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FOCUS

IN FOCUS

As we look at our world today, we see the incredible suffering that so many children are enduring due to the choices of adults. Do we stop to ask ourselves, "What can I do to help counteract that one adult whose bad choices have impacted that child?"

The answer will be different for us all. Maybe it is to pray, adopt, give, shelter, give respite, love through tutoring, feeding, clothing, etc. It will look different for us all, but each of us can do something.

CCTI is grateful that we have been able to provide training for 30 + individuals who are working to bring healing and hope to the Ukrainian child refugees. We began March 16 with a seven-day abbreviated free Zoom course, one hour each day. See the next page to learn more. We look forward to seeing how God continues to use us in this crisis in the days ahead.

May this Barnabas Letter encourage, enrich and equip each of you to seek the Lord and find your way of how you can be that one positive person for that child who already has that one negative person in their life. Thank you for your continued support and faithfulness of CCTI to allow us to reach into these children's lives!

Serving Him Together,

[Amy Wilson](#)

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The need arose so
Crisis Care Training International (CCTI)
stepped in to answer the call!



Due to the current crisis in the Ukraine, Crisis Care Training International was asked to train many current relief workers to the refugee children. We offered a condensed version of our Module 1: Offering Healing and Hope for Children in Crisis through Zoom. CCTI was able to provide one hour of training between March 16-March 24 to 25-40 individuals for FREE each day.



If you would like to contribute towards CCTI's work for all children in crisis, please donate here: <https://crisiscaretraining.org/donate-now/>

Making Sense of Grace

Victims of sex trafficking often feel undeserving of love, compassion, and grace. Please read below to see how vital showing God's love in this way is to these victims.

Born and raised in a Christian family, I have always been familiar with the idea of Grace. It is constantly preached and discussed. However, these past four years, this word has held a different meaning for me.



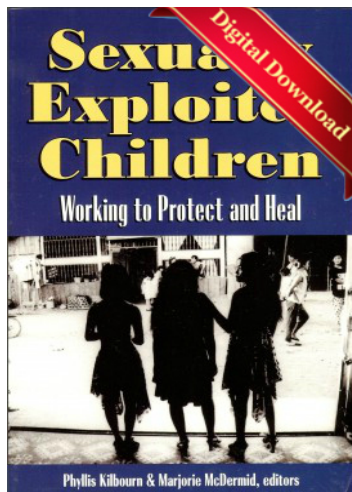
What is Grace House?

Grace House is the name of a Compassion First aftercare shelter. Compassion First is an anti-trafficking organization that has served in Indonesia since 2009. I work in their aftercare homes, which provide long-term rehabilitation for girl survivors of sex trafficking.

How has working in Grace House challenged me to help victims of sex trafficking?

Working in a house called Grace and seeing what the girls who come to us deal with makes me ponder Grace more deeply. Every girl has gone through some of the most unimaginable hardships. They were displaced from their families, stigmatized by communities, and for years were robbed of their lives – years they were supposed to be carefree children. When we meet for the first time, they often act much older than their age. Yet, Grace rejoices over her. Grace welcomes each one as her own.

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The amazing thing about Grace is it does not stop at rescuing. It is the gift that keeps on giving. We give the girls time to adjust until they are comfortable with us and ready to begin the program. Our team walks with them daily, helping them attain the goals they set for themselves, tackle challenges like building trust with our staff, overcoming feelings of boredom and isolation (especially during Covid-19), managing emotions and mending broken relationships.

What does Grace House offer these girls who suffered sex trafficking?

Grace House welcomes girls of all personalities wrestling with reclaiming their freedom from depression, trauma, and a sense of little or no self-worth. Grace enables us to show up every day for each girl and love them unconditionally. We do not let them fight their battles alone. We learn to celebrate each win, no matter how big or small. Even if they stumble, we continue cheering them on, helping them process their feelings, and establish their next steps.

What challenges does Grace House face?

As with other similar ministries, our first season at Grace House has come with its challenges. We continue to learn many lessons. Practically speaking, for the way we do care, the home's location, size, and space continue to be essential; also vital is a strong focus on strengthening the girls' families and communities so they can receive their daughters well once they graduate. Additionally, government, non-government, church partnerships, and like-minded friends are invaluable for making a difference and getting things done – Grace working through each one.

How have these challenges been a blessing in disguise?

Challenges remind me that Grace is available for all of us. In this line of work, I have learned that discouragement is inevitable; it will try to have its way. Yet, Grace is available not only for those we serve but for every one of us. Grace is what will sustain us going forward, just as it has carried us through.

About the author: Patricia is the Case Manager at Grace House. Her full name and location of the home are excluded for the protection of girls in these homes. The CF residential care program is a holistic care program with a strengths-based/resilience-building focus.



Shelters

What is a shelter? As we consider what children in trafficking situations have to face, let us use this article to see how we might be able to step into prevention instead of restoration for these children.

I have been thinking a lot about shelters.

What it takes to build them and what it means to be one. I have got much more to learn about both of these.



We have chased down girls stolen from their homes, taken and handed out to men in a jungle brothel.

I have sat crossed-legged across from a mother begging me to take her 13-year-old daughter away to somewhere safe.

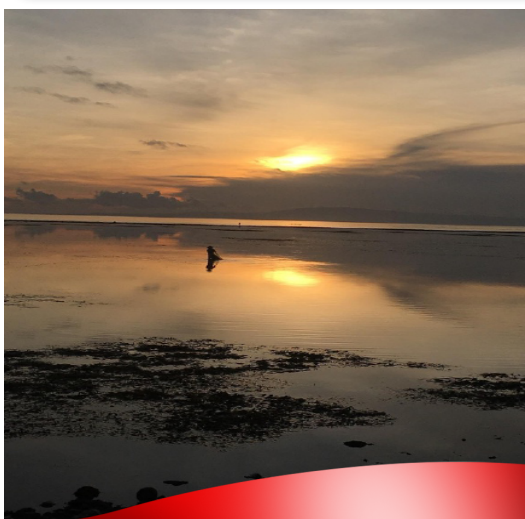
I have wrapped my arms around a girl I watched grow up, now being traded and used.

How has Compassion First helped to build shelters?

Compassion First has been invited to build shelters throughout Indonesia, but what if we all became shelters everywhere we are?

Maybe she would not need an aftercare shelter now if she had a safe place to run to then...a neighbor, a teacher, a friend, someone who was paying attention, someone willing to stop and listen, or maybe even to stand in the way.

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It is complicated. Poverty and desperation fuel measures unimaginable in the context of our western realities. In some parts of the world, the math almost adds up to selling one child to feed three others starving at home.

We are raising money, working with police, searching for buildings, and saying our prayers, but sometimes it does not take much to be the answer to someone else's prayers.

Sometimes providing shelter means simply showing up.

We launched a sponsorship program to help care for the most beautiful and talented kids on the planet. They also are among the most vulnerable. They live in a red-light district where darkness preys on the innocent as a way of life. In addition to the education and practical care sponsorship provides, it seems the traffickers in the community are increasingly aware of which kids have a "sponsor parent," because that connection could complicate their ugly agenda.

It seems knowing she is not alone can be reason enough for them to leave her alone.

Opening the doors of a new shelter can bring hope to hundreds, but it is the wide-open arms of God that heal the world.

I think about her often. She is the inspiration and reason why we came. We came to build a shelter so she could heal. She is waiting, yet already on her way, with her arms raised high and tears splashing onto her sandals. I could see in her eyes and hear in her song she is figuring out where to run.

Not to a place.

Shelter is a person.

~The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9~

About the author: Valerie Bellamy is the Director of Operations for Compassions First www.compassionfirst.org. Compassion First (CF) operates two long-term aftercare homes, with a third home underway, and one transitional home for survivors of sex trafficking in Indonesia. CF also runs a community development operation for awareness and prevention work, including child sponsorships, family strengthening, and entrepreneurship programs.





The CF residential care program is a holistic care program with a strengths based/resilience building focus.

Over the years we have had so many friends and professionals provide lasting and valuable contributions to every aspect of the CF program. Here are just a few that are available online for free and for purchase:

- Resiliency Building Resources like: (free download) www.beyondblue.au.org and then search "building resilience in Children 0-12." "Perhaps the most inclusive reference for building resilience in youth. Not specific for trafficking but excellent nevertheless." Dean Moshofsky M.D.
- Overcoming Obstacles, (free Life Skills Curriculum download): <https://www.overcomingobstacles.org>
- Family Online Safety Institute Fosi.org

Counseling/Therapy Resources:

- Lifespan Integration by Peggy Pace, (a professional's resource)
- The Healing Timeline by Catherine Thorpe, (a lay person's resource)

