



SOKIM  
CAMBODIA

Sokim was taken when she was just 4 years old. She served as the housekeeper in two families, beaten and treated terribly until she was 16 years old. She managed to run away from this to an organisation who took care of her and educated her. It was there that she fell pregnant, after meeting a man she fell in love with. As soon as he heard she was pregnant, he ran away. The shelter Sokim was with provided counselling and encouragement so that she felt like she could keep her baby. She named her Kiara. After some time she was introduced to Be Free Cambodia and the Early Learning Centre. Kiara was able to receive free education at the Early Learning Centre and the Be Free Centre provided much needed support and care for Sokim, disciplining her and teaching her new skills so as to be able to earn an income. Sokim is now manager of the Be Free Centre in Cambodia.

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## CHANDRA

Chandra started work from a young age, so young that she wasn't able to do the jobs required of her. She would then be beaten. Chandra then followed her dream of a better life, moving to Malaysia, yet found herself sold into forced labour. She managed to escape and returned to Cambodia where she was cared for and then joined the Elim Missions Be Free Campaign, enrolling on the 12 month programme. Chandra has now graduated and has a job at the Early Learning Centre helping children have a great start in life. She is walking with God and knows He is with her.

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JOHN  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
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## JOHN

John was taken by the rebel soldiers when he was 15 years old. He was trained with a gun and forced to kill people. John watched many of his friends be killed if they were not compliant with the older rebel soldiers. On one occasion they were ambushing a town when he was met by the local church in that community. They offered support and told him they would help him escape. When he returned to the camp he looked for an opportunity to run away, when he did, he found the church he had met and they helped him restore what he had lost of his childhood. John is now 23 years old and studying engineering at university. With the help of Comfort Rwanda and Congo, in partnership with Elim Missions Be Free Campaign, John also looks after a number of boys who have similarly run away from the rebels and helps to rehabilitate them back into society.

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**HARRIET**  
**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
**OF CONGO**

## HARRIET'S STORY

It was 2006. I went to the fields to farm my Cassava when 3 men came to me, they raped me there, in the field, and then left me. It was late and I was hurt but when I eventually got home my husband was not there so I kept it a secret as I was ashamed of what had happened and worried about what he would say. Much later on, around 2 years ago, I went for a consultation as I wasn't well and found that I was HIV+. I had to tell my husband and when he went for a consultation he was told he had also contracted HIV. My husband left me because of what had happened to me. I came to Goma for treatment and the church here helps me. You must keep eating with this illness but I have no income and so, sometimes, no food for 2 or 3 days at a time. I often feel dizzy and sick but this is just my life. I put myself in the hands of God every day. I have faith in Him. The church is very important to me, it is where I find comfort.

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# LITTLE BETHEL “Be Free” Pakistan.

## “Safe Home” For Vulnerable, Abused and Trafficked Girls.

**Background story and context:** If we talk about Trafficking & Physical and Sexual Abuse of vulnerable girls in Pakistan, as a part of the society, they suffer the most. According to a Unicef report, Pakistan is home to 4.2 million vulnerable and street girls and boys. And 1.7 million of them are working under forced/ bonded labor in brick factories, fields and rich people’s home as cleaner and dish washer. Due to the deaths of both parents, re-marriage of deserted / widowed / divorced women, absence of love and security in the families, family disputes, the girls become the victims of abuse and trafficking and are left without care and support. Unfortunately, there is neither national policy nor protective legislation in Pakistan for the protection of these girls. Consequently, such girls are a vulnerable segment of Pakistan society.



**Life at the Brick Factory:** They lack running water at home; latrine, proper drainage and all depend upon fuel wood for cooking. The workers access to health and education is limited. A limited number of children go to school. Similarly, adult literacy is nominal. Most of the workers lack National Identity Cards particularly the women.

**Sexual & Physical Harassments:** Cases of sexual violence against women and young girls are common.

**Without National Identity Cards, they are easy targets for trafficking, exploitation and abuse.**





**Child Labour in Pakistan.** Child labour is prohibited but is practiced at the will of the parents, due to poverty, to generate extra resources, sacrificing their rights and their education; thousands of girls sucked in every year to help pay back money their parents have often borrowed out of desperation. Both boys and girls are forced to work in very severe and hard circumstances in the initial stage of their growth. They have no option but to work. It is a choice between work or starvation. Working six days a week, from first light to midnight, their hands repeatedly delve into the furnace that bakes the bricks. When you walk into the kilns it feels like the "flesh is melting from your bones". Yet for girls like S & M, it is all in a day's work. The more bricks they make, the more food their family can afford to buy that night. S & M and their mother are aware of the situation, but they have to choose between their civil liberties and food. "I have been doing this work since I was six. Even when I was younger, I helped my mother. We 'belong' to the brick kiln owner and cannot leave this place, she said. M's parents and three siblings, are among the 1.7 million bonded labourers. **A study concluded that nearly half these workers are women or children.**

**Loan Shark:** In the UK you are familiar with the term 'loan shark' and you understand the debilitating lifestyle of debt that people get into. It is the same in Pakistan, but the situation here is even more crippling because of the severe lack of any kind of benefits or the means to meet the most basic human needs. I had the privi-lege of being with the brick factory children and having a glimpse into what it is like to live there. They live a miserable existence of bonded labour that is a reminder to the Old Testament times of the Egyptian Hebrews held under the power of Pharaoh. I met a Grandmother who many years ago had to flee her community because her husband had broken the law. They took out a £200 loan from the brick factory owner to hire the services of a lawyer. They moved into the factory, were given below basic accommodation and food, but all these bills were added to the loan with its extortionate rates of interest. Families become trapped for multi-ple generations. I met the granddaughter, a 12 year old girl working 12-14 hours a day for the decision her grandfather took all those years ago. The day starts at 3am and they work until the sun rises and becomes too hot during the mid-day hours and then they return late afternoon to work into the evening. These are children, they should be in school and a better environment but they are making bricks all day, every day. The only way out of this existence is education but none of the children go to school, they all work.

**Rev. Paul Hudson, Former International Missions Director, said in his report.**

**Hanoch & Christina** took time to identify the needs of vulnerable girls in Pakistan. After looking into the devastating circumstances we were moved when we found out, a large number of girls are made vulnerable by food insecurity, poverty, and high illiteracy rates. To address the needs of these vulnerable, labored and trafficked girls We opened the doors of our rented house and this is how Little Bethel, was birthed in 2015 in Northwest, Pakistan.



The girls we work with have experienced unimaginable tragedies and are often victims of violence, extreme poverty, sexual abuse, physical and psychological trauma, trafficking, malnutrition, impaired development and other forms of tragic harm. We are providing girls with a home, food, education and opportunities to live a quality life in a loving Christian environment, with an emphasis on increasing vulnerable girls' access to basic needs. We see every girl's heart has a hunger for home. Not just for food and a place to sleep, but for safety and community. Most importantly for love. We are working to rescue those girls who suffer because of their circumstances. We are trying to give the girls an environment where they feel as special as they can be for God.

With love in the precious name of Jesus,  
Hanoch & Christina Munir,  
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**Vision:** The vision of Little Bethel is to build a society which loves and accepts vulnerable girls, so as to attain healing of their emotional wounds, build their confidence, and create space and opportunities to facilitate the development of their talents, so that they can live in dignity, respect and managing their own lives independently.

**Mission:** The mission of "Little Bethel" is to ensure that adequate care, love and support is provided to abused and vulnerable girls.

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