



A White Paper: Anti-Abuse Ideas from a 'One-World' Approach

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It has taken me months to gather up all of my notes from diaries, journals, scattered bits of paper, etc., to provide what is 'an accounting of what is [literally] a fight against child abuse in S.E. Asia, part of the greater fight worldwide. Upon returning to the states, I began to assemble all of the data gathered while living in S.E. Asia as part of my book-related tour and advocacy. Due to the fact I will be conducting further research into all of these areas I discuss below, I wanted to use this White Paper as an Introduction to what I have come to understand and believe abuse of any kind must be seen as a disease and also a world issue.

Human Trafficking – a true accounting: All too common is the fact these stories go 'untold' ... for reasons only those choosing not to bring them to the mainstream media can explain; however, I cannot. This is one of thousands of stories being played out each and every day. And, by the time I complete this paper, the statistics will be fed until bursting – yet again. The story I will tell below is an amalgamation of several such episodes set to a perpetual re-run 24-7 all over the world. Abuse never sleeps...

This is the story of two abusers. I will call them Dom (male) and Dez (female). Dom and Dez are running a lucrative prostitution ring out of their apartment. Both Dom and Dez are pros. They've been in the business of human trafficking for years and each had been indicted in the past and charged with smuggling/human trafficking, prostitution, forced prostitution, and rape. But that did not slow them down. A short stint in prison, some pending court dates yet to be scheduled, a jammed up and broken legal system, and the twisted duo were back in business. Sure, there was the work of having to find fresh meat, but Dom and Dez knew how to convince a strung-out addict or misguided lonely girl down on her luck into a hard sell as a prostitute with ease. About a year ago, Dom had been what he liked to call [sampling the merch] which led to one of the prostitutes getting pregnant. Dez wasn't too keen on raising a baby, but neither Dom nor Dez were going to pay for an abortion. But it wasn't just the cost of aborting the fetus that made the two reconsider what to do with the baby – it really came down to a future investment. That's how Dom and Dez looked at the prospect of a young boy or girl they could raise and groom for the business. While peddling the prostitutes both Dom and Dez were always asked by an interested party "Do you have any younger boys or girls?" Some of these pedophiles were willing to pay up to 4,000 USD for one night with an 8-year old girl. Less for a boy about the same age, but that would still bring in about \$2,500 USD. Having to snatch-and-grab the kids was risky work. Kidnapping was 25 years to life in prison at the very least. Then there would be the brain-washing, grooming, drugs, etc., anything to get the kid to go along. It didn't matter if the child went willingly, but the interested buyers weren't the type that liked a struggle or anyone talking. What Dom and Dez were hoping for is a growing epidemic and what I have come to refer to as: "Pedo Farming." This is where you use your own children as prostitutes.

A year passes and the baby is born. I'll call him Sage. Dom and Dez really wanted a girl. The big money maker, but they ended up with a boy instead. No problem. If anything, Dom and Dez were resourceful. In less than three-months Sage was drowned in the tub. As far as Dom and Dez were concerned, they should have killed the baby long before. There's a market for young boys, but when you throw into the mix a combination of drugs, lack of any parental interest, and absolutely no compassion – Sage was left to drown alone. While the water spilled over the sides of the dirty rusted tub, Sage died just about the time Dom jabbed the needle into Dez and then himself before they were significantly too stoned to stand.

When Dom found Sage hours later, his small body still riddled with the bruises from endless beatings, he and Dez made fast work shoving the body into a plastic tub and sealed it with concrete. The tub was kept in the apartment for eight-months before law

enforcement raided the apartment and charged Dom and Dez with, yet again, running a prostitution ring. It was only then baby Sage was discovered and murder was added to both Dom and Dez' endless list of crimes. A review of their criminal record will show Dom and Dez bonded out of previous charges due to the fact their crimes (smuggling/human trafficking, prostitution, forced prostitution, and rape) were not considered 'heinous.' The crime of rape was difficult to prove because the women brave enough to testify were prostitutes and because of their career choice – testimony was not taken seriously.

Yes, there are still people in the world who believe you cannot rape a prostitute.

The story takes another odd twist. Instead of focusing on the fact we need to revamp legal and social systems all over the world, the overwhelming majority of people felt this story stands as a testament to why we should legalize prostitution. In simple terms: if prostitution were legalized, it would become even more difficult to not only catch individuals like Dom and Dez, but to convict them as well. The laws could honestly end up protecting these people instead of punishing them.

Prostitution is 'not' a victimless crime.

I am advocating that universities along with abuse prevention and treatment organizations be given grant money to establish clinics specifically addressing Human Trafficking. Advocates, professionals, students, etc., could work to hone their forensic and legal skills while also providing a much-needed outreach initiative.

Human Rights Protection begins with a clear understanding of “Human Rights” and a fundamental sense of compassion.

We're moving forward: I am pleased to say that in 2011 at least one of these clinics has already opened. It is located in Zacatecas, Mexico where University of Michigan law students will assist in cases and train staff, working alongside the NGO Centro de los Derechos del Migrante (Center for Migrant Rights) and the law school Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, Unidad Académica de Derecho.

CDM founder and executive director Rachel Micah-Jones comments, “This clinical partnership is an exciting, innovative and true collaboration between CDM and law school clinics on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. Students will provide legal representation to vulnerable migrant communities whose legal needs often cross borders. In doing so, students will develop the skills to be transnational advocates in this new economy.”

The U.S. estimates that 20,000 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.

I am also advocating the following clinics be funded by governments and/or private donations all over the world:

Protection of Children's Rights Clinic – Focused on assisting children who have been neglected, abandoned, physically abused or exploited through child labor. To combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children while assisting young people who had been sexually abused or forced into prostitution. The qualifying children are those abused, orphaned, neglected or trafficked. Rehabilitation [must] be part of the mission. The clinic should also provide scholarships, vocational training and prevention programs for young people at risk of entering the sex trade or at risk of being exploited for child labor. The approach – as I often discuss in other White Papers must be multi-disciplinary; addressing child exploitation from several angles. In order to better deal with the different needs of children throughout the process of combating or coping with abuse, neglect or exploitation, the clinic should divide itself into distinctive groups of supporting staff: (1) Prevention – seeking to stop abuse before it occurs by educating the community and working directly with children and families. (2) Protection – Post-abuse; these staff members

would be responsible for removing the child from the abusive environment and would also work closely with legal representatives in order to prosecute the abuser(s). (3) Assessment and Rehabilitation – focused on education and skills, teaching of abuse-avoidance and also functional areas in order to allow the children definitive opportunities to become contributing members of society.

It is also imperative that the clinic develops a comprehensive and needs-based approach to rehabilitation where medical, social, legal and other relevant experts from different institutions work together in a well-orchestrated collaboration to ensure effective rehabilitation of children rescued from trafficking and other abuses. A One-World-Approach.

Ancillary Monitoring Clinicians with Law Enforcement – these trained professionals would monitor the cases of arrested pedophiles to try to ensure that prosecution occurs and that appropriate judicial and law enforcement processes are followed. They would also coordinate with law enforcement officers and share any and all information related to human rights treatment of child victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. These trained professionals could also provide assistance in obtaining evidence, especially from the victimized children if necessary. Another responsibility could also be efforts to obtain back-wages for victims of human trafficking and labor abuse.

Due to the abundance of data gathering with regard to abuse victims, at the forefront are these clinicians working ‘in the field.’ This casework can be used in conjunction with legal aid in order to achieve prosecutions and convictions of pedophiles. The outcome would be more highly trained police officers and advocates working closely with policy makers and legislators to improve anti-abuse laws and regulations.

Multicultural Disciplinary Program – anti-abuse organizational workers from all over the world employ a ‘visiting professional program’ where there is a one-for-one trade between countries. These individuals would be honing their skills from a totally new perspective and culture, in addition to gaining an education of other development/social issues as they relate to abuse victims. The outcome would be instrumental in all aspects of “lessons-learned” regarding abuse prevention and treatment, support, referral, and emergency financial assistance to victims of exploitation, violence and trafficking. The skills obtained with an enhanced understanding of another culture and their approach to abuse prevention and treatment would also allow for alternative economic projects and cooperative research on international migration and trafficking, adolescent sexuality, and domestic violence. As I continue to emphasize {Abuse of Any Kind}: *It is a One-World Problem and must be dealt with as a One-World Approach.* A professional individual exchange could be determined through an in-depth proposal process where the visiting professional would collaborate for three-months at a time.

Emergency Hotline Operators – the hotline is simply to answer ‘field-related’ questions in support of any and all professionals working in a field where they would come into contact with ‘anyone’ who has been abused. This would prove invaluable during an emergency situation. The operators would be training professionals in the area of abuse related subjects and would also be trained on how to assist and protect victims of trafficking and violence, especially women and children. The operators could also be involved in providing Counseling and Training Courses for police and Immigration Officers.

Mainstream Media – a television project on Anti Trafficking. The television program would be aimed at eliminating violence against women and children, promote mental health, and emphasize compassion. The television program could run during a regular scheduled date/time.

Popular celebrities could provide scripted messages as to what someone should do when they witness abuse taking place. Scrolling at the bottom of the screen would be the Emergency Hotline Number. Many people are not sure what to do when they

witness abuse taking place. This has never been a traditionally discussed subject matter and kept a secret for far too long. It would 'sensitize' individuals to recognizing mental health problems, and gender sensitive issues, especially domestic violence.

A One World Approach, emphasizing how we are all connected . . . building bridges across borders, disciplines and resources will take abuse out of the shadows by taking strong action to prevent abuse, educate society, deal justice to its perpetrators and care for those victimized. This in turn will give survivors hope toward the possibilities of their own Beautiful World.

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In his words, "Please remember, the reason we are here is to save one another – Break the cycle." More information can be found at godmustbesleeping.com/.