

MERE MIST INTERNATIONAL

- ✚ Since 2003, MMI has been helping people wherever the greatest need was known:
- ✚ Los Angeles, CA needed someone to care & mentor street teens and give them new purpose
- ✚ India needed workers for a crusade that benefited over 1,000 people
- ✚ Papua New Guinea needed someone willing to live among local residents in rural villages and break down generational and denominational barriers that put their children and teens at risk
- ✚ TX & AL coastal communities needed disaster relief workers to help them after hurricanes
- ✚ Since 2007, MMI's founder has focused on the plight of victims of Human Trafficking
- ✚ First steps involved raising awareness and educating the rest of the MMI team and other people who care about humanity
- ✚ San Antonio, Las Vegas, and many other major US cities needed someone to volunteer through established institutes offering hope to women prostituted & trafficked in the US
- ✚ The Black Sea region (BSR) needs institutes to be established. We create places of retreat and safety for women to escape the trappings of being prostituted / trafficked. This human slavery issue remains MMI's number one purpose and focus, because it is the place of greatest need.
 - BSR is a gateway to Europe and Asia and is therefore a natural port of entry used by traffickers to entrap & then "export their merchandise" (women) all over the world
 - The founder and members of MMI are passionate about protecting these women who have fallen into the hands of human trafficking predators by giving them a safety net of housing, vocational training, counseling, mentoring, and medical care
 - MMI always seeks to partner with like minded institutes & people in every work we do. The BSRI has a small but dedicated partner team that are "boots on the ground" full time in the vocational training, informal counseling & mentoring services to the women
 - More funding is critical to assure that more safe housing is available. One apartment start up costs \$3000 for security deposits and furnishings. Then that apartment requires \$1000 each month for rent and \$310 for all utilities. In it, 3 women have a safe home. That is only a cost of \$6,200 to keep a woman safe for an entire year! \$520 a month!
 - MMI seeks to have each victim recover fully and return to family in a home they left; or live independently without long term assistance. Since they are not citizens where they are displaced, they often cannot obtain traditional employment. Every woman has the opportunity to learn skills to create hand made goods that organizations like MMI sell in the US. Each one is paid at a fair wage that allows her to take care of her personal needs and save some funds, while in the recovery process and living in the safe home. When a woman is mentally, emotionally, and fiscally able (typically in 9-12 months) she is able to move on and become independent.
 - MMI seeks to support 10 safe homes next year to restore the lives of 30 women. Gifts from 300 people at \$52 a month would make that possible. MMI has NO OVERHEAD costs so 100% of 501(c) (3) gifts are used for life changing purposes.
 - Life saving medical care and professional therapy to overcome PTSD are services still needed, to make the recovery program complete. Any gifts beyond the housing needs will be invested in implementing these two new services.

What is your life? You are but a mist, here for a little while, then vanished. SO DO SOMETHING.....

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