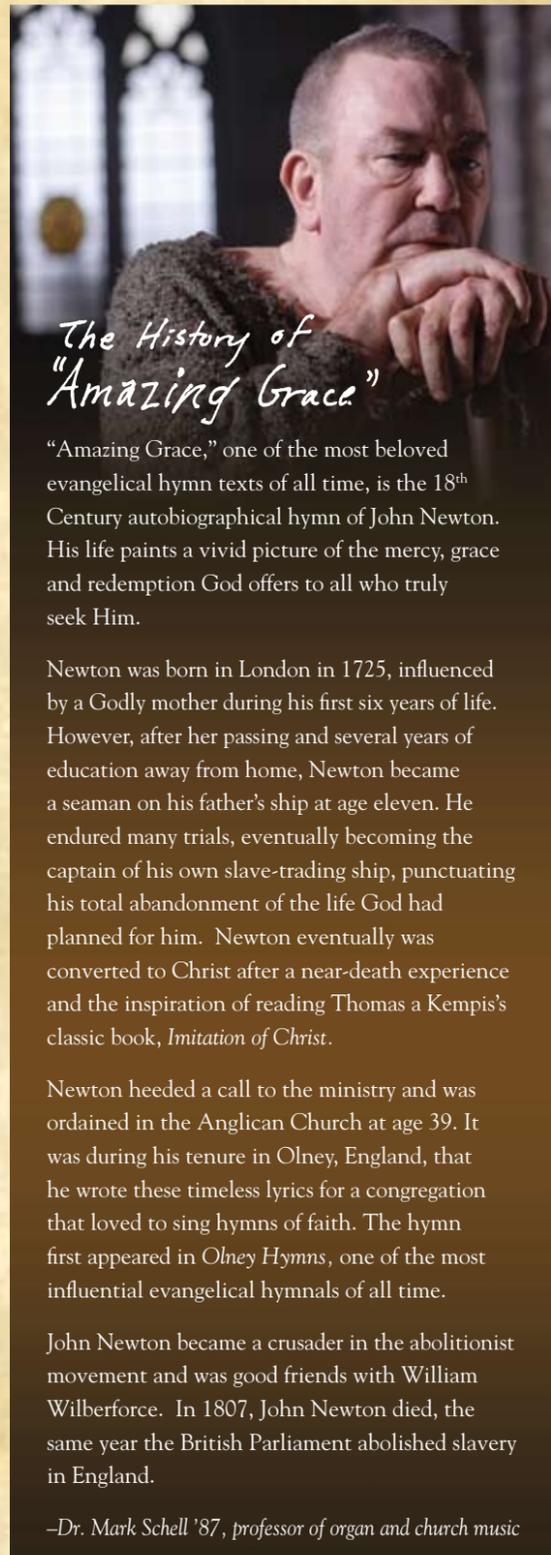
Who Was WILLIAM WILBERFORCE?

by Dr. Devin Brown, Professor of English

Born in 1759 in the city of Hull, England, Wilberforce was small, sickly and frail. His physical condition did not improve much with adulthood—later he would be described as “all soul and no body.” But he did develop a powerful intellect and had an uncommonly beautiful voice that was as charming and beguiling as it was convincing.

He attended Cambridge in 1776 where he met William Pitt, who would become his lifelong friend and the youngest Prime Minister in British history. At the age of 21, Wilberforce ran for election in the House of Commons and won. There he and his old university friend, Pitt, became the political celebrities of the day.

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The History of "Amazing Grace"

"Amazing Grace," one of the most beloved evangelical hymn texts of all time, is the 18th Century autobiographical hymn of John Newton. His life paints a vivid picture of the mercy, grace and redemption God offers to all who truly seek Him.

Newton was born in London in 1725, influenced by a Godly mother during his first six years of life. However, after her passing and several years of education away from home, Newton became a seaman on his father's ship at age eleven. He endured many trials, eventually becoming the captain of his own slave-trading ship, punctuating his total abandonment of the life God had planned for him. Newton eventually was converted to Christ after a near-death experience and the inspiration of reading Thomas a Kempis's classic book, *Imitation of Christ*.

Newton heeded a call to the ministry and was ordained in the Anglican Church at age 39. It was during his tenure in Olney, England, that he wrote these timeless lyrics for a congregation that loved to sing hymns of faith. The hymn first appeared in *Olney Hymns*, one of the most influential evangelical hymnals of all time.

John Newton became a crusader in the abolitionist movement and was good friends with William Wilberforce. In 1807, John Newton died, the same year the British Parliament abolished slavery in England.

—Dr. Mark Schell '87, professor of organ and church music

Wilberforce later confessed that his early political aim was not to serve others. He wrote, "The first years I was in Parliament, I did nothing—nothing that is to any purpose. My own distinction was my darling object."

All that changed in 1785. In November of that year, Wilberforce wrote William Pitt saying that he was in the midst of a spiritual transformation, an ongoing process he would later refer to as his great change. Wilberforce explained that he was searching for a calling in life and that from

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—William Wilberforce

then on, his political views would have to follow his conscience and his convictions.

Pitt urged him to remain in politics stating, "Surely the principles as well as the practice of Christianity are simple, and lead not to meditation only, but to action."

Wilberforce's faith and profession were at a crossroads: Did his new beliefs require him to leave his position in government, or should he remain in Parliament? Could his career also be his calling?

So he made a decision to visit an old family friend for advice. The man was a former slave trader known for his profanity and violence until he, too, had

experienced a religious conversion. John Newton was now a 60-year-old pastor who had written a hymn entitled "Amazing Grace." But visiting Newton was politically risky for Wilberforce. The old parson was well known for taking his faith too seriously and was considered overly fanatical by many in proper society.

Though Wilberforce agonized over the meeting, he finally met with Newton, and the two conversed at length. It would be a defining moment in his life. Upon leaving that day, Wilberforce later wrote: "I found my mind in a calm, tranquil state, more humbled,

and looking more devoutly up to God."

After two years of encouraging Wilberforce in his new faith, Newton offered him a challenge: "It is hoped and believed that God has raised you up for the good of the church and the good of the nation. Who knows that but for such a time as this God has brought you into public life and has a purpose for you."

Newton's words proved to be prophetic, and Wilberforce returned to Parliament a changed man. He was ready for a mission when approached by the early abolitionist Thomas Clarkson, who lobbied him to take the anti-slavery cause up before the House. Clarkson's horrific evidence detailing the cruel trade of slavery moved Wilberforce into action.

On October 28, 1787, Wilberforce penned these memorable lines in his diary: "God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners."

The movement had found its champion. Later that year Wilberforce brought a motion to the House of Commons for the abolition of the slave trade.

It would be 20 long years, 20 years filled with frustration, duplicity, and disappointment, before he would carry the House of Commons and the House of Lords in putting abolition into law.

In fact, due to a severe illness from which he nearly died, it would take Wilberforce two years just to bring his first parliamentary speech against the slave trade. For more than three hours he outlined its brutal realities, presenting for many the first glimpse into slavery's grim practices. He concluded, "Having heard all this you may choose to look the other way, but you can never again say that you did not know."

Parliament responded with typical delay tactics. In the midst of the political chicanery, the great Methodist reformer John Wesley wrote Wilberforce a letter of support and encouragement:

"Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils. But if God be for you, who can be against you? Are all of them stronger than God?"

It was the last letter Wesley ever wrote. He died a week later. But his words must have stayed with Wilberforce as he faithfully endured 13 more years of consecutive defeats in Parliament.

Finally after failure upon failure, finally after yet another drawn-out debate, one which lasted into the pre-dawn hours of February 24, 1807, a resolution to end the slave trade in all of Britain was passed at 4:00 in the morning. It was one of the great moments in human history and a turning point for freedom all over the world.

This victory after 20 years of struggle paved the way for another great victory still to come: the abolition of slavery throughout all of Britain's colonies. More than two decades later, on July 26, 1833, word from London was rushed to Wilberforce as he lay gravely ill. The House of Commons

had cast a decisive vote of victory to outlaw slavery throughout its Empire. In that moment 800,000 slaves were freed. Three days later William Wilberforce died and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Today, exactly two hundred years after Parliament cast its historic vote to outlaw the slave trade, the mission and the movement of Wilberforce and his friends continue. Today people of courage and conviction are putting their faith into action, taking a stand for the weakest and most vulnerable, those who have no voice and need our help, following the footsteps of the hero of humanity—William Wilberforce. 





HUMAN TRAFFICKING OUR PROBLEM

by Kristin Ross '97

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Proverbs 31:8-9

That is my call—to give a voice to those without one. Most Americans don’t realize that many women and children are sold into sex slavery right here in the U.S. After reading about sex trafficking in Thailand and witnessing firsthand the devastating effects and long-term emotional scarring that women suffer when they are victims of sexual crimes, I decided it was my duty to address this issue. That is why we (my filmmaking team and I) are currently producing a documentary film called *Human Trafficking: Our Problem* (www.ourproblem.com). We want to educate and challenge our audience to stop human trafficking in our own country.

We Americans make judgments on who a prostitute is or why a stripper chooses her “profession.” Many of these women and girls are coerced into the sex industry when they are still children—12-16 years old.

Many of these women die in acts of violence or from sexually transmitted diseases. Who will speak for them? I must.

I have read about and heard some of the most heartbreaking stories of my life while researching the grim topic of human trafficking. I have come to a better understanding of how we, as humanity and individuals, break the heart of God. I can see how we compartmentalize this issue. For instance, when we have a health problem, we go to a specialist—be it a cardiologist

“The U.S. is the third largest importer of women and children for the explicit purpose of sex for money.”

for our heart or a nutritionist for our diet. However, we often forget to consider the whole picture. Does our heart suffer because we work too many hours? Are we eating too much because we are bitter and unforgiving? The same is true of human trafficking. We see those who are forced into prostitution but we don’t examine or consider how we are personally affecting or contributing to the situation. The U.S. is the third largest importer of women and children for the explicit purpose of sex for money—be it through prostitution, pornography, films or strip clubs. We want our audience to understand that the choices they make in private make a difference in the lives of these women and children in slavery.

I am given hope that through God’s grace we can make a difference. We want to encourage others to read and learn about this problem. The Salvation Army is a great resource and has programs in place to address these issues. We hope our story will open the eyes of men and women across America to the injustice of human trafficking in the United States.

Jesus spoke for those who had no voice. He cared for the children, the women and the outcasts of society. If we are followers of Christ, why should we do any less? 

Social Freedom

Laura Horton '06, an applied communications graduate, recently completed an internship with the Independent Women’s Forum (IWF) in Washington, D.C.

One of her projects involved helping prepare instruction manuals which were sent to the Iraqi Women’s Educational Institute, a program started by IWF to support economic and social freedom for Iraqi women. For the last two years, this organization has provided everything from job skill training to support for women’s civil rights in Iraq.

Horton also researched the many human rights treaties Iraq has signed to determine if the Iraqi government is working toward compliance with these treaty obligations. “There are heated arguments taking place today on how to treat women in Iraq as the new government seeks to comply with human rights treaties and synthesize new laws with Islamic rituals.” In addition, she examined Iraq’s new constitution and found that there was reason to have hope for the future of Iraqi human rights. Her findings were presented in a State Department report to the Iraqi Minister of Human Rights.

As a student, she spent a summer volunteering in India with World Gospel Mission and a semester at Focus on the Family Institute. It was at Focus that she first heard of William Wilberforce, the man who helped abolish slavery in 19th Century Europe.

“It blows my mind that he spent his whole life on one cause and didn’t see it come to fruition until the end of his life. He’s definitely been an inspiration,” she said. “I would come home after doing all this research at IWF and felt frustrated, wondering if I was making a difference. Then I would remember Wilberforce and how he must have come home some days and wondered, ‘Are these people listening?’ The Lord really used that to keep me going. People, especially women, in many other countries do not have people speaking up for them. My desire is to help them be heard, but I realize that I’m working for eternal fruit that I might not see here, in this lifetime.”



Once in awhile, life-changing situations happen. Ten years ago, I received a phone call asking me to be part of a national effort to combat sex trafficking. At the time, I didn't even know what sex trafficking meant, nor did most of the others who showed up for that first meeting. For several years my involvement was wholehearted and time consuming, but impersonal—those awful things were happening somewhere else. While the victims were real and I was deeply affected by the cruelty and abuse of innocent victims, I had not seen human slavery up close and personal.

All that changed last year when I visited Mexico City. One night, between midnight and 4 a.m., I sat in the middle seat of a black SUV surrounded by security guards. We were accompanied by forward and rear escort vehicles filled with even more guards. None of the vehicles had license tags in view. Our driver and the guard in the front passenger seat were both in constant contact with our escorts. We drove down a dozen streets that were lined by prostitutes, with their pimps standing in the shadows behind them. I am haunted by all those faces — at least 2 in 5 were underage girls. Our escorts, all former law enforcement officials and tough guys, were shocked; we could hear their comments to each other through the walkie-talkies. “That girl in the skirt; she is no older than my daughter.” “Look at that—that girl is barely a teen.”

As the night wound down, everyone got quiet. The impact of seeing dozens and dozens of girls—not women, girls! —who are old before their time was sobering and maddening. My outrage overpowered my despair at seeing those girls' plight. We saw police officers on every street — doing nothing about the scene they were observing. Yet we could drive no faster than 5 mph because the traffic

was so thick; on some streets there were two lanes of cars creeping past the lines of girls. We could see inside some of the sleazy dives where even more girls were servicing the johns.

How tragic that most Americans are where I was 10 years ago; they don't know about human trafficking. They don't know about modern day slavery. Yet the number of children and women who are sex slaves today is greater than the number of 19th century slaves.

Sadly too, all our heroic efforts today cannot keep up with the demand for prostitutes. Therefore, the evil of trafficking is escalating faster than we can stop it. But the United States is leading the way in gaining the world-wide, cooperative teamwork among nations that is necessary in order to address this international embarrassment and stop the world-wide criminal networks that lure the victims into their control.

By correctly identifying the practice as modern day slavery, and by correctly pointing to the “demand” for prostitutes as the root cause for the escalating numbers of victims, we abolitionists have created a whole new climate that is hostile toward human trafficking.

I'm proud to be among those at the forefront — to be a modern day abolitionist. Now the fight is very personal for me. I see the face of one teenage girl in that long line of victims on a Mexico City street. The others turned away when they saw women in the car, but she looked

right at me with hardened eyes that had lost all hope. Her face haunts me; her face is, for me, the face of sex trafficking. That's why I am so passionate about the evil of sex slavery; somebody has to rescue girls like her. I want the enslavement to stop.

There are over half a million new sex trafficking victims every year. Their faces are just as haunting as that girl on the street in Mexico City.

That's why I am an abolitionist. 

“She looked right at me with hardened eyes that had lost all hope. Her face haunts me; her face is, for me, the face of SEX TRAFFICKING.”

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MODERN-DAY ABOLITIONISTS

by Janice Shaw '61 Crouse

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Dr. Janice Shaw '61 Crouse directs the work of the Concerned Women for America's think tank at The Beverly LaHaye Institute which produces reports, articles, analyses, research and commentary on social issues and public policies. Her view of public policy and social activism is one of ministry. "What better example or greater inspiration can we have than the life of Christ in the fight against the injustices of this world."

Crouse and then Salvation Army National Commander, Commissioner John Busby '60, were part of a team that helped formulate the language for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) strengthened in 2003. This act ensured, among other things, that prosecution of human trafficking focuses on ending the demand for prostituted women, men and children, punishing the criminal networks, pimps and johns, instead of merely arresting the victims.

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Part of this anti-trafficking coalition (which included the late Diane LeMasters '72 Knippers and many other evangelical Christians) included a string of public letters with multiple signatures used to put pressure on politicians to use their influence to stop this evil. Under the auspices of The Salvation Army, an Initiative Against Sexual Trafficking was launched in 2001. Crouse, Knippers and Busby were all instrumental in creating these initiatives and policies.

Crouse continues to work in the Nation's capitol and as an official United States delegate at the United Nations. She has testified on Capitol Hill, addressed the World Congress of Families in Geneva (1999), Mexico City (2002) and will speak in Warsaw in May 2007. In January, the U.S. State Department recognized Crouse and Concerned Women for America for their efforts on behalf of sex trafficking victims, naming her a "new abolitionist" for her work at the state and regional level.

Choosing Peace

Since ancient times war has fueled slavery: one civilization defeating another; one race overcoming another; one religion casting out another. There was always a victor, and the loser often became the slave. So it might seem that the answer to ending forms of slavery would be to simply find peace. As simple as peace sounds, over the course of history, finding peace amidst conflict has been one of the most complicated and difficult issues faced throughout generations.

"It's unacceptable to worship the Prince of Peace and not work for peace. It's an inconsistency," said Rev. Nathan Day Wilson '93, a doctoral student at the University of Geneva.

Wilson is studying religion and conflict with the goal of providing a means for adversaries to address and possibly resolve their issues—many of which revolve around differences in religion. His work at Geneva is a partnership between the University of Geneva and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. He wants to make religion a permanent part of accepted conflict and peace research, looking at ethnic and religious identity with the same degree of importance as researchers do globalization, military strength or even conflict resolution.

"Until we address religion with the same seriousness, we will not dissect the complex interactions between religious faith, peace and conflict," he said. "Approximately 70 percent of the world's conflicts today have religion as a component. However, contrary to popular belief, religion is not always the cause."

For Wilson, his study is not purely academic. "It's a matter of what can be done to amplify the work for peace by religious leaders and what can be done—if anything—to minimize how religious issues fuel conflict and violence," he said. "Peace begins with one's own behavior. I still believe that the future can be better than the present and that each one of us has the moral responsibility to make it so."

HUMAN TRAFFICKING A MODERN-DAY ATROCITY

by Congressman Joe Pitts '61

It's difficult for most people to make sense of history's worst human atrocities. When we try, we're left asking questions that don't seem to have any good answers.

How could Adolf Hitler's hate-fueled ideology spread so widely in Nazi Germany that the gas chambers of Auschwitz became a reality? How was Joseph Stalin ever permitted to starve and murder millions of his own people? How did Pol Pot get away with Cambodia's Killing Fields?

There are no easy answers to such questions. In hindsight, it always seems so painfully clear that voices of reason and sanity should have done more to stop these evils before they grew so horribly out of hand.

This is a lesson we should take very seriously today. Though circumstances are ever changing, our modern times have evils and atrocities of their own. Some, like the genocide occurring in Sudan, receive significant publicity, and rightfully so.

But there is a lesser-known evil afoot in the world today: the plague of modern day human trafficking. Though it often takes place in the shadows and outside the average person's view, it is no less deserving of our efforts to stop it.

Human trafficking takes different forms from an Eastern European girl

kidnapped and forced into sexual servitude to an African boy taken from his family and forced to perform grueling physical labor with no pay in horrid living conditions. The variations of this sordid practice are limited only by traffickers' perverse imaginations.

These atrocities are happening every day in countries around the world, including the United States. For many who find themselves forced into such circumstances, it ends up costing them their lives. Those that don't end up dead face a daily existence drained of basic dignity, respect and hope.

The people responsible for this evil like to operate behind the scenes, often in the seedy underside of societies around the globe. Because of this many people are unaware human trafficking even goes on, or how awful it really is. But there are things people can do to help combat this modern day form of slavery.

For starters, it's crucial that people take the time to educate themselves on the seriousness of this issue. There are many resources available online. I've compiled a list of useful links on my own website that can help people learn more. The list can be found at www.house.gov/pitts/trafficking.htm.

Once educated on the different forms human trafficking takes, concerned citizens are better able to keep a watchful eye in their own

communities to help recognize potential victims and perpetrators.

The U.S. Department of Justice has resources and programs available for local law enforcement to help combat the plague of trafficking. Anyone concerned about the existence of traffickers or their victims in their own community should not hesitate to contact local authorities.

There is also a great need to reach out to trafficking victims who have been able to escape this modern form of human slavery. Most people who are able to get out are significantly scarred from their experience. They are wounded mentally, emotionally, relationally, and physically. There is always a need for compassionate individuals to serve in the shelters and organizations that reach out to these victims.

It is clear that human trafficking is a modern day evil on par with some of the world's worst atrocities. Sensible and compassionate people must work together to put an end to this horrid practice. By doing so, we can prevent future generations from looking back and wondering why we didn't do more. 



Andy '97 and Andrea Toledo '97 Baker live and work in Bolivia serving with Word Made Flesh ministries. They opened La Casa de Esperanza as a community drop-in center for women and their families.

When we first arrived in El Alto, Andy and I sought out areas where the Church was not present. We began visiting the brothels on Carrasco Street with the desire of being church, in place of simply building one. Just as Jesus comes to us, loving us as we are, we desire to do the same for the women working on Carrasco Street.

The poor are near to the heart of God, and if we're distant from them, we are missing out on a huge piece of His character. I love meeting the Lord through the eyes of the poor. And living out my faith radically and tangibly is immensely fulfilling. The poor are my teachers of simplicity, faith, humility and suffering. They purify me, challenging my way of life, infringing on "my" space and things, pushing me to seek answers to the most difficult questions of faith and injustice. The Gospel has come alive as I'm in relationship with the beggar, the prostitute and the orphan. Empty statistics now have faces and names. But overall, the challenge has rooted my faith, and I'm experiencing a peace and contentment that I've never really known before.

Women in prostitution experience a tremendous amount of stress and violence—physical, emotional and psychological abuse on a daily, if not hourly, basis. One woman explains,

"What rape is to others is normal to us" (Farley, Melissa, ed. *Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress*, p 60). Prostitution is a form of modern-day slavery and we see the effects of it daily.

I think it's important to understand that women do not choose to prostitute. The majority desperately desire a different life, but feel trapped and helpless to do otherwise. These women are also hungry for the Gospel, but have felt only condemnation by the Church.

As Christians, we have a Biblical responsibility to seek justice and care for the poor. But more often than not we prefer to do so from the sidelines, serving "the needy" while keeping them outside the inner realms of our lives that really cost us. Jesus, however, was a friend of sinners.

"The poor are near to the heart of God, and if we're distant from them, we are missing out on a huge piece of His character."

His word challenges us to be living sacrifices. Broken people need to be embraced by Jesus in the flesh.

One way to combat this problem is to learn about the issues relating to the poor, sexual exploitation, human trafficking and violence against women and children (www.asha.viva.org, www.ijm.org, www.wordmadeflesh.com). Support micro-enterprise projects that empower women. Pray for the freedom and holistic transformation of prostituted persons and those who exploit them.

In order to change this cycle, we first need to recognize our participation in the problem. With the rise of globalization, our choices, attitudes and even our silence, particularly on issues of justice, affect people continents away.

We also need to reassess our prejudices against the victim and consider redirecting our focus to the demand-side of the problem, convicting consumers, pimps and traffickers instead of the prostituted person.

Asbury College has been foundational in my life. Although I was not a Christian when I first attended the college, I encountered the Lord there in profound ways. I found the Source of my deepest yearnings, with the structure and security I needed as I grew in my faith.

I have often said, "I would never be where I am now if it weren't for Asbury College." Apart from the Lord, Asbury gets credit for the husband, family and ministry I now have!

Andy and I never intended nor expected to be serving where and how we are now, but the Lord has continued to lead us each small step of the way. ☩



My dear friend, Eliana, turned her life completely around after being trafficked into Bolivia more than 40 years ago. When she was baptized, she gave herself a new name meaning "My God has answered me." She has agreed to share her story as a testimony to the new life and family she's found in Christ.

My name is Eliana Noemi Carrillo Toledo. I am 57 years old and was born on January 7th, 1950 in the province of Tartagal, Argentina. When I was 16 years old, I met a friend who invited me to work as a waitress in Bolivia. Because of family problems, I accepted. However, she lied and tricked me, because in reality I began working in a Cabaret, where I began my life as a prostitute. After two years in that place I met the father of my children, and Edwin and Elizabeth were born. However, I could not enjoy raising them because they were snatched from me when they were very young, even though I tried very hard to bring them back to me.

Later I came to La Paz and continued working in the brothels where I met Andy and Andrea Baker. I was afraid to get to know these "gringuitos," but the other girls told me that they were friends who wanted to help us. Knowing my need, I decided to go to La Casa de Esperanza with a friend looking for work. I was received with open arms and began the new life that I so dearly desired. I began working in La Casa de Esperanza as the housekeeper, and I felt so happy. I have been working there for almost two and a half years.

During the time that I have been serving in La Casa de Esperanza, I've been invited to participate in Andy and Andrea's church, which I enjoy very much. Although I do not know how to read the Bible, I am able to hear the Word. In September 2005, I was baptized, and this confirmed my decision of faith to my Lord. It was the most important decision of my life. Now my desire is to continue serving with the wisdom of the Lord my friends who prostitute.

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EDUCATION *BEGINS* HERE

*An interview with
Asbury College professors
John Charalambakis
and Steve Dawson*

“Even if it is accepted, it doesn’t make it right; doesn’t make it Biblical. Maybe slavery is accepted in some countries. Maybe child labor is accepted in some countries. It doesn’t make it right.” —Dr. John Charalambakis, professor of economics

According to the International Labour Office’s (ILO) web site, more than 200 million children are engaged in child labor. Half of those children are in slavery, bondage, prostitution and armed conflict (child soldiers). ILO reports that most of the children are under the age of 15; some are as young as five. “Children are forced to work 12-hour days, often in terrible working conditions,” Charalambakis said. These conditions include working in mines, factories, farms and plantations; operating dangerous machinery; and breathing and handling harmful chemicals as listed by ILO.

“Parents sell their children for \$20-100 to pay off debts,” Charalambakis said. “They are paid very little for their labor and it takes many years to pay back the money owed.”

“Unfortunately, countries such as Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, Indonesia, Thailand or Malaysia do not observe laws of developed countries,” he remarked. “So they allow children to work, or they close their eyes and they don’t observe even the minimum standards. It is difficult to stop this process because it is very profitable. For instance, a shoe made for \$3 can be sold for \$100.”

“I could not exclude the possibility [that we are buying products produced with child labor]. We don’t know where they are produced. They say ‘Made in China’ or ‘Made in Malaysia’, but do we know the factory where it is made? That’s a problem.”

Steve Dawson, assistant professor of social work and sociology, believes that human slavery can be attributed to several factors: explosion of population, government corruption and the enormous social and economic changes that displace people moving from rural to urban areas. “These people are the most vulnerable because of their displacement—people are looking to exploit them,” Dawson said. “They are tricked with the promise of a job or education. It’s a difficult problem to solve. Light needs to be shown on their plight.”

What can be done to help?

“Our objective is to restore God’s image in our lives,” Charalambakis said. “If the children are treated like slaves, God’s image is violated. That’s an abomination against God’s will.”

Dawson said international organizations need to work with governments to go to the root of the issue. “The solution is to help the people in need and punish those who exploit them. There are organizations, petitions and web sites to help bring pressure on governmental and international organizations.”

Both Dawson and Charalambakis teach students about world issues and encourage activism. “In class, we discuss what we could do as individuals or as community to take collective action and force corporations to comply with international labor standards,” Charalambakis said.

Dawson agreed, “Young people today are trying to make a difference.”

OUR STUDENTS

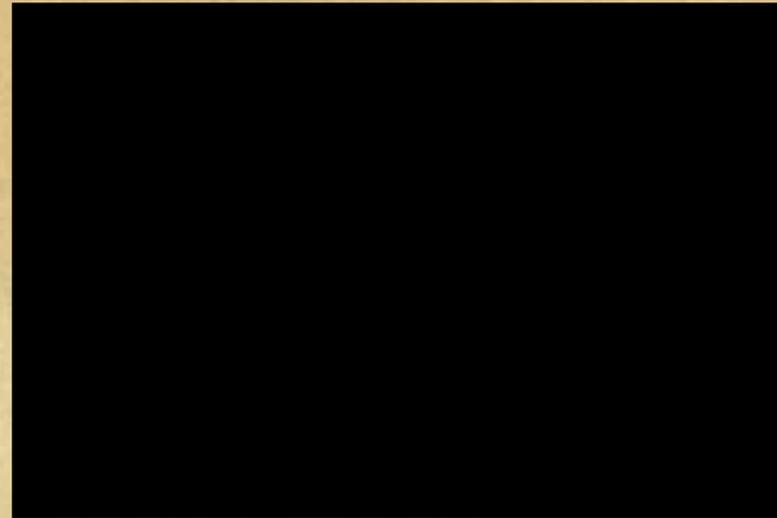
Meeting our Nation’s leaders

Last fall, junior **Travis Lopes**, freshman **Mary Grace Rumford** and sophomore **Jennie Hawthorne** traveled to Washington D.C. for the Northern Uganda Lobby Day and Symposium. Students spoke to their senators about what can be done to help end violence and to free child slaves and warriors in the impoverished, war-torn East African nation.

“Over the last 20 years, 80 percent of the population has been displaced and is now living in refugee camps...30,000 kids have been kidnapped and forced to commit war crimes and atrocities,” Lopes said.

Lopes was able to dialogue with Senate foreign relations advisors, highlighting the situation in Uganda. “Through our presence there, people knew what was going on and that this is something that students care about,” he said.

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Lopes, an international business major originally from Brazil, is also involved in the One Campaign and Compassion International. He heard about the plight of children in Uganda through the screening of a documentary, *Invisible Children*, in Asbury's chapel services. He subsequently got involved with the Asbury College chapter of Acting on AIDS and *Invisible Children's* Global Night Commute, a nationwide event to raise awareness of the crisis in Uganda.

—by John Zambenini, a senior from Dayton, Ohio

Raising money

Students in Asbury College's Acting on AIDS chapter worked to raise \$15,000 in the fall to help establish home-care networks for people living with AIDS in Themba, Swaziland. This money will also provide children with primary and secondary education.

December '06 graduate **Megan Steinsdoerfer**, event coordinator for the Asbury College chapter of AoA, said, "The goals of Acting on AIDS are to change hearts on our campus, create awareness in our community and advocate for the most innocent victims of HIV/AIDS around the world."

Acting on AIDS is a student-run organization, serving as a satellite program of World Vision. The College's chapter has raised money to assist AIDS victims through the homecoming concert, fall revival offering and partnering with IMPACT, a campus service organization, to do odd jobs for professors in exchange for donations.

—by Heidi Heater, a sophomore from Jackson, Ky.

Telling the story

Senior **James Donaldson** spent a week in Colombia documenting prison ministries, poverty, drug trafficking and violence in this country. As he sat in the back of a Medellin Taxi, he was struck by the slums and impoverished children playing in the street. He wrote in his journal, "I believe the world forgot about Colombia."

Donaldson witnessed firsthand the crime in Colombia, which has led people—even the privileged—to live in fear for their lives and property. His project told the stories of convicted criminals who have committed some of the most horrific atrocities and how, through prison ministries, they were able to become Christians and leave a life of crime.

"I was in a room filled with some of the strongest Christian men I have ever met; they were also former assassins, bombers, murders, drug lords and pimps. It's amazing what the love of Christ can do."

Serving

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is proliferated through human trafficking and the sex trade industry. Where there is a demand for prostitutes and sex slaves, the number of HIV/AIDS cases increases.

Carolyn Agee, a junior social work major from Savannah, Ga., became interested in the AIDS epidemic during a chapel service at the College. "I had no idea how widespread it was."

She completed a 200-hour practicum for her major at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department where she worked with a diseases intervention specialist. The office kept records of the HIV/AIDS patients in the 60-country area they serve and located the partners of those individuals to connect them with doctors and social workers. Agee also worked with a subgroup called Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. This group works with low income AIDS patients to help secure housing and assist with rent and utility costs.

"When you tackle an issue like AIDS, it seems very big," Agee said. "I recognize that I can't stop bad things from happening, but as a Christian I can be there to show God's love and grace when bad things do happen. This disease really ravages the emotions and the soul. It's such a gift to tell people that their life is not over and that they still have a chance to make changes."

Agee hopes to go to Uganda in the future to help with the HIV/AIDS crisis. "With medical treatment in America, AIDS isn't an immediate death sentence. But in other countries, the disease is killing so many very quickly."

Providing a way

Adam Wood, a senior business major, spent two summers working on micro-economic development projects in third world countries.

In India, farmers are often forced into a form of debt slavery due to high interest rates and their inability to pay off their loans for land. As a result, female infanticide is a serious issue because families cannot pay a dowry for their daughters.

Organizations are now assisting families by providing micro-loan programs. These programs offer very low interest rates in order for families to create new businesses and overcome their debt. Wood worked for one such organization that gave small loans, especially to women, enabling them to purchase anything from sewing machines to livestock, to earn an income.

"The main goal for this program is to prevent parents from killing their female children," Wood said. "When we provided the families with a cow, which is sacred to them, we made them place their hands on the cow and promise not to harm their daughters. It sounds incredible to us, but it is helping."

In one village, Wood was able to address the crowd about micro-loans with the help of an interpreter. "During the meeting, the interpreter asked for all the little girls to stand up whose lives had been spared because of micro-loans. All of these girls began standing up. It was incredibly powerful."

"Micro-economic business is not a handout. It is giving skills that will change a person's life and his or her family's future forever." 

Slaves and Prostitutes

According to a report released by the United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF), at least 1,500 children were known to engage in sex tourism daily along the Kenyan coast as of December 20, 2006. The exploiters were mainly Kenyans, Italians and Germans. The children were paid anything between \$15-75 for sexual favors compared to the \$2 they would earn every day for causal labor.

Immediately, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) initiated a program that would help implement the legislation of laws on human trafficking. LSK noted that, "Kenya has been rated the main source, transit and destination for human trafficking and sex tourism." It further noted that the lack of will to implement relevant laws has led to the high number of human trafficking totaling 4,000,000 people a year. These people become slaves and prostitutes in foreign countries, mostly in the Gulf States and Europe.

If Kenyans elect leaders who can stop the vice, it means the power to end human trafficking in Kenya. But Kenyans must be informed about the vice itself. I believe the media, churches and NGOs can play this role and make human trafficking a thing of the past.

Joseph Okello and his wife, Sophie, are citizens of Kenya. He has a bachelor of theology degree from Scott Theological College in Kenya, a M.Div. and an M.A. in Church Music from Asbury Theological Seminary. He is completing his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Kentucky. He is an adjunct faculty member at Asbury College and has taught logic and philosophy of religion at Asbury Theological Seminary. He is a pastor of Africa Inland Church in Kenya.

A CALL TO RAISE HUMAN DIGNITY

by Rev. Esther Tadhar,
Coordinator for
Intercultural Programs
Asbury College

Human Trafficking and Slavery

We live in a land of unconstrained and unlimited choices: a land and a home where we feel secure and out of harm's way. Yet when we turn to CNN or FOX or the local news channels we hear and see the atrocities of rape, murder, abduction, prejudice, discrimination and injustice of every kind taking place. These incidents seem so unreal yet are absolutely real for someone else.

The problems of human trafficking and slavery are not new. In fact, they are as old as human history. More than twenty-seven million people—in countries from Pakistan to Thailand to the United States—are still trapped in oppression. Millions of people around the world continue to suffer in silence in slave-like situations of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation, from which they cannot free themselves. Having just returned from international travel myself—going from a land that is so materialistically comfortable to a land where comfort is only a relative term—my heart was disturbed. I came across streets with fancy lights and music, which felt festive, until I really looked closely to see that these streets housed brothels with numerous helpless women.

May I propose to you that the problems of human trafficking and slavery are on the rise because our hearts are not transformed? We are still consumed with ourselves and with our needs. We are never satisfied with ourselves. This leads me to wonder if we are really concerned about what is happening in our world. Unfortunately, we know so little about the world. Do we even care?

"MAY I PROPOSE TO YOU THAT THE PROBLEMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY ARE ON THE RISE BECAUSE OUR HEARTS ARE NOT TRANSFORMED?"

Learning and knowledge are necessary steps to building awareness, understanding and appreciation of others—moving from self-oriented to others-oriented. However friends, the value of knowledge that does not create a transforming change in our actions and interactions is very minimal, just as faith without action is lifeless and action without faith is bare. The sacrifice our God made through Jesus was not merely because he could do it, but because he loves us more than anything and does not want to lose us. His love for us led him to such a great act of love. Do we have a love so compelling in our hearts that allows us to feel this way about someone else's pain or someone else's problem? We are called to love one another. With love comes dignity. Without love, victims will die as victims. With love, they will be the redeemed.

Friends, let us take a keen interest in human hearts that are in need of divine and human help. You and I can provide their help as Christians. It is my prayer that our God will motivate our hearts to move in the helpless lives that surround us each day. ☪



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This is only the beginning—the mission of Asbury College is embodied in our alumni long after they have completed their studies. Today our graduates are scattered across the cultural landscape, engaging it in a wide variety of vocations. Everywhere God has planted them, they are making His presence felt.

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Jerry '63 and Judith Barnhouse '63 Green have moved to Georgia. E-mail: Verdihaus@gmail.com

Robert '64 and Kay Reese '64 Bickert returned January 1 to their home in Wilmore from ministry in Cambodia. In March, they will return to the Philippines for two weeks of ministry at the Wesleyan Family Camp Meeting in Baguio City, then they plan to return to Cambodia to teach two semesters October '07 to April '08. Address: PO Box 226, Wilmore, KY 40390. E-mail: Robert.Bickert@gmail.com

Alan '64 and Carolyn Chandler '64 Smith have moved to Nashville, TN. Alan was selected the 2005-2006 TranSouth Athletic Director of the Year and 2005-2006 NAIA Region XI Athletic Director of the Year. After 35 years at Trevecca Nazarene University, Alan is retiring in May 2007. Carolyn retired from Trevecca in 2002. Address: 1009 Brianne Court, Nashville, TN 37013

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Dr. Don Clarke '74 has written a new training manual, *Intentional Care- A Guide for Long-term Care Employees*, to be used in retirement facilities and assisted living communities throughout the south. Don continues as gerontologist with Principal Senior Living Group where he is director of community relations and training. He also serves on the board of directors of Affordable Housing in Atlanta, GA. Address: Suite 3001, 220 26th St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309-1919. Phone: 404-556-0729

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Jim Howard '80 was appointed Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He was sworn in Oct. 16, 2006.

Lynn Sickler '83 Somers received a Ph.D. in Religious Education from The Union Institute & University, June 2006. The emphasis of her program was Faith Formation and focused especially on the preschool years. Her final dissertation project is titled "Come Pray with Me...A Media-Rich Curriculum on Prayer Especially for Preschoolers (and adults who join them on the journey)." E-mail: lynn@handofthemaster.org

Alan '88 and Karen Dougherty '88 McBride reside in Troy, Alabama where Alan is senior pastor of First United Methodist Church. In December 2006, Alan received his Doctor of Ministry from Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Birmingham, AL.

Stan '89 and Sarah Randall '90 Pegram announce the birth of Lily Faith on Nov. 29, 2006, who joins three sisters. The Pegrams reside in Boscobel, WI. E-mail: pegram@mwt.net

1990

Mark Andrew Bickert D.O. '90 graduated from his residency in ENT in June and opened his office in Carrollton, TX in July specializing in Otolaryngology, Facial Plastics & Head and Neck Surgery. E-mail: ent@markbickert.com.

Andre Gazal '91 is a Ph.D. candidate in historical theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, and academic dean of Eucon International College in Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands.

James '93 and Katherine Gates '95 Botts announce the birth of Robert Lucas Noel on Jan. 25, 2007

Randall '93 and Shannon Parker '94 Bradley announce the birth of Peyton Jill on Oct. 29, 2006.

Tammi Willette '94 married Mark Grass, Sr. on June 17, 2006. She now has two stepchildren, Victoria and Mark, Jr. Address: 2 East Ave., Unit 110, Box 21, Belfast, ME 04915

Charles Main '95 was elected to the Arlington elementary school board in Arlington, Arizona.

James and Marlee Shelberg '95 Moore announce the birth of Amelia Annette on Aug. 14, 2006.

Nathan '97 and Cydil VanOrman '97 Waggoner welcomed Elisona Joy home on Dec. 29, 2006. Ellie was born in Albania on June 14, 2005.

Dan and Karis Blunden '98 Madison welcomed Isaac Reed on Sept. 14, 2006. The Madison family now resides in Fishers, IN.

Jeremy and Elena-Vale Ford '98 Stevenson announce the birth of John Arlen on Dec. 30, 2005. The family resides in Loveland, OH. E-mail: elena_stevenson@yahoo.com.

Terri Lane Cohran '99 married Victor (Beau) Albert Eller on Sept. 30, 2006.

Mark '99 and Kate Terrey '00 Keene announce the birth of Ella Thompson on April 9, 2006. Mark is the media director and youth pastor for Bethel Harvest Church in Lexington. Katie enjoys her time staying home with Ella and working one day a week at Lifeway for Youth Kentucky.

2000

Matthew Deroo '00 married Sally Jo Chipman on Aug. 12, 2006. Matt and Sally are on a one-year home leave before returning to China where they will continue serving with the English Language Institute of China.

Michael and Ellen Hutchenson '00 McMahan announce the birth of Chloe Belle on Aug. 4, 2006. E-mail: ellen.mcmahan@eku.edu

Isaiah '00 and Rebecca Nordmoe '00 Surbrook welcomed William Andrew on May 10, 2006.

Brett and Serenity Duty '01 Warkentine announce the birth of Noah Bradley on July 17, 2006. They live in Tipp City, OH.

Karen Moose '01 married Matthew Cochrane on December 21, 2002. They welcomed James Paul on July 18, 2006

Betsy Hall '01 is the associate director of the leadership institute at the Coast Guard Academy. She will be developing the leadership program for Coast Guard Academy to be used for the Department of Homeland Security.

D. '02 and Corrie Catlett '01 Merricks welcomed Isaiah Astin on Jan. 5, 2007.

Sarah Moon '02 graduated with a master of health administration and a master of business administration in August 2006 from Georgia State University. Sarah is the performance improvement coordinator at Coliseum Medical Centers in Macon, GA. Address: 928 Ridge Crest Ct. Macon, GA 31204.

David O'Donnell '02 and Kate Cockerill '03 and were married on Dec. 3, 2005 after meeting in Central Asia where they were both serving in cross-cultural ministry. They are returning in March '07 to continue work among Muslims. E-mail: david_odon@galacticomm.org

Joshua '02 and Lindsay Seder welcomed Elizabeth on Oct. 25, 2006.

Charles Powers '03 married **Larissa Colich '03** on Aug. 6, 2005. Both were ordained at The Warehouse Church on Aug. 6, 2006.

Skylar Speakman '03 married **Megan Murphree '04** in Zimbabwe. The Speakmans reside in Lexington, KY where they are completing master's degrees.

Justin Meeker '04 is the media arts director at Quest Community Church in Lexington, KY.

Bill '05 and Stacy Middeldorf '05 Baker announce the birth of London James on Sept. 23, 2006. Address: 2954 Reflection Ave., Waterford, MI 48328

Molly Rego '05 married Nate Jaeger on December 16, 2006. They reside in Lexington where Molly is working on a master's degree in Spanish education at the University of Kentucky.

Sarah Jewett '05 married Jeff Clarke on Oct. 8, 2006. The Clarks reside in Winston-Salem, NC.

Joel Vien '05 married **Heather Jackson '05** on July 1, 2006. They live in New Albany, IN.

Have news?

E-mail any new information about marriages, changes of address, births, job changes, degrees and more to alumni@asbury.edu

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Irene Breland '29, teacher, October 31, 2006, Jackson, MS

John Lem Stokes II '30, minister/college president, November 23, 2006, Wilmington, NC

Martha Barnett '32 Linder, October 13, 2006, Cincinnati, OH

Claire Lingo '41 Rauch, secretary, November 13, 2006, Red Bank, NJ

Hilda L. Steyer '41, music professor, November 8, 2006, Upland, IN

William C. Kiessel '43, journalist, November 1, 2006, West Hurley, NY

Evelyn Strader '43, missionary, October 16, 2006, Asheville, NC

Clarence W. Buehler '45, minister, August 8, 2006, Sun City, AZ

John W. Armbrust '49, minister, September 30, 2006, Canton, OH

Edith Vogel '49 Irwin, teacher/missions, November 4, 2006, Laurel, DE

Richard D. Armstrong '50, minister, October 28, 2006, Franklin, IN

Joseph P. Luce '50, business, December 17, 2006, Fort Valley, GA

Ruth Thomas '50 Spencer, teacher, September 17, 2006, Port Orange, FL

Corile Waybright '51 Wilhelm, teacher, November 21, 2006, Terra Alta, WV

John H. Pappas '52, minister, January 8, 2007, Palm Harbor, FL

Roy M. Hilliard '53, minister, December 12, 2006, Sebring, OH

Richard Kraus '61, hospital administrator, October 28, 2006, Midlothian, VA

Friends

Mrs. Elsie J. Butler Bayless, December 13, 2006, Grand Island, FL

Mrs. Violet R. Baker, September 11, 2006, Shreve, OH

Mrs. R.M. Hinely, December 13, 2006, Rockville, MD

Mrs. Hazel B. Ikle, May 19, 2006, Adrian, MI

Mr. Edward Madden, November 25, 2006, White River Junction, VT

Mr. Everett Rainwater, December 1, 2006, Liberty, KY

Mr. Beryle R. Read, March 15, 2006, Brooksville, FL

Mr. Charles A. Stemple, November 16, 2006, Wilmore, KY

Mrs. Juanita Tam, October 22, 2006, Lima, OH

Mr. T.G. Via, October 21, 2006, Martinsville, VA

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- 12 Reunion Training
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- 21 Athletic Dept. Baseball Work Day
- 23-24 Reunion Phonathon
- 27 Student & Alumni at Lexington Legends
- 27-28 High Bridge Film Festival
- 30-May 1 Reunion Phonathon

MAY

- 13 Commencement—Congratulations Transforming Class

JUNE

- 2 Anne Graham Lotz Conference
- 14-16 Ichthus Festival
- 20-24 Reunion: Amazing Change
- 24 Wilmore Camp Meeting Begins, Dr. Kinlaw speaking
- 25-29 Wilmore Camp Meeting with Dr. Roy Lauter

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