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GLOBAL CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

- Nearly 2 million children are trafficked worldwide each year, in both industrialized and developing countries. Trafficking violates a child's most basic human rights: to be protected, to grow up in a family environment, to have access to education.
- According to UNICEF¹, the definition of a 'child victim of trafficking' is any person under 18 who is recruited, transported, transferred, harbored or received for the purpose of exploitation, either within or outside a country. Ending trafficking will require international, regional and national cooperation. Root causes—poverty, discrimination, exclusion and violence—need to be addressed along with demand: pedophiles who rape children.
- The U.S. Department of State claims that human trafficking is the world's largest criminal enterprise, ranking after drugs and weapons. The total market value of illicit human trafficking is estimated to be in excess of \$32 billion, according to a report by the United Nations.
- Sex trafficking has fueled the global AIDS epidemic.
- Important details in the U.S. Department of State's 2008 Trafficking in Persons Report² particularly interesting to Remember Nhu include:

1. A watch list of 'worst offender' nations which violate the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 passed by Congress in 2000 and strengthened in 2003, and reauthorized in 2005

Of particular interest to Remember Nhu are the countries:

- Burma: Tier 3
- Cambodia: Tier 2
- Indonesia: Tier 2
- Thailand: Tier 2
- Vietnam: Tier 2

2. Information about Child Sex Tourism, rampant particularly in Cambodia. Child Sex Tourism involves people who travel to engage in commercial sex acts with children

The lives of such prostituted children are appalling...

- Studies indicate that each of these children may be victimized by 100 to 1,500 perpetrators per year.
- Prostituted children live in constant fear and often suffer from many physical ailments, including tuberculosis, infections, and physical injuries resulting from violence inflicted upon them.

¹<http://www.unicef.org/protection/files/Trafficking.pdf>

²<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/105655.pdf>