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SA INFORMER NEWSLETTER

The SA Foundation's long-term objective is that no person be enslaved by, or trapped in the sex trade.

Our highly effective recovery program offers a viable solution to those who are able to escape the sex trade. We plant these programs in partnership with individuals who are committed to providing comprehensive recovery programs to trafficked and sexually exploited women.

For more information about our programs and services please visit our website at www.safoundation.com

AN EASTER REFLECTION

Excerpt from Max Lucado's book "He Chose the Nails"

...Have you ever wondered why God gives so much? We could exist on far less. He could have left the world flat and gray; we wouldn't have known the difference. But He didn't.

*He splashed orange in the sunrise
and cast the sky in blue.
And if you love geese as they gather,
chances are you'll see that too.*

*Did he have to make the squirrel's tail furry?
Was he obliged to make the birds sing?
And the funny way chickens scurry
or the majesty of thunder when it rings?*

*Why give a flower fragrance? Why give food its taste?
Could it be
he loves to see
that look upon your face?*

If we give gifts to show our love, how much more would he? If we - speckled with foibles and greed - love to give gifts, how much more does God, pure and perfect God, enjoy giving gifts to us? Jesus asked, "If you hardhearted, sinful men know how to give good gifts to your children, won't your Father in heaven even more certainly give good gifts to those who ask him for them?" (Matt. 7:11)

God's gifts shed light on God's heart, God's good and generous heart. Jesus' brother James tells us: "Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light" (James 1:17). Every gift reveals God's love... but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. They came, not wrapped in paper, but in passion. Not placed around a tree, but a cross. And not covered with ribbons, but sprinkled with blood.

The gifts of the cross.

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Much has been said about the gift of the cross itself, but what of the other gifts? What of the nails, the crown of thorns? The garments taken by the soldiers. The garments given for burial. Have you taken time to open these gifts?

He didn't have to give them, you know. The only act, the only *required* act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. So much more. Search the scene of the cross and what do you find? A wine-soaked sponge.

A sign.

Two crosses beside Christ.

Divine gifts intended to stir that moment, that split second when your face will brighten, your eyes will widen, and God will hear you whisper, "You did this for me?"

*The diadem of pain
which sliced your gentle face,
three spikes of piercing flesh and wood
to hold you in your place.*

*The need for blood I understand.
Your sacrifice I embrace.
But the bitter sponge, the cutting spear,
the spit upon your face?*

*Did it have to be a cross?
Did not a kinder death exist
than six hours hanging between life and death,
all spurred by a betrayer's kiss?*

*"Oh, Father," you pose,
heart-stilled at what could be.
I'm sorry to ask, but I long to know,
did you do this for me?*



Dare we pray such a prayer? Dare we think such thoughts? Could it be that the hill of the cross is rich with God's gifts? Let's examine them, shall we? Let's unwrap these gifts of grace as if - or perhaps, indeed - for the first time. And as you touch them - as you feel the timber of the cross and trace the braid of the crown and finger the point of the spike - pause and listen. Perchance you will hear him whisper:

"I did it just for you."



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A HOME IN BUDAPEST

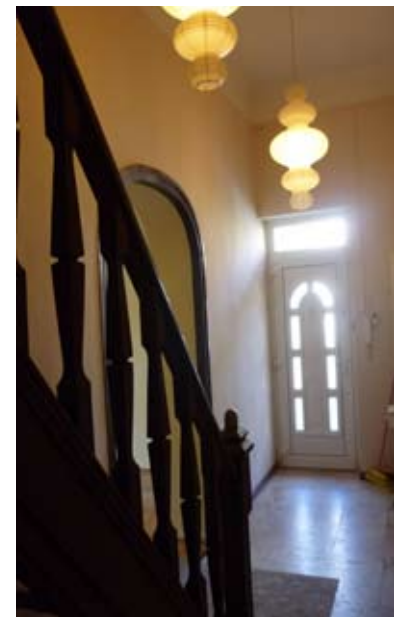
It all started with love: love for God, love for their country, love for the lost, abused and exploited young women He put on their path.

And love dictates that when we see an injustice we ACT. And so they did... Three long years of training, preparing, planning, and dreaming of the day they could welcome their first trafficked victim.

The search for the perfect house began - how to find a beautiful home that will show the women how much they are valued; how to find a landlord willing to rent? God provided! At first reluctant and worried, the landlady of this gorgeous 100 year old home that she loves became, through prayers, an excited supporter, welcoming the ministry with a bottle of champagne and promises of help.

And so April 1st sees the realization of a dream; the first trafficked victims in Budapest will be welcomed with open, loving arms so they can begin to put all their pieces back together again. So they can heal, grow and move forward into futures bright with promise.

Thank you for your support of this dream!



**YES! I want to donate to support
the first house and day program in
Budapest!**

Click on the box above to make a one-time
or ongoing monthly contribution.

THANK YOU!!

Please indicate "Budapest Project" in the
comments box on the payment page.



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Oh You Ladies Know How to Party!



Spring Bling was another smashing success with incredible auction items, beautiful Global Wonders jewelry, door prizes and over \$31,000.00 raised to support the Foundation's programs in:

- Vancouver
- Nepal
- Budapest



We THANK all the dedicated volunteers, amazing sponsors, speakers and attendees for the incredible event that was Spring Bling 2013!



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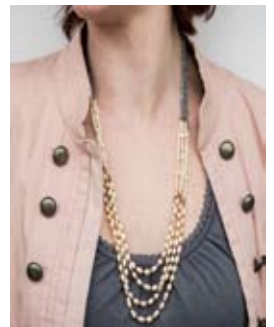
GLOBAL WONDERS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE!

The new Spring Line has arrived and is ready for sale!

Please join us in supporting our Nepali program by booking a Global Wonders party in your home, work, school or church! It's easy: You provide the space, people and snacks, we'll bring the jewelry and informative speaker! It is an easy way to educate friends, family members and co-workers to the reality of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Contact Lise at 403-978-9696 or globalwonders@safoundation.com to book your party this spring.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ONLINE SHOPPING CART!](#)



GET INVOLVED TODAY!

There are so many ways to get involved with the SA Foundation! Here are just a few:

1. Take the Communicar Seminar! This educational online course will provide you with a deeper understanding of how young girls become enslaved in the sex trade, and will educate you about the realities of exploitation and recovery. [Click here to learn more!](#)
2. Many have joined the Monthly Donor Program as a way to equip the SA Foundation to consistently provide the care and services needed by participants to exit the sex trade and build a new life for themselves and their children! *It's amazing what \$25/month or more can do!* [Click here to sign up today!](#)
3. **PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** This month we need financial support for our Vancouver Housing Program of \$4,000 and for the Day Program of \$5,000. If there's anything you can contribute, it would be greatly appreciated! [Click here to give a gift!](#)
4. Give a tax deductible gift to the general fund. Your support is greatly appreciated! Every dollar translates into lives being saved! [Click here to give a gift!](#)
5. Organize a small (or large!) fundraising event! Supporters have put together fun runs, bowlathons, luncheons, dinner events and the list goes on! Become an ACT team leader in your community! Contact Dominique at the coordinates below to get yours started!



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