

## Human Trafficking Personal Stories

These personal accounts of the horrors of human trafficking are from CMDA members who have treated victims of human trafficking through CMDA's [Global Health Outreach](#).

### **From a GHO trip to Nicaragua:**

“The hardest part of each clinic day is the lunchtime testimonies from the girls and women. Today we heard from an 11 year old who was rescued from one of the child brothels in a raid. April told us her story before the little girl came in - they don't ask the kids to tell their stories to the group because it's just too hard for them. But then the little girl came in to say hi to us. April translated for her and asked her if there was anything she wanted to say to all of us. She said, "Welcome to House of Hope. We are so thankful that you are here to help us. And please forgive us if we have done anything bad." And of all of the things we've seen and heard this week, this was the thing that punched me in the gut. I started crying and I was pretty sure I wasn't ever going to stop.”

### **From a GHO trip to Nicaragua:**

“Seeing the stench of the brothel, seeing the prostitutes carrying their babies and toddlers around with them, and hearing the stories of rescue hit me in a really deep way. Often when a woman wants to leave her pimp, she can't get away because the pimp has set her up to have a debt to him that she can never actually pay off. The House of Hope people will often 'redeem' these women by paying their debt to the pimp, freeing the woman to walk away from her bondage. The illustration of my heart and life – created to be God's spotless treasure, the sin in my heart created a life of refuse and stench... Then God busted the doors down, searched the house, looked for me, and found me. He redeemed me – paying the debt that I had accumulated – a debt that I could never work off but that He could easily pay out of His unlimited funds. And He brought me to a safe place of shelter, where He taught me how to live a new life. I know that I so often take my freedom from bondage for granted. I forgot the stench and the refuse of life before I was redeemed. But I am willing to bet these ladies never do.”

### **From a GHO trip to Nicaragua:**

“Please pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in the lives of these women. May the Lord help them to find Him and start the process of moving out of prostitution and healing from their emotional wounds from the abuse they have endured. May their hearts be softened and they be able to feel God's love in a powerful way tomorrow.”

### **From a GHO trip to Nicaragua:**

“The 'skill' I felt I improved was my sensitivity to people caught in prostitution and other 'objectionable' behaviors. I was more judgmental prior to going. This trip was more emotional than most. It required more spiritual fortitude than any experience I have ever had. With the challenges we faced, I feel the Holy Spirit was palpable in every member of the team. I am more hopeful in God's ability to rescue people that seem so very lost humanly.”