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Hi [REDACTED]

I remember the first time I met Kashi*. **Police and IJM had just brought her to safety from a brothel in one of Kolkata's largest red-light districts.** She was 15 years old and so happy to be free.

You never forget the horrifying details of abuse you hear from survivors. Details like, *"I had to meet with 15-20 customers every day. If I refused, I was beaten with a broomstick, a metal pipe or anything they could find."*

As an aftercare worker, **I had the privilege of walking with Kashi through her healing journey.** I watched her grow in confidence and become an example to other survivors. She called the shelter her home. Those are details you never forget either.

Kashi is better at telling her story than I am. Watch this video to see the inspiring woman she is today, than to the support of people like you:

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One thing was clear from the start: Kashi was determined to get an education. Since she had never been to school before, she had to study with students who were much younger than her.

But despite these challenges, she persevered – I was so inspired by her positivity and dedication. I'm delighted to say that Kashi's hard work paid off: today, not only can she read and write in English, but she has **two jobs and is pursuing a weekend computer course** to further her education!

Kashi wants to see more children experience the same transformation she has. That's why she's become a leader of the Global Survivor Network, an international group of survivors helping protect people from trafficking and violence, supported by IJM.

I hope Kashi's story encourages you as much as it encourages me. It's an honour to play a part in helping survivors of trafficking turn their lives around – and you can be part of that too.

Until all are free,

Anju Sherpa

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*P.S. Right now, as many as **100,000 children are trapped in the sex trade in Bangladesh**. Help make transformation possible in the lives of children like Kashi by [setting up a regular gift](#). Now is the best time because your Freedom Partner gifts will be **DOUBLED***.*

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