



# Remember Nhu

## THE STORY OF REMEMBER NHU

The 501(c)(3) organization known as Remember Nhu exists to eliminate the exploitation of children in the sex trade industry throughout the world.

Remember Nhu was conceived in 2003-2004 by Carl Ralston of Akron, Ohio. In November 2003, Ralston was attending a conference hosted by the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Cambodia when he was made aware of the horrific problem of child sex trafficking. Particularly striking was the story of Chup Ly, a 16 year-old who was sold into the sex-slave trade and died three years later of AIDS.

After telling Chup Ly's story, the missionary speaker then told of Nhu, a 12-year-old girl who had committed her life to Jesus Christ, was baptized, grew as a Christian, and began to share publicly her faith. However, a Buddhist family member then sold her virginity, partly as an act of disapproval of Nhu's conversion to Christ. At that time, the missionary did not know what had become of Nhu. Ralston felt inspired by God to "Remember Nhu" and in December of 2003 committed to God that he would do everything in his power to eliminate the use of children in the sex trade industry around the world.

In 2004, Ralston finished a master's degree in Religion in which his final project created Remember Nhu: a ministry that would prevent children from entering the sex trade by meeting the physical, emotional, education, and spiritual needs of potential victims.

Oh, and Nhu? She is now safe and became the first official employee of Remember Nhu! She manages Agape Beauty Salon in Cambodia, which employs other young women who, without the intervention of Remember Nhu, may also have been sold into the child sex trade. Many of their customers at the beauty salon are young ladies who have been sold into prostitution, and Nhu and the others are able to share with them the amazing love of Jesus.

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In pursuit of the goal to eliminate the exploitation of children in the sex trade industry throughout the world, Remember Nhu is committed to four major points of impact:

1. **The Creation of Homes for Children:** Remember Nhu removes at-risk children from dangerous conditions and places them into safe environments where they are physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually nurtured.
2. **Child Sponsorship:** Remember Nhu aims to bring as many children as we can under the direct financial support of caring and able individuals and families in the United States and the international community. While the financial needs of the children in our care will always be met, the more sponsors we gain, the greater our capacity to care for children becomes.
3. **Partnerships:** Remember Nhu links concerned people, churches, and other ministries or organizations throughout the United States as well as the international community to join in the prevention of children being sold into the sex slave trade. These partnerships provide resources such as prayer, money, educators, house parents, missionaries, etc.
4. **Agape Enterprise:** Remember Nhu generates otherwise nonexistent economic opportunities via micro-enterprise. For example, in the summer of 2008, Remember Nhu was able to open Agape Beauty Salon debt-free, which offers successful employment to young women who may otherwise be trapped in the sex-slave trade. We have plans to open salons in additional cities in the near future.

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