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2015 Mid-Year Report

AMBUSHED AND AFRAID
Benedeta's Story PAGE 13

A woman with a headwrap, wearing a purple button-down shirt and a patterned skirt, stands in a field of young green plants. She is smiling and looking to her right. The background shows a clear blue sky and a few trees. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Rescue
thousands.
Protect millions.
Prove that justice
for the poor
is possible.

We are International Justice Mission.

Our global team has spent nearly 20 years on the front lines fighting some of the worst forms of violence in Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Southeast Asia. We partner with local authorities to:



RESCUE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

We help local authorities find individuals and families suffering from violence and oppression and bring them to safety.



BRING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE

We work relentlessly in local courts to ensure traffickers, slave owners, rapists and other criminals are restrained from hurting others.



RESTORE SURVIVORS

We provide trauma therapy and counseling to survivors of violence and give survivors education, training and tools to thrive.



STRENGTHEN JUSTICE SYSTEMS

We identify gaps in the systems that protect the poor, and then work with police and courts to address these challenges.

OUR PROGRESS THIS YEAR

2,038

Victims of oppression rescued by IJM and IJM-trained partners

4,374

Survivors and their family members receiving aftercare

177

Perpetrators of violent crimes restrained

15,000+

Justice system officials and community members trained

Numbers reflect January—May 2015.

IMPACT

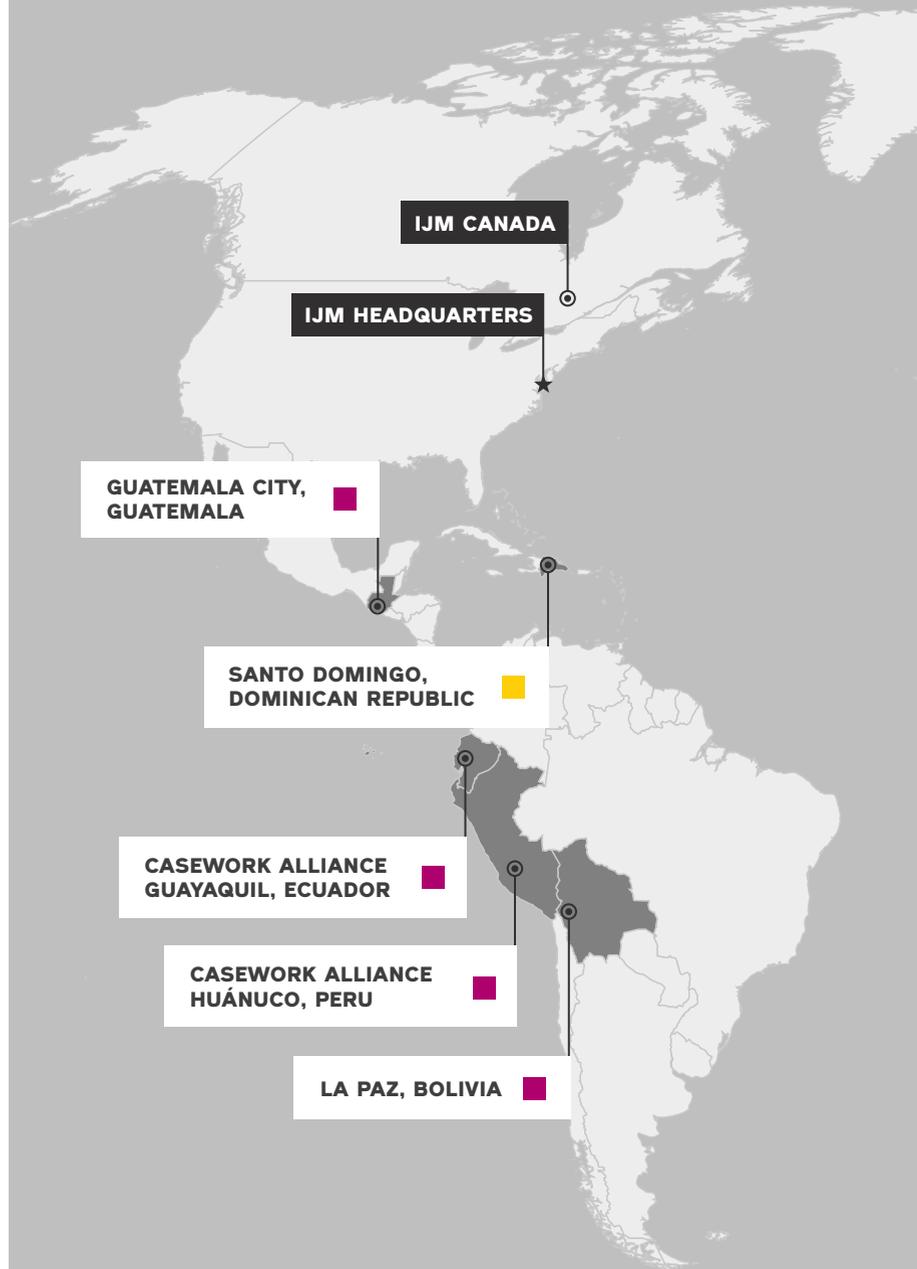
Our Global Impact

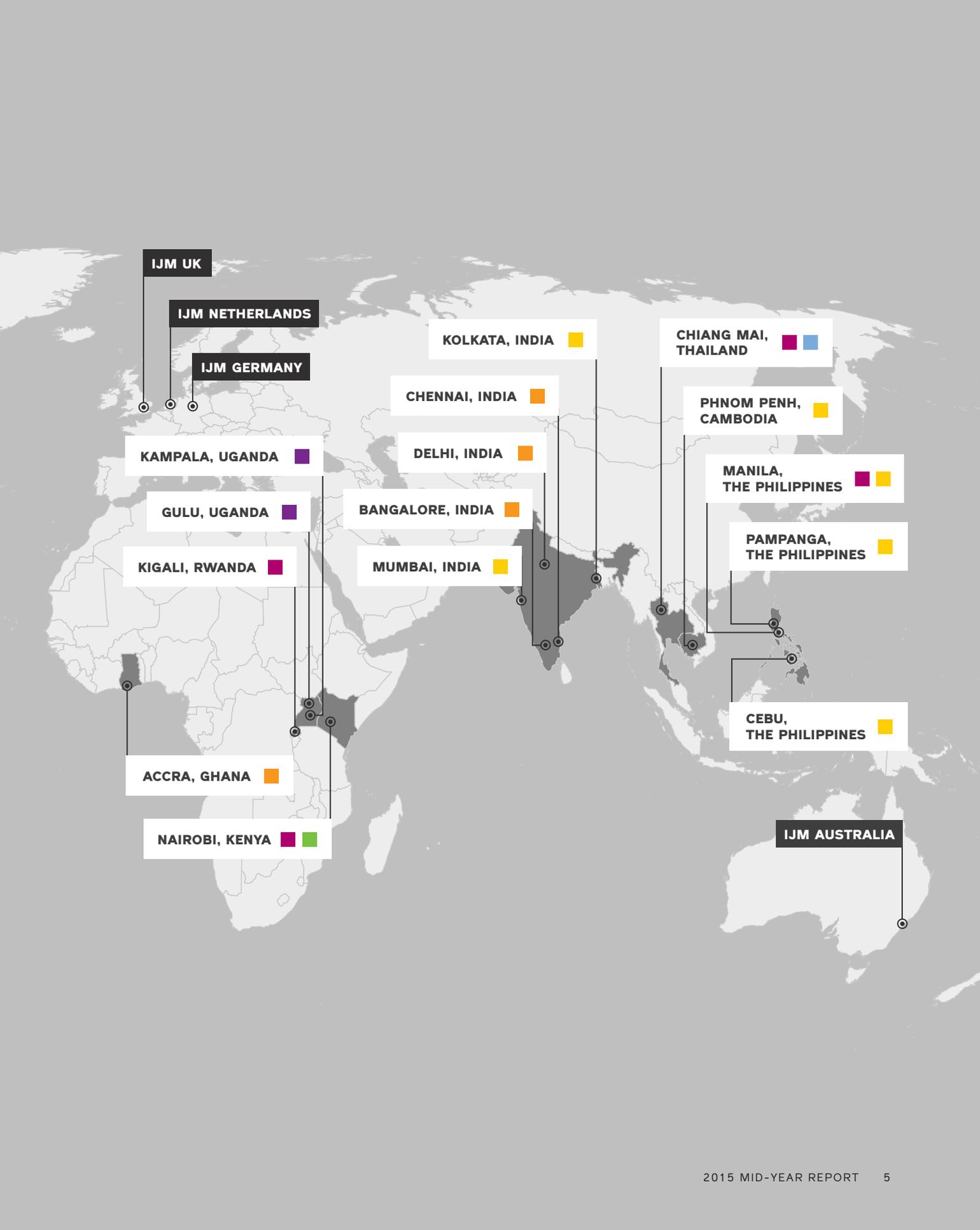
Today, we are helping to protect more than 21 million people from violence in nearly 20 communities throughout the developing world.

IJM Headquarters is located in Washington, DC, and we have partner offices in Australia, Canada, UK, the Netherlands and Germany.

FIELD OFFICE CASEWORK

- FORCED LABOR SLAVERY
- SEX TRAFFICKING
- SEXUAL VIOLENCE
- PROPERTY GRABBING
- POLICE ABUSE OF POWER
- CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS ABUSE





IJM UK

IJM NETHERLANDS

IJM GERMANY

KOLKATA, INDIA ■

CHENNAI, INDIA ■

DELHI, INDIA ■

BANGALORE, INDIA ■

MUMBAI, INDIA ■

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND ■ ■

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA ■

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES ■ ■

PAMPANGA, THE PHILIPPINES ■

CEBU, THE PHILIPPINES ■

KAMPALA, UGANDA ■

GULU, UGANDA ■

KIGALI, RWANDA ■

ACCRA, GHANA ■

NAIROBI, KENYA ■ ■

IJM AUSTRALIA

2015 Updates

This year, International Justice Mission has made huge strides in protecting the poor from violence.

JANUARY 2015

SURVIVORS ARE THRIVING

With an innovative new global measurement, we found that 87% of survivors are continuing to thrive in freedom one year after exiting our aftercare programs.

COLLINS DECLARED INNOCENT ▼

NAIROBI, KENYA—Collins, a young father wrongfully imprisoned for nearly two years, was finally declared innocent.



Collins (left) received letters from IJM supporters while awaiting his trial.

ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND—IJM President and CEO Gary Haugen met with world leaders to advocate for programs that protect the poor from violence.

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION COMMENDS IJM

NAIROBI, KENYA—IJM was honored by the British High Commission for outstanding support in a case against a British charity director who sexually abused street children in Kenya.



With a generous grant from the Walmart Foundation, IJM will be able to assess the reality of slavery in the Gulf of Thailand.

WALMART GRANT TARGETS FISHING SUPPLY CHAINS IN THAILAND ▼

Off the coast of Thailand, large numbers of men are enslaved on fishing boats for grueling work. Forced to work up to 20-hour days, those who have escaped report beatings, torture and execution-style killings.

With a generous grant from the Walmart Foundation, IJM will assess the reality of slavery in the Gulf of Thailand this year, and how the public justice system is currently responding to combat the crime. The grant is a major step by a multinational corporation to clear retail supply chains of slavery.



FEBRUARY 2015

HUGE RESCUE OPERATION IN SOUTHERN INDIA ▼

CHENNAI, INDIA—In one of our largest rescue operations ever supported, 333 children, women and men were brought out of a brick factory where they had been held as slaves and forced to work unending hours. Survivors told stories of harassment, neglect and beatings.

The game-changing operation was carried out by the Tamil Nadu state government with support from IJM, marking a dramatic shift in the

government's stance on slavery.

“It was heartening to see the confidence and expertise with which the district administration carried out the rescue,” said Director of Casework Alice Suganya. “This would have been unimaginable ten years ago! The fact that it can happen now in one district gives me hope it will soon happen in other districts, the state and the country.”



Percentage of annual slavery rescue goal in India already met for 2015

IJM assisted government officials in organizing interviews with the survivors and securing release certificates.





END MODERN SLAVERY INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015 INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS ▲

WASHINGTON, DC—As Gary Haugen testified before the U.S. Committee on Foreign Relations, slavery thrives where there is impunity for criminals. But this can be changed.

“A relatively small number of arrests, prosecutions and convictions have a disproportionate impact on criminals who buy, sell and exploit children,” he said.

Haugen urged Congress to bring new resources to the fight against slavery. Using IJM’s experience in the field, Haugen illustrated the immense impact of transforming justice systems to protect all and bringing proven anti-slavery models to scale.

Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee introduced the End Modern Slavery Initiative Act (S. 553) to formulate a global response to the problem of modern-day slavery and exponentially strengthen the fight to end it.

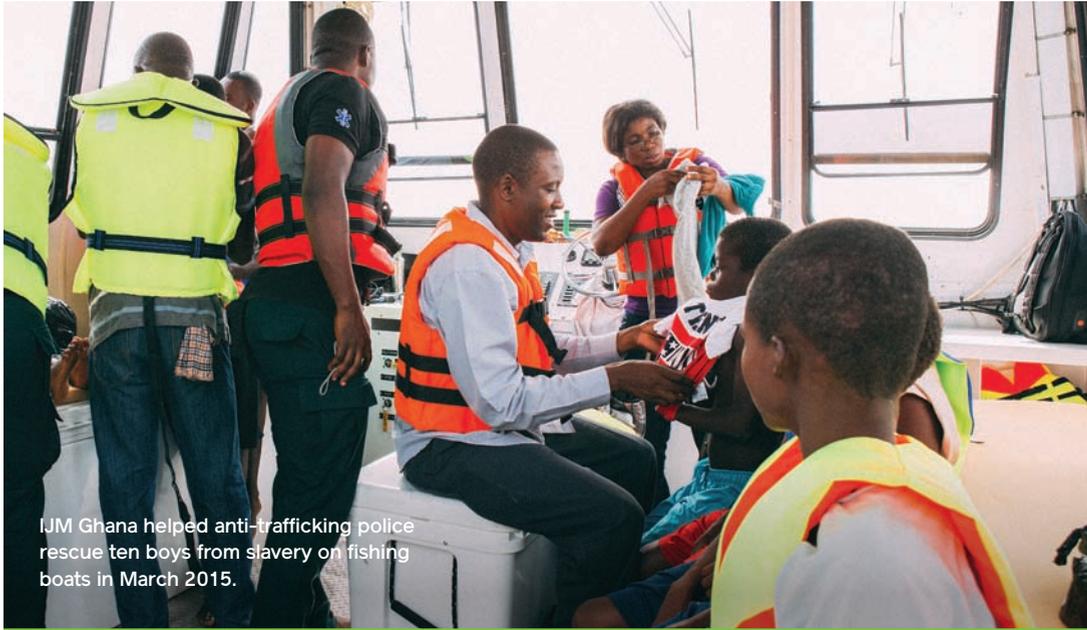
A SAFER FUTURE ▼

KOLKATA, INDIA—One of the most brutal brothel owners IJM has ever encountered received a landmark second trafficking conviction. In a city where trafficking criminals once operated with near-total impunity, police are leading more anti-trafficking rescue operations than ever before. This year, police initiated more than 75% of IJM’s rescue operations in January and February alone.



An IJM social worker comforts survivors rescued from this brothel owner’s control in 2009.

MARCH 2015



IJM Ghana helped anti-trafficking police rescue ten boys from slavery on fishing boats in March 2015.

BOYS RESCUED IN FIRST IJM GHANA OPERATION ▲

LAKE VOLTA, GHANA—In 2013, IJM investigators in Ghana discovered shocking stories: boys who should be in kindergarten working 12-hour days in dangerous conditions, seven days a week, on Lake Volta.

This March, IJM and local authorities mobilized our first rescue operation on the lake.

The rescue team set out on the water at 4:00 a.m. and immediately encountered challenges that could jeopardize the operation. It looked like there would be no rescue that day. But then an IJM investigator's voice crackled over the radio to the command boat: One boy had been found. Rescuers set out even earlier the next morning and rescued nine other young boys—some as young as five. These boys are now healing in an aftercare home.

RESCUE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—IJM assisted local officials to arrest seven alleged traffickers and rescue 18 victims of sex trafficking, 14 of whom were children. The operation—one of our first in the country—was covered by *The New York Times*.

IJM TRAINS GUATEMALAN OFFICERS

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA—When Guatemala's police force first formed its Sex Crimes Unit, officers received little specialized training on sex crimes. Now, a group of officers deploying to the unit just completed a training course developed by IJM, together with the Guatemalan government and partner organizations, to equip them with the unique skills they need to combat sexual violence against children.



GARY DELIVERS TED TALK ON VIOLENCE AND POVERTY ▼

VANCOUVER, CANADA—At this year’s TED Conference, Gary Haugen used powerful stories of survivors to illustrate a profound challenge: how everyday violence perpetuates poverty in the developing world. “Any conversation about global poverty that doesn’t include the problem of violence must be deemed not serious,” he told the TED crowd.

Gary challenged the TED audience that, until we address the violence that plagues the poor, traditional poverty alleviation programs won’t work. Public justice systems across the developing world too often leave the poor unprotected, and the violence they suffer as a result keeps them from beating poverty.

“It doesn’t have to be this way,” said Haugen. “Broken law enforcement can be fixed. Violence can be stopped...Almost all justice systems start out broken and corrupt, but they can be transformed by fierce effort and commitment.”

Watch Gary’s TED Talk now at IJM.org/TED

1 MILLION +

The number of views Gary’s TED Talk received to date.

9

The number of languages Gary’s talk is translated into.

1.4 BILLION

Potential reach of the TED Talk.



APRIL 2015

BECAUSE PRAYER MATTERS ▲

More than 1,400 faithful supporters joined IJM leaders from around the world in Washington, DC at our largest Global Prayer Gathering yet.

TAKING A STAND FOR FREEDOM

At nearly 150 events across 44 states and 13 countries, supporters stood for 24 hours to fight against slavery.

CHILD SEX WORK PLUMMETS IN CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA—After more than a decade of IJM’s partnership with the government, the future is brighter for Cambodia’s girls. A new IJM study documents how the sex trafficking of children has plummeted. Between 2012 and 2015, the number of children sold for sex in brothels, bars, massage parlors and karaoke clubs declined by nearly 75%. Today, less than 0.1% of those we identified are 15 or younger.

FIRST PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM LAUNCHES

IJM is now ready to help supporters engage in the work of rescue and restoration by donating real estate, writing IJM into their wills, and other new and exciting ways (see how at IJM.org/give).

CHURCH LEADERS ADVOCATE TO END SLAVERY

More than 180 church leaders joined IJM in asking their representatives in Congress to support the End Modern Slavery Initiative Act.

MONUMENTAL VICTORY IN UGANDA

KAMPALA, UGANDA—A Ugandan court protected an elderly widow and sentenced the man who tried to steal her land to six years in prison—the longest sentence of any property grabbing case we’ve worked on in Uganda.

MAY 2015

U.S. COURT HANDS DOWN A LANDMARK SENTENCE

CEBU, THE PHILIPPINES—One young woman testified bravely to secure justice against the man who abused and humiliated her as a child. After an eight-year battle, this American sex offender was convicted under the U.S. PROTECT Act and sentenced to life in prison.



BENEDETA'S STORY ▼

Benedeta shepherded her nine children and 20 grandchildren through Joseph Kony's rebel war. When the fighting got too close to her fields, she led her family to makeshift camps with thousands of other Ugandan refugees—camps where malnutrition and disease could be as dangerous as the rebels.

You can imagine her relief when, after decades of war, she finally returned home to her land, to her farm, where she could care for her family in peace.

But six months later a group of men brazenly claimed that Benedeta's land didn't belong to her at all. They claimed that they owned the land. They built huts in her fields and hurled insults when she resisted.

Much of northern Uganda's land was passed down in families, with ownership never formalized by maps and deeds. The chaos of Kony's war left many boundaries ambiguous and opened the doors for con men and thieves. Their prey of choice are widows like Benedeta. The men hacked down her crops. They attacked her sons with spears and threatened the lives of Benedeta and her family. Finally she and her family were forced to flee.

That's when we met her and took her case. But these men were not done. They abducted three of Benedeta's family members and plotted to attack and burn the IJM car that came after them.

Luckily our team discovered the ambush, and today 17 men—who were caught with rusty spears and machetes—are standing trial for their crimes. For the first time in 20 years, Benedeta feels safe in her own home.



2017 Vision Fund: Expanding Our Impact

With the partnership of entrepreneurial supporters around the world, we are seeking to meet ambitious goals by 2017 in pursuit of IJM's vision.

2017 VISION GOALS

3,000

Victims relieved
from injustice
annually

500

Violent criminals
restrained
annually

10

Justice system
reform projects to
reduce violence

THIS IMPACT IN THE FIELD DEPENDS ON A ROBUST JUSTICE MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE. THROUGH SUPPORT FROM OUR DONORS, WE WILL:

- **Engage leaders** around the world across business, international development and government.
- **Establish 22–25 IJM field offices** around the world.
- **Mobilize 5,000 churches** globally to seek justice in their communities and internationally.
- **Equip the next generation** of strong leaders in the fight for justice.
- **Enhance IJM's organizational sustainability** so we are well-positioned to achieve our goals.

What's Coming in 2015

EQUIPPING JUSTICE OFFICIALS

IJM Mumbai has partnered with local authorities for 15 years to rescue girls and young women from sex trafficking. This year, the state government invited IJM to train all officials in the state—police, social service providers, prosecutors and judges—on how to combat the crime. We have already trained 4,000 officials, and we will train 10,000 more by the end of the year.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

IJM is expanding our reach in India through a network of trained partners, multiplying our impact and increasing our voice to end slavery. In three years, nearly 4,000 slaves were rescued in more than ten states. In June, we will begin to train two new partner organizations who operate throughout India, and as many as three more by year's end.

Visit IJM.org to continue supporting the fight to end violence against the poor.





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INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems.

Highlighted as one of 10 non-profits "making a difference" by *U.S. News and World Report*, IJM's effective model has been recognized by the U.S. State Department, the World Economic Forum and leaders around the globe, as well as featured by *Foreign Affairs*, *Forbes*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *The Times of India*, *The Phnom Penh Post*, National Public Radio, and CNN, among many other outlets.

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