



Because she is a **GIRL**

April, 2016

Dear Pamela,

Thank you for changing so many lives with She Is Safe. I am delighted to send you the enclosed Life Change Annual Report, ***Because She Is A Girl***. You deserve to see some of the highlights of what you have accomplished with us and to read about these remarkable journeys to freedom. I also hope you consider offering significant help for girls who are still in danger of abuse and slavery.

“It is a girl!” These have been dubbed the four most dangerous words in the world. Our daughter Alethea gave birth to a baby girl just two months ago. This girl is loved and protected, but that is not the reality for most of the world’s girls. Where we work, **because she is a girl**, she is twice as likely as boys to suffer malnutrition. Because she is a girl, she will be kept out of school; she will be abused and sold.

It doesn’t have to be that way! Because she is a girl, she is simply unrecognized as valuable in the places where we work. But you and I can change that. Because she is a girl, when she is free and equipped, she will raise her children to be educated, healthy and free. Because she is a girl, when she starts a business, she will invest 90% of what she earns back into her family. Because she is a girl, she is eager to change life for the next generation of girls.



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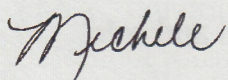
As you read through the stories in the Life Change Report, ***Because She Is A Girl***, please consider offering a major gift to help set girls free. You can help us prevent more girls from ever being sold. You can rescue and restore thousands more this very year.

While the year end was tremendously blessed with support, the first two months of the year have been very lean. Your gift of \$100, \$250 or \$500 can help us provide for the girls who are in a safe home near India's brothels. Or you can make sure that trafficked girls in China will be offered freedom, shelter, food, medical care and vocational training while they learn their dignity in Christ. Or you might feel moved to prevent Syrian refugee girls from being sold, to equip needy mothers in She Is Safe's Transformation Group work or to give to where the funds are most needed. **The choice is yours.** Just check the box for your preference on the enclosed response form and slip it into the postage-paid envelope. You can also go online to donate or call our office to give over the phone.

Our promise to you is that we will steward your support for maximum life change for this and the next generation of vulnerable girls and report back to you on the fruit of your investment. In upcoming reports you will be able to see how your giving is changing individuals, families and communities in some of the most dangerous places for women and girls.

Thank you for setting so many women and girls on pathways of freedom and new life.

Until all are safe,

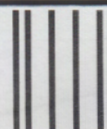


Michele M. Rickett
Founder & CEO

P.S. You can literally change the future for thousands of exploited girls this year.

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for your prayers and support.



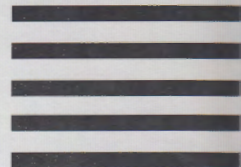


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Dear She Is Safe Friend,

In the places where the vast majority of slaves reside, “It is a girl” means “She is not safe from slavery!” Eighty percent of all slaves are female, and this is not God’s heart for them. That is why we have developed strategies to free and equip girls. Even when we work with women, fathers and communities, our end goal is to protect and strengthen girls. Here are some highlights of how we have worked this year:

Prevention – We equipped women and girls with skills that make them far less vulnerable to slavery. We provided abuse and trafficking prevention training and other education in safe locations.

Rescue – We stationed teams in the highest-risk places where girls are trafficked: border crossings, red light districts, source villages and conflict zones.

Restoration – We brought girls to She Is Safe-sponsored restoration homes where they can receive nurture, counsel and job training to build whole new lives.

Advocacy – We raised awareness with men, women and children. We created the **Men’s Task Force for Freedom**, forging ways for men to work to end the demand for sex slaves. We became founding partners of **The Freedom Coalition**, teaming up with other organizations for collective impact on every aspect of slavery – locally, nationally and globally.

Because she is a girl in a place that does not protect her, she needs our help – yours and mine – to make sure she is safe and free. As you enjoy this Annual Life Change Report, please consider what you can do now to help free and equip more girls.



In God’s love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele".

Michele M. Rickett
Founder & CEO



BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL,
SHE IS **NOT SAFE.**

She Faces:

- Abuse
- Abduction
- Forced Marriage
- Slavery

BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL,
SHE IS VALUABLE.

An educated girl will
reinvest **90%** of her future
income in her family.

Source: The Girl Effect





“We won’t stop working until **she is safe** – when every girl in the developing world has her opportunity at freedom, education and becoming the woman God created her to be.”

- Michele Rickett , Founder & CEO



She Is Safe works in the **HIGHEST-RISK, LEAST-REACHED** places in the world.

BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN CHINA

Lin* came to the safe home when the government shut down the brothels in a red light district where she had worked every day and every night.

"I had been sold to several owners, and I gave up on my future. I believed my only future was to have sex with men for money."

As part of her restoration, Lin attended training about dignity from her Creator. "After that I realized I am worth so much more than how other people treated me. I have learned that I can take my life back."

LAST YEAR IN CHINA:

150 sex workers were provided STD testing, counselling and income-generating skills

50 rescued girls (one with her infant) are now in a She Is Safe-sponsored safe home



A woman wearing a pink sari with a colorful floral pattern is holding a small bunch of fresh green leaves in her cupped hands. The background is blurred, focusing attention on her hands and the leaves.

BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN INDIA

Anjali was born in a large, prison-like brothel where her mother was enslaved. Anjali lived in the hallways, underfed and abused.

Our co-workers negotiated for Anjali to come to the safe home to be raised with 20 other rescued girls.

With her new “sisters,” Anjali is getting an education and nourishment in a loving environment and is growing into a woman who loves the Lord. She continues to visit her mother and prays that one day she too will be free.

LAST YEAR IN INDIA:

4,812 women joined She Is Safe groups to experience transformation in their lives

21 rescued girls, ages 3-16, have shelter, food, medical care, education, love, self-defense classes and nurture

BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN INDONESIA

Bethari was an easy target for traffickers, lured with the promise of a job in a hotel. Physically and emotionally scarred, she hardly believed that she could have a different life.

Our local co-workers befriended her and offered a place for her to recover and learn about God's love. She began to see herself through His eyes.

Bethari now runs a beauty salon. As she styles hair, she listens to, befriends and shares with girls. She tells them about the amazing work God has done in her life.

LAST YEAR IN INDONESIA:

2,880 children learned abuse and trafficking prevention as they were introduced to Christ at weekly gatherings

1,350 sex workers were befriended and offered pathways to freedom and new life





BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN MALI

Kadida was taken out of school by her parents after the third grade. The fees were expensive, and there were men looking for “arrangements” with girls. The girl’s parents hoped that this would become a permanent marriage, but it did not. The men used her and left her on her own. And Kadida was left with two children.

There was not much hope for a young mother with a ruined reputation. She heard that there was a center where women could learn literacy and income-generating skills.

LAST YEAR IN MALI:

30 displaced women and their children benefitted from increased income as they learned a trade, gained literacy and math skills and were introduced to Christ

BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Ishtar's family and over 1 million other Syrians fled to Lebanon. They live in settlements with only bare necessities for survival.

Going outside is dangerous for a girl like Ishtar. She could be assaulted or kidnapped. Some men come with offers of marriage, even while she is still a child.

Our new work with refugee girls equips Ishtar with vocational and leadership skills. Hundreds of girls like her will learn about abuse and trafficking prevention and see their true value.

THIS YEAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

900 Syrian refugee girls will be equipped in abuse prevention and dignity through Christ

60 refugee girls will receive vocational training





BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN MYANMAR

The community where Nanda lives is all about garbage. Families, including children, sift through garbage. Nanda is in danger of a life picking up garbage or worse, a life of slavery in neighboring China as a forced bride.

Nanda learned that there is a children's center where she can be a girl, study for school and learn about Christ.

Nanda was able to finish among the top students of her class, giving her a pathway to safety and freedom.

THIS YEAR IN MYANMAR:

230 children will be brought to centers in garbage dump communities to be tutored and learn about abuse prevention and Christ

75 teen girls will be equipped with vocation, literacy and anti-trafficking skills as they gain dignity through Christ

BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN NEPAL

Sangita was sent across the border to live with her brother-in-law in India. He pulled her out of school to work as his slave – and he abused her.

Sangita ran away from the abuse and was intercepted by our co-workers. She is receiving counselling and training in a safe home in Nepal.

Now on the path to healing, Sangita goes to a local school and is excited to be back to being a girl.

LAST YEAR IN NEPAL:

1,367 girls were intercepted at the border crossing with India

100 girls from 50 families were spared from being sold by generating income through raising and selling goats





BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL IN SOUTH SUDAN

Talia is one of 823,000 displaced children in South Sudan. Many have died from malnutrition, disease, and violence – Talia's parents among them.

But Talia has some unlikely benefactors. Since they first began meeting, the displaced women who joined a She Is Safe Transformation Group use some of their earnings to feed not only their own children but 100 orphans like Talia.

The women raise chickens or run vegetable stands, then they pool their savings to grow even more businesses.

LAST YEAR IN SOUTH SUDAN:

320 women in Transformation Groups gained literacy, income-generating skills, savings and spiritual nurture

100 orphans are being fed by these women every day



Join the movement to free girls
from slavery by:

- Becoming an **Advocate**
- Starting a **Dinner Club**
- Offering a **Study**

Go to ShelsSafe.org to learn how to engage.
Order your copy of the award-winning book
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OUR COMMITMENT

She Is Safe maintains the highest standards of integrity and transparency. We steward the resources God provides for the greatest impact toward our mission. We undergo an annual audit by the independent auditing firm CapinCrouse.

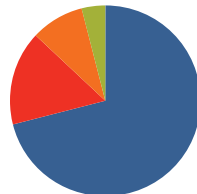
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She Is Safe is a 501(c)3 nonprofit approved to provide tax deductible receipts. No goods or services are exchanged for donations.

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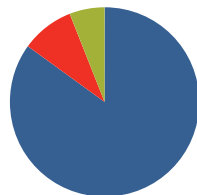
2015 SOURCES OF INCOME

Households: 71%
Churches: 16%
Foundations: 9%
Businesses: 4%



2015 EXPENSES

Programs: 85%
Operations: 9%
Fundraising: 6%



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for Girls
Around the World



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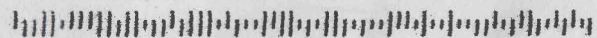
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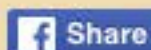
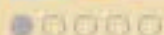
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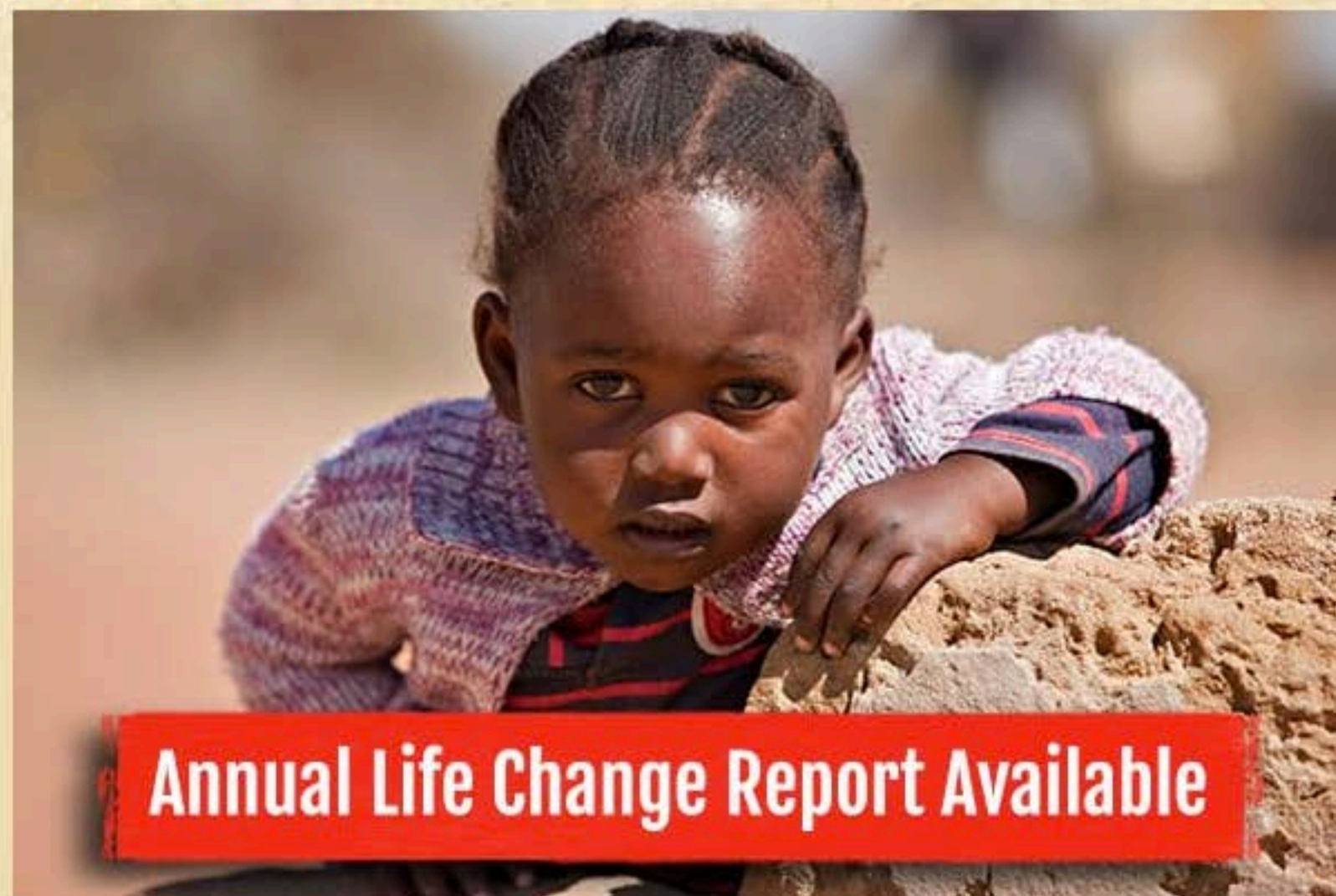
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