

# Gratitude Report

A SPECIAL REPORT ON HOW YOUR GENEROSITY AND LOVE HELPED WRITE STORIES OF FREEDOM IN 2024

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***"I want you to know that you are blessed. I wish to see you become strong and brave like me."***

Thank you for sharing Joy's\* message with child survivors of online sexual exploitation

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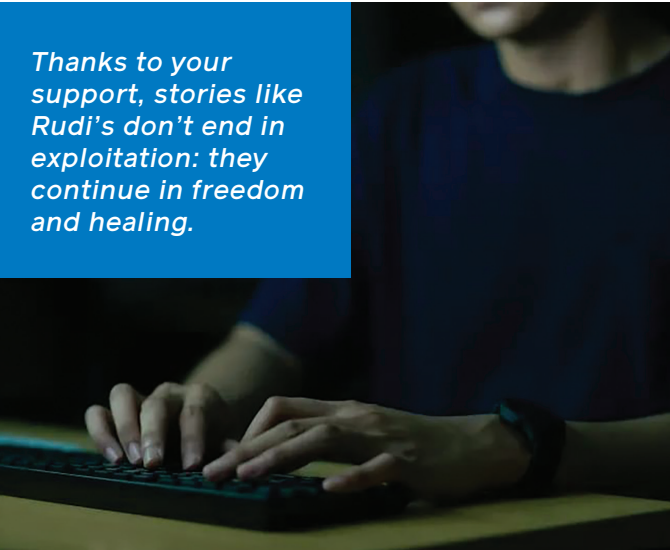
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*Thanks to your support, stories like Rudi's don't end in exploitation: they continue in freedom and healing.*

## RESTORING LIVES IN FREEDOM

**Thank you for walking alongside survivors like Samara\* as they work towards healing with determination and strength.**

Because you walk with us, victims who once thought they might never see freedom are now building full, restored lives.

Just look at Samara. For years, she was trapped in the horror of commercial sexual exploitation in Romania.

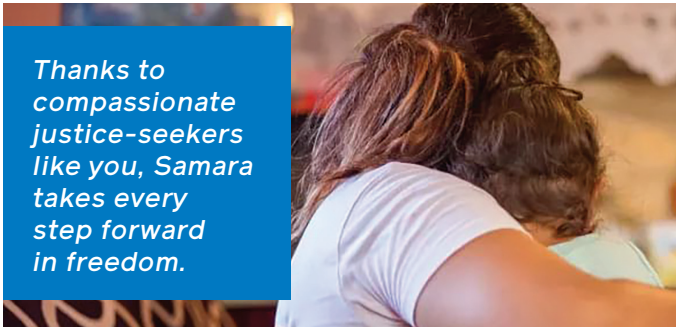
**Because you walk with us, victims are now resilient survivors.**

But because she had a community of justice-seekers on her side, here in Canada and around the world, she found restoration.

She was able to meet with an IJM team to help her set up a personalized aftercare plan, start therapy, and testify in the perpetrator's trial.

Now, she continues therapy and is making a better life for her and her family. Soon, she hopes to open her own flower shop or even become a pastry chef.

**No matter where Samara's dreams will take her, one thing is for sure: she'll be taking every step forward in freedom thanks to compassionate justice-seekers like you.**



*Thanks to compassionate justice-seekers like you, Samara takes every step forward in freedom.*

**IJM European Anti-Trafficking Progress Since 2019—thanks to your generosity!**

- 90+ victims relieved or currently receiving support services
- 20+ traffickers convicted

## MORE THAN JUST A GIFT

**Your Christmas generosity works hard for freedom all year long.**

Every year, you and your fellow supporters use the IJM Christmas Gift Catalogue as an incredible way to celebrate a season of generosity and live out your collective commitment to justice.

Just look at the *Slavery Rescue Operations* item. It's one of the most popular and transformative items, turning stories of captivity like Rudi's\* into journeys of freedom and healing.

Rudi had fallen prey to what seemed like a legitimate job opportunity in the Philippines, only to have his passport confiscated and find himself trapped in a scam operation alongside his friends, working without pay. "Anyone, regardless of their background or education, can become a victim of human trafficking," he reflects.

But he was found and rescued!

Because of your compassionate support last Christmas and throughout the year, we were able to help him move beyond the exploitation into healing. We were able to assist him in providing his testimony in court, raising public awareness about human trafficking, and finding a new job close to home.

**Today, countless others around the world like Rudi wake up in freedom because you chose to act. Thank you!**



*Your support is joining hands with Joy\* and IJM to work for other survivors like her.*

## YOU'RE STANDING WITH JOY UNTIL ALL ARE FREE

**Thank you for answering her call to fight slavery!**

**Time and time again, you show us how seriously you take our collective declaration of “until all are free.”**

When we shared Joy’s\* story of online sexual exploitation, and the unimaginable pain that came with it, we also shared her call for you: “We need more people in the fight to end slavery. We need you.”

We saw the way you stood with her and hope you know how much your participation helps to fight slavery and support survivors.

**“Don’t forget that there are people who are willing to help.”**

Because of you, Joy herself was able to set up a personalized aftercare plan, which involved therapy and continuing her education.

Now, your support is joining hands with her through advocacy and legal work. She’s testifying against the perpetrator, supporting survivors as a social worker, and advocating to governments for

stronger anti-exploitation action.

**Through it all, you’re helping us share Joy’s powerful message and make it a reality:**

*“To other children who are trapped in slavery right now: please don’t forget that there are people who are willing to help. I wish to see you become strong and brave like me.”*

**1 in 100 children in the Philippines will experience online sexual exploitation.\*\***

**But thanks to your dedication to seeking justice with us, we’re seeing progress in the fight.**

**IJM Philippines Anti-Child Trafficking Progress Since 2016:**

- 1,300+ Victims & at-risk children safeguarded
- 370+ Survivors restored
- 368+ Law enforcement conducted operations
- 410+ Suspects arrested
- 240+ Offenders convicted

\*\* International Justice Mission and University of Nottingham Rights Lab. (2023). Scale of Harm Research Method, Findings, and Recommendations: Estimating the Prevalence of Trafficking to Produce Child Sexual Exploitation Material in the Philippines. International Justice Mission.      \*a pseudonym

# MORE THAN NUMBERS: A PICTURE OF A YEAR OF FREEDOM

Whether it's one person rescued or tens of thousands trained... you're there through it all.

You have a strong desire to seek justice. But it doesn't stop there. All year long, you put that desire into tangible, real-life actions.

Last fiscal year, you helped us see all this work to completion. As you look at these numbers, remember that each one of them represents real women, men and children who sought freedom, justice and healing...

...And found it, thanks to you and your compassionate support of IJM!



## RESCUED



# 10,569

children, women and men from violence

## RESTORED



# 246

survivors to safety, stability and strength

## RESTRAINED



# 2,583

suspected perpetrators of violence

## TRAINED



# 44,333

justice system officials, NGO staff and community members to recognize and respond to violence

## CONVICTED



# 3,222

traffickers and abusers in local courts

From the first child rescued to the tens of thousands of justice officials trained... thank you for walking with us through it all.

\*\*All numbers are taken from the IJM Canada FY24 Impact Report. Report can be viewed at [ijm.ca](https://ijm.ca).



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