



# PROGRAM REPORT

Celebrating Four Years of Freedom, Justice  
and Restoration through Partnership





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Dear Friends,

We celebrate a phenomenal four years at JVI. As you will see in this Report, through your generous participation, literally thousands of lives have been impacted among the suffering poor in India and China. Our national staff as well as our strategic programs in both countries experienced tangible growth, allowing us to expand our network of local partners on the ground. Through those partnerships, we were and will continue to be able to integrate and focus diverse resources and valuable skills on the often complex challenges that face the work of justice.

I had the privilege of traveling recently throughout India and can report first-hand that your involvement in this vital work is making a difference. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Pope'.

**Russell Pope**  
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining with Justice Ventures International (JVI) to secure freedom, justice, and restoration for the poor and oppressed. We believe that justice is sustainable only if it is embraced and led by individuals in the communities where injustices occur. Consequently, JVI builds the capacity of local leaders and grass roots organizations that work to eradicate human trafficking, empower the urban poor, and ensure justice for other vulnerable groups.

The JVI model has proven effective. Over the last four years our justice initiatives have directly impacted over 15,000 lives for the better while strengthening the ability of local justice organizations to serve thousands more on an ongoing basis. As a result, men, women and children who were once suffering abuse and oppression are now enjoying sustained freedom and a more abundant life.

We are grateful for your support and hope you will continue to stand with us as we expand our delivery of vital services to those in need.

**Jeffrey Pankratz**  
**President**

# ABOUT JVI

## Mission

**To secure freedom, justice, and restoration for the poor and oppressed by strengthening ventures that promote justice.**

## Vision

**To see unjust communities transformed into communities ordered according to God's standard of love.**

## Values

### **Christian Faith**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of God's love for all humanity. We maintain our Christian identity while respecting the rights of others to hold different beliefs. We seek to partner with both Christians and non-Christians in the common cause of justice.

### **Commitment to the Poor and Oppressed**

We are called to serve the poor and oppressed, believing in the uniqueness, dignity and intrinsic worth of every person.

### **Respect for Cultural Diversity**

We celebrate diversity in our relationships and the rich contributions of different cultures in society. We pursue justice for all individuals, regardless of religious belief, race, ethnicity or gender.

### **Local Leadership**

We believe that the work of justice is sustainable only if embraced and led by individuals in local communities where injustice occurs. We are committed to fostering justice solutions in partnership with local leaders, volunteers and other community members and organizations who are an integral part of these communities.

### **Global Engagement**

We believe that the pursuit of justice is the shared responsibility of all those with the ability to help. We collaborate with justice ventures, volunteers, donors, investors and like-minded organizations through shared networks enabled by an increasingly interconnected world.

## Legal Case Work

JVI delivers high quality legal and related services to secure freedom and justice for victims and to hold offenders accountable.

## Human Rights Training

JVI empowers and protects the oppressed by training the vulnerable as well as police, lawyers, government officials, judges, and local private leaders.

## Advocacy

JVI promotes healthy communities by advocating for positive changes in law, policy and practices to key stakeholders on issues of extreme injustice.

## Freedom Business

JVI ensures sustained freedom for the vulnerable by providing legal and business services and funding to strengthen the capacity of justice-focused nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses.

## JVI APPROACH

**JVI partners with local organizations to bring freedom, justice, and restoration to individuals and communities suffering extreme forms of injustice.**


**We identify local leaders and organizations engaged in the work of justice and come alongside them to strengthen their effectiveness through legal casework, human rights training, advocacy, and other services.**



# Freedom

*Young boy rescued from forced labor slavery in Delhi. Children in rural India are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking for forced labor and sexual exploitation in India's mega-cities.*





**“We have completed 67 years of independence. However, for many generations, these laborers were deceived into believing this was the only way of life. The present generation disapproves of this form of bondage. They have been waiting to be freed from bonded labor, and this is their fight.”**

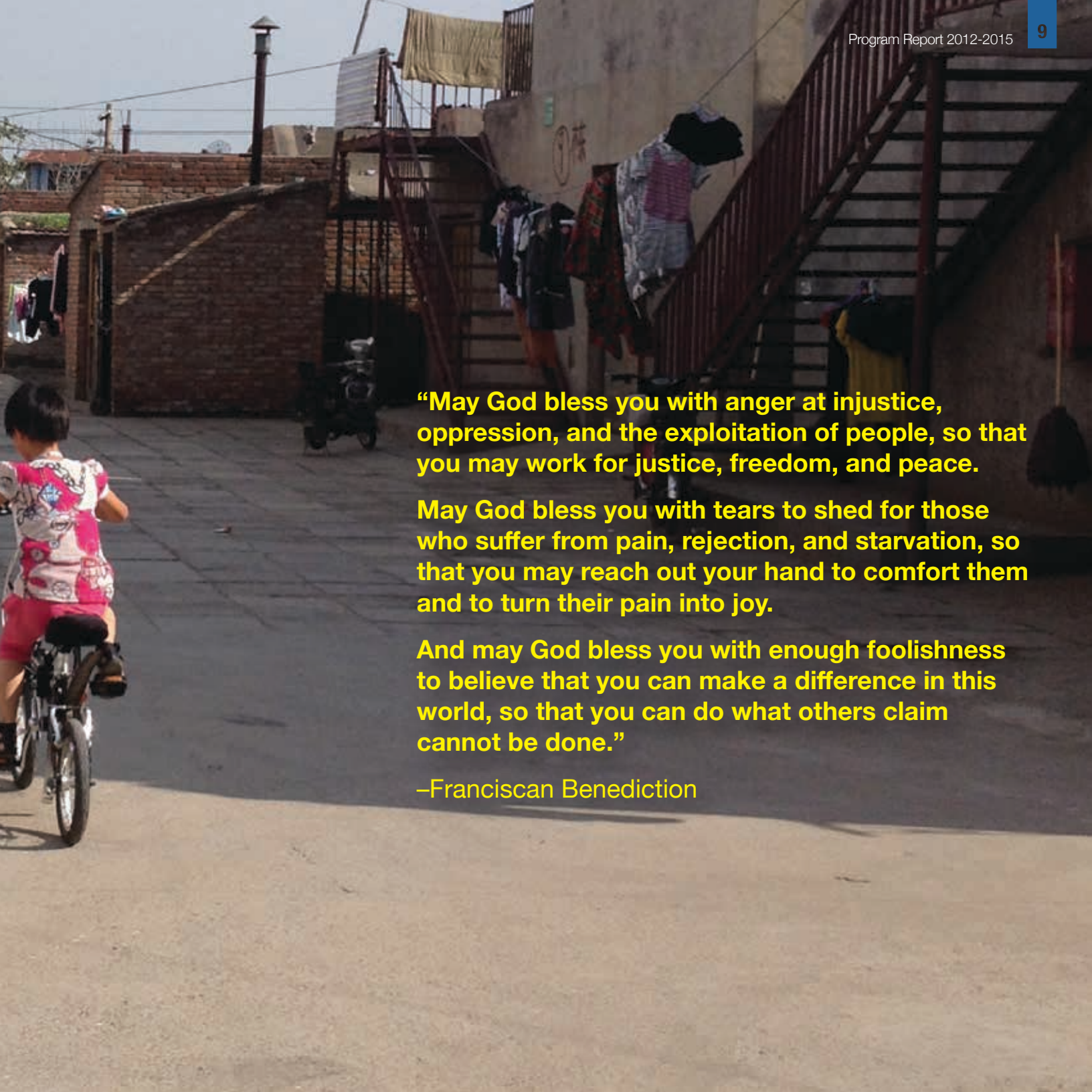
—A.K. Parashar, Joint Registrar (Law), India National Human Rights Commission



# Justice

*A poor migrant community in Beijing. China is undergoing one of the largest migrations in human history as families move from the country side to urban centers like Beijing. They come to the cities looking for a better life but often find oppression and exploitation instead.*



A photograph of a child riding a bicycle in a courtyard. The child is wearing a pink and white patterned shirt and red shorts. In the background, there is a brick building with a staircase and laundry hanging on a line. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**“May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, and starvation, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.**

**And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.”**


**–Franciscan Benediction**



A man with a dark beard and mustache is smiling broadly at the camera. He is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved button-down shirt and a vibrant, multi-colored checkered scarf with fringed ends. He is standing outdoors in a rural setting. In the background, there is a building with a corrugated metal roof and a wall made of woven bamboo or similar material. There are trees and greenery in the background, and some dry brush or hay is visible on the right side.

# Restoration



A man with a warm smile is riding a bicycle along a dirt path in a lush, green village. He is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, light blue trousers, and a bright yellow shawl draped over his shoulders. The bicycle is equipped with a large rear cart that is overflowing with thick, brown bundles of harvested tobacco leaves. The path is flanked by dense foliage and trees, with a simple wooden structure visible in the background. The overall scene conveys a sense of peaceful labor and successful harvest.

**“To interact with survivors of bonded labor in their home and see them happy is our real joy. The last time we saw these laborers was at the rescue—today we met them in their village. They are delighted to be living a life of freedom and are enjoying each day as they experience restoration.”**

**—JVI Project Aftercare Worker**

*Two men, rescued from slavery in a brick kiln in northern India, now are enjoying the fruit of their labor thanks to the efforts of JVI and one of its local partners, NIEA. JVI is committed to ensuring that those rescued from slavery or other injustices remain free and gain access to opportunity for a new and better life.*



**“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.” Ecclesiastes 4:9**

Partnership is at the heart of our work. A vision of justice for the communities we serve can only be realized through the collaborative strength of individuals and groups serving the poorest in solidarity. We are committed to strengthening the hands of these local engines of change as they seek to transform their communities.

In 2012-15 JVI was proud to partner with the following organizations in India and China:

# Partnership

7 Seven Sisters International

ADITHI

Asian Center for Law & Culture

Association for Christian Thoughtfulness  
(ACT)

BANZAID

Beghar Adhikar Abhiyan/Pehchaan

Central Mumbai Christian Fellowship

Child In Need Institute (CINI)

Courage Homes

Emmanuel Hospital Association/Duncan  
Hospital

Fakirhana Sister's Society (FSS)

Freedom Firm

Freeset Global

Geneva Global

Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)

Included

International Justice Mission (IJM)

Jabala Research

Jeevan Aadhar

Mahila Haat

New India Evangelistic Association (NIEA)

NIRDESH

Nomi Network

On Action

People's Vigilance Committee for Human  
Rights

Prerana

Purnataa

PUSH Network

Sahaara

Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT)

Sari Bari

Sudprava Panchshila Mahil Udyog Samity  
(SPMUS)

The Freedom Fund

The Starfish Project



## Together we made significant progress.

### KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2012-15

Over **15,000** lives directly impacted by JVI's justice initiatives.

Over **1,460** human trafficking victims rescued through 57 rescue operations.

Over **150** perpetrators arrested and undergoing trial with some key convictions.

Over **2,260** men, women and children received access to justice through legal representation on over **150** legal cases—including cases focused on debt slavery, sex trafficking, slum-dweller rights, migrant worker rights, wrongful imprisonment and other injustices.

Over **14,200** empowered through over **350** human rights training sessions for local community residents, NGO leaders, government officials, police officers, prosecutors and judges.

Over **400** local and international volunteers.

Over **300** women received sustained freedom through JVI and its freedom business partners.

Tens of thousands more impacted through JVI's advocacy initiatives and the ongoing work of over **20** of JVI's local justice partners.







# INDIA



India, home to over 1.1 billion people, has a fast-growing economy and rich cultural history. At the same time, according to the World Bank, approximately two thirds of Indians live on an income of less than \$2 per day. Millions suffer from human trafficking and other extreme injustice due to poverty, corruption, and discrimination. JVI is partnering with local ventures to bring greater freedom, justice, and restoration to communities across this ancient and diverse society.

# Fighting Human Trafficking

India's long battle against human trafficking is gaining momentum as government and civil society work together to confront the exploitative practice.

Today a complex of local and international dynamics keeps over 14 million Indian men, women, and children in bondage in a range of rural and urban industries. Impoverished migrant workers are particularly vulnerable to the forms of labor trafficking JVI and our partners encounter in northern and eastern India. Other low-income communities, and sometimes dependents of migrant workers themselves, are targets of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation.

JVI is working to strengthen the hands of the anti-trafficking movement with targeted services for key non-government and government groups responding to some of the most entrenched forms of human trafficking.

## Bonded labor

In 2012-15, in collaboration with IJM and the Google Foundation, JVI partnered with Mahila Haat, SBT, NIEA, and a range of government and other stakeholders to secure freedom for people trafficked into bonded labor in northern India, fight for their economic restoration, and ensure their traffickers were held legally accountable. Alongside these efforts, we worked with our Bandhua 1947 Campaign partners to advocate for positive changes in law and strengthen government systems tasked with eradicating bonded labor in India.

We saw history being made, as the first adult bonded laborers in years were released in Delhi and awarded compensation, bonded labor vigilance committees were reconstituted in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, and a community of farmers stood heroically for freedom from the ancient kamiya system of agricultural labor.

## Sex trafficking

Meanwhile JVI continued to serve alongside Courage Homes in Delhi, offering pro bono legal services to survivors of sex trafficking. In 2015 we celebrated five years serving these young women together.

Our partnership with Freeset Global entered a new phase as foundations were laid for a new venture in Murshidabad, West Bengal. Many communities in the district are exposed to trafficking for labor and sexual services, locally and across India. Together with SPMUS, CINI, and other local groups our hope is this initiative, combining our strengths in freedom business and advocacy, will curb trafficking in 'source' communities and teach us much we can apply elsewhere.

## Challenging the kamiya system in Bihar

Kespa is a small village of farmers in Gaya, Bihar, a district with a rich cultural heritage and deep significance to Hindu and Buddhist traditions. It is easy to miss, hidden some distance from the nearest road.







The people of Kespa have survived a long economic struggle. They were caught, until last year, in the kamiya system, a generational form of customary bondage in agriculture with deep roots in Bihar. They and their ancestors worked the fields for a group of powerful families. They were paid only handfuls of raw rice for their labor. They lived under an invisible threat of violence, without electricity, toilets, or education for their children, unable to seek alternative employment.



JVI and NIEA met with a handful of brave farmers over several months, quietly building a legal case as the farmers built confidence in their community. In 2014, NHRC judges and local officials navigated the muddy path to the village. Appalled at the community's lack of freedom after 67 years of Indian independence, they declared the farmers free from bonded labor with immediate effect, initiated proceedings against their employers, and called for rapid economic relief.

"My family has served for the past three generations. But I want freedom. We want a better life for our children and for future generations," said Mukesh,\* a village leader. His community's courage to wait and hope for intervention paved the way for NHRC action against kamiya in two more villages in early 2015. We are watching cracks emerge in this ancient system of human trafficking.



## Justice for the Urban Poor

India is home to several of the world's wealthiest people. Still, in 2012, nearly 400 million Indians lived in urban areas below the international poverty line, on an income of less than \$2 per day. Many of these are not officially considered poor. In India the 'below poverty line' is set at only \$0.70 per day. This gap between international and local views of absolute poverty results in millions of city dwellers being denied access to food, clothing, shelter, and other basic needs.

Mumbai, the 'Maximum City,' continues to open its arms to large numbers of people seeking a home. Not everyone is able to find a home in an environment of expansion, and Mumbai's slum and pavement dwelling community is rapidly growing. This and other dynamics among the urban poor presents a unique set of vulnerabilities and challenges.

JVI is partnering locally to improve access to justice for low-income communities in Mumbai and Chennai. In 2013-15 we worked with the Mumbai District Legal Services Authority to equip over 150 paralegals and provide legal aid to over 500 prison inmates. We joined another key partner in an effort to ensure child sexual abuse complaints were dealt with lawfully and efficiently, securing one conviction and nine arrests. Together with our partners we filed public interest litigation petitions affecting more than 40,000 people in Maharashtra, including victims of trafficking (who undergo long trials on account of traffickers absconding after receiving bail), homeless in the city of Mumbai, and pavement dwellers threatened with wrongful eviction.







### Standing for 'home' with slum residents in Mumbai

In the 1960s a community of 200 families settled in a slum in suburban Mumbai. Most worked in the vicinity, hoping to send their children to school to offer them a brighter future. The slum dwellers once attempted to form a cooperative housing society, but the plan fell through and was never revived.



In 2013 the community was dismayed to receive an eviction notice from a development corporation. The corporation claimed ownership of the land and required residents to vacate within a month and destroy their shanties at their own cost. Three days later its representatives returned and razed 18 dwellings, in a ploy to force residents to leave without claiming a right to the land.

The community's cry to cease the eviction made its way to JVI and our partner HRLN. We filed a petition before the high court asking that the actions of the corporation be stopped and the land returned to its residents, or that the community's rehabilitation be secured. To our relief, the judge ordered the immediate cessation of the demolition pending a further hearing, protecting over 800 people from illegal eviction. "Thank you, sir," the slum residents continue to say to our advocates over a year later. Their eyes carry new hope.





# CHINA



China is the most populous country on earth with over 1.3 billion people. A growing number of Chinese are prospering due to significant economic growth and rapid modernization. At the same time, China has an unprecedented number of vulnerable poor migrating from rural areas into China's cities. Estimates are that well over 200 million immigrants from rural areas have flooded China's cities in the quest for better employment opportunities. These migrants face abuse and oppression. Migrants are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking. China has over 2.9 million women, men and children trapped in slavery.

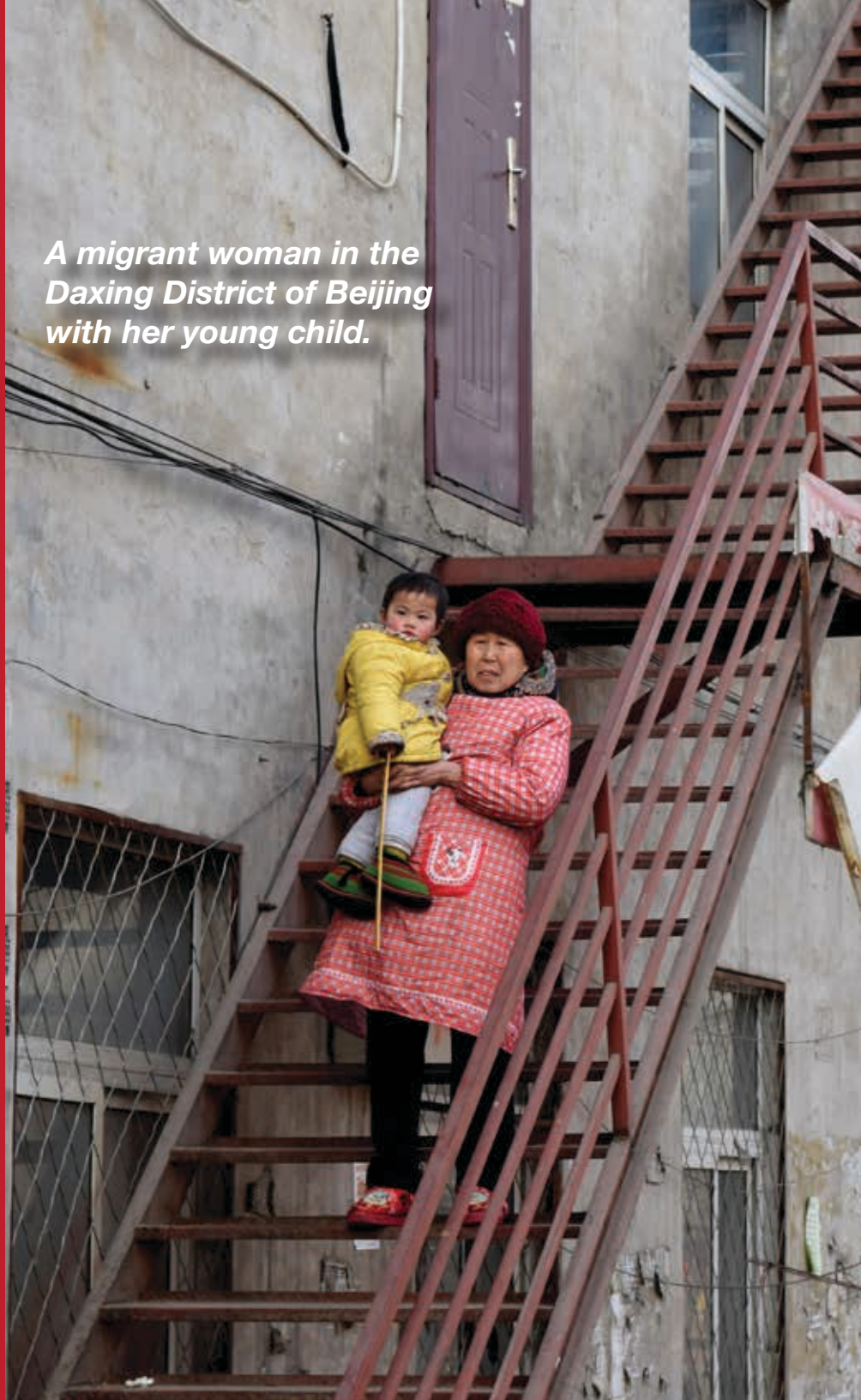


## Justice for Migrant Workers

China has the largest number of internal migrant workers in the world. Estimates are that well over 200 million immigrants from rural areas have flooded China's cities in the quest for better employment opportunities in the past two decades. This number will likely swell to over 500 million by 2020. Although this mass migration has helped fuel China's remarkable economic growth, it has also spawned severe social and rule of law problems.

Most notably, China's "hukou" system circumscribes migrant rights and access to public goods and services such as legal services, healthcare, housing, decent employment, and education for children. Migrant workers are particularly susceptible to exploitation by unscrupulous employers and are often subjected to harsh, unsafe, and illegal working conditions or short-changed on wages or other benefits – and sometimes not paid at all. Some estimates are that 50-70% of all migrant workers have been deprived of their pay. In sum, despite the migrants' large numbers, members of this societal "subclass" are routinely denied basic rights and often exploited by the labor market due to their lack of education, money, and knowledge of the law.

*A migrant woman in the Daxing District of Beijing with her young child.*







JVI's Migrant Justice Project is designed to help these migrants, empowering the poor to understand, claim and realize their legal rights under China's legal system.

Specifically, the program has begun in the city of Beijing by developing programs of outreach to migrant workers, building a network of legal services programs, and strengthening the capacity of local NGOs with trainings to address the legal needs of migrant workers.

## Fighting Human Trafficking

Millions of men, women and children in China are subjected to various forms of human trafficking including forced labor slavery, commercial sex exploitation, and forced marriage. Women and children are trafficked from nearby Asian countries, and even from Europe, Africa and the Americas to be exploited in China through forced prostitution and labor. Trafficking is mainly found in the large migrant population of China. They are recruited from rural communities and transported to the urban areas. JVI is working to identify and document cases of human trafficking while strengthening the capacity of freedom businesses like the Starfish Project which provides sustainable employment and other care for women who have been sexually exploited.





# USA



From JVI's USA headquarters, we operate two programs. First, we promote sustained freedom for survivors of human trafficking through our Shop for Freedom Campaign. Second, we support our Justice Resource Centers in the field through engaging volunteers and mobilizing financial resources for our work.



# SHOP FOR FREEDOM

## Building distribution channels in the USA for freedom businesses in India and China.

Through the Shop for Freedom campaign (SFF), JVI sells products created by former victims of injustice in India and China. SFF's growing number of freedom business partners, Freeset, Sari Bari and Starfish Project, employ women who were forced into prostitution by poverty or trafficking. By providing dignified employment, a caring community, and education in literacy and life skills, these organizations offer a way out of the sex trade, freeing women from a life of exploitation and degradation. Purchasing bags, t-shirts, and jewelry through the SFF campaign provides alternative income for women leaving the sex trade. Volunteers can also host a Shop For Freedom sale, raising awareness about the human trafficking crisis, while also helping to set women free.



### Volunteers Anna Kim and Janet Suh with a Freeset leader (Left)

Anna and Janet have played key roles in pioneering JVI's Shop for Freedom Campaign and other initiatives.



# VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



## Kelly Weaver

Kelly has provided a range of pro bono services to JVI as a graphic designer for almost 4 years, helping JVI to develop its website and other graphics. She has also helped JVI mobilize funds through our Race for Freedom program.



## Church Partners

Local churches play a key role in providing JVI with valuable volunteer services. Volunteers from **First Alliance Church** (Maryland) pioneered a Race for Freedom 5K to fight human trafficking. Volunteers from **Open Door Presbyterian Church** (Virginia) have provided hours of volunteer services to bring transformation to human trafficking survivors.



## Jeanny Lee

Jeanny Lee is one of our key legal volunteers and has played a vital role in our work over the last four years as Legal Projects Coordinator, providing a wide range of pro bono legal services and coordinating the work of other volunteer lawyers and law students.



## Jamie and Leah Carrol

Jamie (a lawyer) and Leah (a law student) share a tremendous commitment to the work of justice for the oppressed. Jamie has provided pro bono legal services to JVI for many years both from the US and traveling to India. Jamie and Leah have helped to organize SFF and other justice initiatives in their home city of Atlanta.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Statement of Financial Position

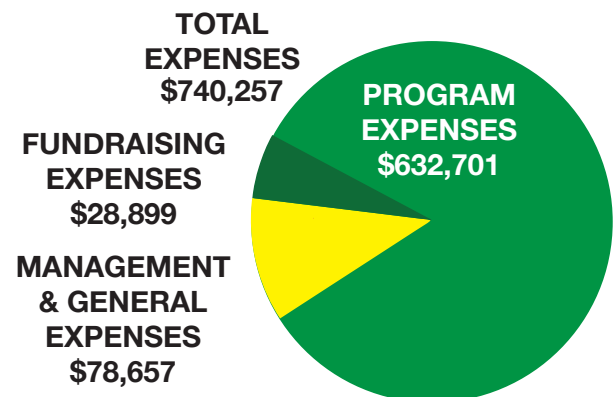
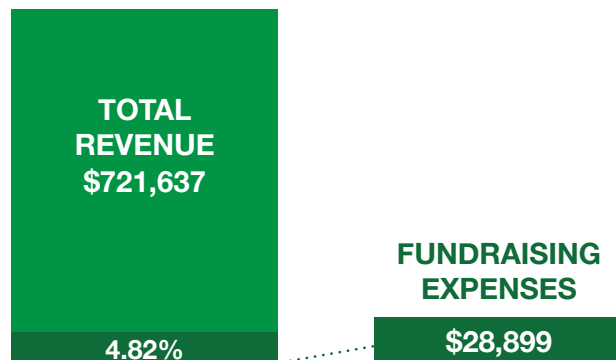
Assets	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	166,221	\$90,655	\$227,692	\$248,046
Grants receivable	\$42,000	\$51,744	\$69,435	\$57,425
Prepaid expenses	\$8,856	\$719	\$759	\$763
Inventory	\$23,224	\$29,900	\$29,809	\$20,992
Deposits	\$459	\$459		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$240,760</b>	<b>\$173,477</b>	<b>\$327,695</b>	<b>\$327,226</b>
Liabilities and net assets				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$35,935	\$3,542	\$14,947	\$27,428
Accrued Salaries And Payroll Liabilities	\$5,049	\$5,047	\$4,858	\$10,528
Accrued vacation payable	\$2,116			
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$43,100</b>	<b>\$8,589</b>	<b>\$19,805</b>	<b>\$37,956</b>
Net assets				
Unrestricted net assets	\$177,999	\$158,871	\$277,889	\$247,125
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$19,661	\$6,017	\$30,001	\$42,145
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$197,660</b>	<b>\$164,888</b>	<b>\$307,890</b>	<b>\$289,270</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$240,700</b>	<b>\$173,477</b>	<b>\$327,695</b>	<b>\$327,226</b>



## Statement of Activities

REVENUE	2012	2013	2014	2015
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS AND GRANTS	\$510,141	\$587,185	\$767,414	\$702,739
PROGRAM-RELATED SALES, NET OF COSTS	37,048	18,071	55,910	18,875
INTEREST INCOME	60	35	23	23
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$547,249</b>	<b>\$585,291</b>	<b>\$823,347</b>	<b>\$721,637</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
PROGRAM SERVICES				
PROGRAM COSTS	\$338,080	\$456,278	\$565,207	\$632,701
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$338,580</b>	<b>\$456,278</b>	<b>\$565,207</b>	<b>\$632,701</b>
SUPPORTING SERVICES				
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	\$90,305	\$148,565	\$75,471	\$78,657
FUNDRAISING	4,138	13,220	39,667	28,899
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$94,443</b>	<b>\$161,785</b>	<b>\$115,138</b>	<b>\$107,556</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$433,023</b>	<b>\$618,063</b>	<b>\$680,345</b>	<b>\$740,257</b>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$114,226	\$32,772	\$143,002	-\$18,620
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	68,301	197,660	164,888	307,890
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	15,133			
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR RESTATED	83,434			
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$197,660</b>	<b>\$164,888</b>	<b>\$ 307, 890</b>	<b>\$289,270</b>

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# GET INVOLVED

## GIVE

Invest in freedom, justice, and restoration by supporting our work. Visit our website to learn how.

## CONNECT

Receive updates about our work and pray for our team and those we serve. Visit our website to learn more.

## SERVE

Use your skills to partner with us. Register as a volunteer on our website.

## SHOP

Help women vulnerable to sex trafficking by purchasing bags, t-shirts, and jewelry through freedom businesses. Visit [www.shopforfreedom.com](http://www.shopforfreedom.com) to learn more.



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