

## KEYNOTE SESSIONS

- Exploiting The Lives of The Innocent**  
~ H.Sworn
- Compassion's Role In Ministry**  
~ Dr. P. Kilbourn
- Restoring Dignity To Broken Lives**  
~ J. Pond
- The Not-So-Secret Message of Jesus: What Do I Do Now I know This?**  
~ C. Earle

## WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- **Sex Tourism: What Is It And What Is Canada Doing About It?** ~ J. Verbeek
- **Cambodia: A Context For Child Sex Exploitation** ~ B. McConaghy
- **One Voice—Advocating For The Voiceless** ~ H. Sworn
- **Offering Healing and Hope for the Wounded** ~ Dr. P. Kilbourn
- **Prevention Is Better Than The Cure** ~ H. Sworn
- **Putting Feet to Your Heart's Desire – How To Get Involved In Caring For Sexually Exploited Children.** ~ J. Pond
- **My Life is Going to Count!"— What This Generation Can Do To Champion The Cause of Justice For The Exploited.** ~ C. Earle

## OUR VISION

To bring **Awareness** to child sex trafficking and exploitation

To **Advocate** on behalf of children in the global sex trade

To encourage individuals, groups and institutions to take **Action** to end child sexual exploitation.

## OUR SPONSOR

**The Ratanak Foundation** is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing help and spiritual hope to the Khmer people of Cambodia by assisting them to rebuild their social and medical services. Ratanak means precious stone or gem in the Khmer language. In this case Ratanak was the name of a little girl who, in late 1989, lay in a hospital in North West Cambodia. As her mother looked on, the doctors tried to save her life. There was no medication or medical equipment available to save her. The Ratanak Foundation has been working in Cambodia since 1990. In those days the civil war raged, the Khmer Rouge were never far away, and the fear was palpable. The isolation was almost complete. There were no significant diplomatic relations with the outside world and few westerners would visit, let alone decide to work in such an environment. Yet it was to this place and these people that Brian McConaghy, the founder of the Ratanak Foundation, was called. For more details on the Ratanak Foundations you can see the website [www.ratanak.org](http://www.ratanak.org).

## WHEN & WHERE

**DATE:** Saturday September 29, 2007

8:00am to 3:30pm

**LOCATION:** Rexdale Alliance Church  
2459 Islington Avenue  
Rexdale, Ontario  
M9W 3X9

Tel no: (416) 741-1110

**COST:** (includes lunch)

\$25.00 Early Bird registration by September 15, 2007

\$35.00 After September 15, 2007

\$15.00 for Students (18 years or younger)

**REGISTER AT:**

[www.ratanak.org](http://www.ratanak.org)

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**DIRECTIONS:**

From the 401, exit Islington Avenue North. Rexdale Alliance Church is located on the South East corner of the intersection of Fordwich Crescent and Islington Avenue.

[www.rexdalealliance.org](http://www.rexdalealliance.org)



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# Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

~ Martin Luther-King

Over 200 years ago William Wilberforce was successful in bringing a campaign before the British Parliament that ended the transatlantic slave trade. Wilberforce saw that human beings who had been created in the image of God were being treated like common cattle. They were branded with an iron, bought, sold and condemned to live out their lives in slavery. He believed that God made all men equally and that the mark burnt onto the skin of these humans was an atrocious injustice.

That same spirit that whispered in Wilberforce's ear to end the slave trade whispers in our ears today. Currently, there are 27 million slaves around the world; which totals more lives enslaved than during the 400 years of the transatlantic slave trade. Nowhere has this modern day slavery's impact been felt more brutally than on children who are being bought and sold for the purposes of sexual exploitation. According to the U.S. State Department, more than 1 million children are exploited in the global commercial sex trade each year. Many of these children, ranging in ages from as young as 3 to 15 years old, are either sold into prostitution to pay off family debts or forcibly recruited on the street to work in brothels. God does not look at these children as statistics ---they have names, they have personalities, they have hopes and dreams because He has fearfully and wonderfully created them for a purpose.

**Every child driven into prostitution is one too many.** Why? When will it end? What, if anything, can be done now? Are we willing to stand up and be counted among the courageous and the just to fight for the rights of these children? Just as Wilberforce was a man whose convictions compelled him to act, God is looking for men and women who will speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Proverbs 31:8). He is looking for people who will stand up against these injustices, remove the chains that bind people and set the oppressed free.

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- 8:00—8:30am Registration
- 8:30am Welcome (Lisa Cheong)  
Opening Prayer (Pastor Nancy Scott)  
Worship
- 8:45am **Exploiting The Lives of The Innocent**  
(Helen Sworn)
- 9:30am **Compassion's Role in Ministry**  
(Dr. Phyllis Kilbourn)
- 10:15am Coffee Break
- 10:30am Workshop Sessions
- 11:15am Workshop Sessions
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Worship and Reflection
- 1:30pm **Restoring Dignity To Broken Lives**  
(James Pond)
- 2:15pm Coffee break
- 2:30pm **The Not-So-Secret Message of Jesus:  
What do I do now that I know this?**  
(Christal Earle)
- 3:15pm Worship  
Closing Remarks (Lisa Cheong)  
Benediction (Pastor Sunder Krishnan)
- 3:30pm to 4:30pm Networking

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Helen Sworn**, Founder & Director of the Chab Dai network established in Cambodia. Chab Dai, meaning "joining hands," is a coalition of more than twenty Christian organizations that are committed to ending sexual abuse and trafficking. She is responsible for the overall focus and planning for Chab Dai, facilitation and communication between coalition members and external organizations, UN agencies and Government ministries. [www.chabdai.org](http://www.chabdai.org)

**Dr. Phyllis Kilbourn** is the founder of Rainbows of Hope and president of Crisis Care Training International (CCTI) which are both ministries of WEC International. As a missionary for 20 years, she lived and worked with children who were caught in the civil war in Liberia, West Africa. Witnessing first-hand the terrible abuse suffered by children in war, she was led to start Rainbows of Hope, a ministry that works with local churches in 17 countries to minister to all categories of children in crisis. She is recognized as a leading advocate for ministry to children-at-risk around the world and has written several books on these issues. <http://www.wec-int.org/rainbows/basics/about/index.php>

**James Pond** is the Director of Agape International Missions(AIM) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Before working with AIM, James spent 8 years in the U.S Marine Corp serving in special operations and intelligence. James earned an MA from Fuller Theological Seminary (2004) and has researched and written on global slavery issues since 2002. For the past two years, he along with his wife Athena and their 3 children were serving in Cambodia at the NewSong Centre, an aftercare facility for girls who were rescued from sexual exploitation. James and his family currently live in Portland, Oregon and continue to work with the Cambodian community. [www.aim4asia.org](http://www.aim4asia.org)

**Christal Earle** is the Co-founder of Absolute, as well as the Director of Staff and Leadership. Christal believes in the potential of this generation and speaks throughout Canada and internationally on social justice and the power to change lives. Christal and her husband Vaden founded Absolute Leadership Development, a non-profit organization that partners with schools to help students realize their incredible value and potential and be empowered to change the world through Hero Holidays. [www.absolute.org](http://www.absolute.org)

## OTHER SPEAKERS

**Brian McConaghy** is a forensic scientist with the RCMP and a man with a burden for the people of Cambodia. Brian established The Ratanak Foundation, named after Ratanak, a little girl seen dying in the documentary. Brian was involved in the first investigation and conviction of a Canadian international pedophile in Cambodia. He continues to advise Canadian Law Enforcement on such issues. The Ratanak Foundation currently funds the Newsong Centre in Cambodia, an aftercare facility for girls who are rescued from sexual exploitation. [www.ratanak.org](http://www.ratanak.org)

**Joanne Verbeek** is a Staff Sergeant with the Toronto Police Service. She has been a police officer for 19+ years working in various investigative positions including 4 years with the Sex Crimes Unit. She currently volunteers with the International Justice Mission ([www.ijm.ca](http://www.ijm.ca)) as an Investigative Associate. She has traveled to Cambodia twice, conducting training to officers in the Anti Human Trafficking Department and participated in 8 mission trips. Joanne is also a Bible School graduate from Ambassadors for Christ Bible School and a serving member of Bible Faith Church of Toronto.