



# GO ON A POWERFUL JOURNEY.

Media headlines have been filled with news of human trafficking taking place right here in Indiana:

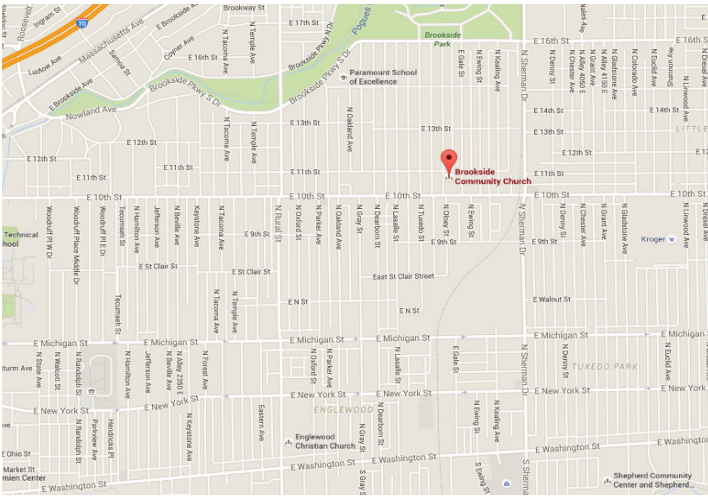
- “FBI focused on decreasing human trafficking in Indiana” -Fox59
- “Human trafficking, exploitation often a problem in central Indiana” -IndyChannel 6
- “Zoeller: Sex trafficking is thriving in Indiana” -The IndyStar
- “Indy 16 year old rescued after being kidnapped for sex trafficking” -WTHR Channel 13
- “My world just stopped: sex trafficking hits home in Carmel” -The IndyStar

## ▶ PRAYER JOURNEY

Learn about and pray for areas affected by trafficking and exploitation through Ascent 121’s Prayer Journey. Throughout your journey through areas where teens are most at risk in Indianapolis, you will learn about the child welfare system, the juvenile justice system, different ways that teens are drawn into trafficking and victim services that are available to survivors. Guided prayer stops allow you to pray for survivors, teens at risk, educators, social service providers, juvenile justice staff, law enforcement, ministries and organizations.

Your journey begins at Brookside Community Church with an orientation by the Ascent 121 staff and concludes with a debrief for your group to process their experience. The Prayer Journey is intended for small and large groups. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent.

For more information, contact us at [info@ascent121.org](mailto:info@ascent121.org).



“BECAUSE HE BENDS DOWN TO LISTEN, I WILL PRAY AS LONG AS I HAVE BREATH.” PSALM 116:2

*Ascent 121 is an Indianapolis non-profit organization that provides advocacy and recovery services for teen survivors of trafficking.*

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## THE PRAYER JOURNEY IS A PUNCH IN THE GUT, IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

### ► A PUNCH IN THE GUT

I didn't realize just how broken our systems are. The Prayer Journey was a punch in the gut in the best way possible. It re-ignited the passion for justice I gained while I was in India. The height of the mountain we need to overcome as we fight for these girls (and boys) is somewhat daunting but I can see now more than ever how the Lord is going before and I am excited to be along for the ride, even though I am not exactly sure what my seat looks like.

-Jen Alexander, Northview Church

### ► A STORY OF REDEMPTION

It tells a story of the redemption that is possible when an organization like Ascent 121 partners with each girl in her journey. And, the cherry on top is the privilege of praying over the people and places that have a daily opportunity to make a difference in the lives of kids in this community. I was blessed by the experience.

-Kara Dean, Northview Church

### ► A DETAILED JOURNEY

God is good and He has a plan for these girls despite their past. That reminder inspired me to continue in daily prayer for these girls who need people to step in on their behalf. Thank you for a detailed journey through the life of a victim of trafficking. It was a blessing and I don't know a better way to spend my weekend. It has educated me and I am much more aware of the needs and work that Ascent 121 does.

-Micah Metz, husband of Maggie Metz,  
Therapist in the IMPACT Program

### ► NOT EVERYONE'S REALITY

This experience moved me to tears as we prayed at a park, a school, a strip club, a residential treatment facility, and other significant locales. This terrible thing of girls getting trapped in the sex trade is happening here. I am so grateful for Ascent 121 and the courageous people who are literally helping to save lives. If you are interested in participating in a prayer journey, please let me know and I'll get you connected. I would even be happy to go with you. I'm so thankful for this life of security and love that I have, it's not everyone's reality.

-Lorena Lane, Ascent 121 Volunteer

### ► MORE THAN A HEADLINE

This was more than a newspaper headline or a blurb on the evening news, these locations represented real people leading real lives; the least of these, the underserved, the overlooked, the invisible. But not to God, not to our Heavenly Father. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:29-31) And that's why Ascent 121 exists, to rescue girls from the sex trafficking trade because these girls matter to God, their Creator; and we who belong to God and are called according to His purpose know this and know we must communicate this great truth to these precious girls, that they matter, that they have infinite, eternal value to their Heavenly Father.

-Barbara Janicki, Traders Point Church

### ► IT IS HAPPENING NOW

None of us was in any way prepared for the powerful effect that day would have on us. The prayer journey took us on a trip around an urban area of Indianapolis to places where a "typical" trafficked child would be encountered in the course of their life. The first realization that we all came to was that we would have to change our definition of what "trafficked" meant. This is not a term for something that happens in Europe or Africa or some other distant land. This is something that is happening in our cities, in our schools, and (dare I say it) to someone's family sitting down the row from us in church. It is happening here, and it is happening now.

-Robin Stark, Church at the Crossing

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