



LIFE for the INNOCENT

Mission: Life for the Innocent exists to partner with communities to rescue, restore and renew children affected by human trafficking.

What do you do?

Globally, LFTI provides housing, education, and adoptive Forever Families for trafficked and at-risk abandoned children in South Asia. Locally, LFTI provides faith-based training to equip communities and churches across the United States to fight trafficking in South Asia and their own backyard.

Program:

- **Where do you operate overseas?**
 - We operate in several countries in South Asia. Because safety is one of LFTI's core values, we don't offer specific country names for the security of our team and kids.
 - Rescued children are adopted into Forever Families within countries and regions in South Asia where their own language is spoken.
- **What types of human trafficking do you address?**
 - We serve children who have been exploited (or are at risk for) sex, labor and organ trafficking.
- **What does your global program entail?**
 - Once we take the children into one of our homes in South Asia, we do an intensive review to determine whether it is feasible and safe to place the child back with his/her natural family.
 - Every child immediately goes on the Missing Child Registry in order to find any family members who may be looking for their son or daughter.
 - Children stay in our homes for 6-8 months, depending on the level of care needed. Here we address their physical, spiritual, educational and emotional needs before placement with their vetted, adoptive Forever Family.
 - Forever Families visit the homes and spend time with their soon-to-be adopted children several months before the children officially go home to their new families.
- **How many children have you rescued?**
 - We have rescued over 5,000 children since 2011.
- **Where do your children come from?**
 - We partner with a network of over 4,200 churches in South Asia. The pastors and congregations are trained to look specifically for situations in which children are being illegally exploited.
 - LFTI partners in local governmental raids
 - Many of these children have been abandoned, sold, or given away (see next question).
- **Why are these children abandoned, sold, or given away?**
 - Poverty: families can't care for all their kids and sell them in hopes to improve their life (and many are not aware of the crime of human trafficking).
 - Political instability: refugees, wars, or natural disasters (a recent example is the Nepal earthquake).

- Religious/cultural perceptions: Many children are often looked at as cursed based on superstition, signs, negative family circumstances, etc. As a result, many children are abandoned and exploited in trafficking, temple prostitution, or even child sacrifice.
- **Where do your Forever Families come from?**
 - This part of the process is what makes LFTI's approach especially unique. Forever Families are members of the 4,200 partner churches in South Asia.
 - Applicants submit to an 18 month vetting process prior to approval and have ongoing accountability for 2 years after child placement.
- **Can I adopt a child through LFTI?**
 - No, currently all children are placed with Forever Families within countries and regions in South Asia where their own language is spoken.
 - We encourage you to consider foster care and/or adoption through a local agency.
 - *Recommendation:* SAFY (Safe Alternatives for Family and Youth) is a nationwide organization offering a therapeutic foster care program to address the needs of children in the U.S. who have experienced extreme trauma, including trafficking.

General:

- **How did Life for the Innocent start?**
 - LFTI started in 2008 as a ministry of Life Church of Fort Collins (in Colorado) with a handful of volunteers fundraising to rescue children. In 2011, Life for the Innocent became an official entity.
- **How many staff members do you have?**
 - South Asia: 90+ staff (home staff, child placement, leadership)
 - Fort Collins, Colorado: 4 staff (2 full time, 2 part-time)
- **Is LFTI a 501(c)3 non-profit organization?**
 - Yes. We became an independent 501(c)3 in 2015. All gifts are tax-deductible through our Federal Tax ID # 47-4070550.
 - LFTI has a board of directors with 5 committed members and is spiritually accountable to Life Church of Fort Collins, Colorado
 - LFTI is a Christian organization that believes the primary hope for ending human trafficking is the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **How can my church or business partner with LFTI?**
 - **Businesses:** Agree to fund the rescue of at least 1 child a year (\$1,385)
 - **Churches:** Agree to pray, promote and financially support the mission of LFTI
 - Visit the "Business Partners" and "Church Partners" section of our website for details
- **How can I learn more about LFTI?**
 - Visit our website at www.lifefortheinnocent.org
 - Contact us via email at info@lifefortheinnocent.org or call us at 720-408-LFTI (5384)
- **How can I donate to LFTI?**
 - Online: **www.lifefortheinnocent.org/donate**
 - Text: Text dollar amount to: **970-372-1499**
 - *Ex:* for a \$10 donation, text "10". First text will prompt a response with a link to a giving form
 - Mail: Write checks to Life for the Innocent and mail to
 - **Life for the Innocent Gift Processing**
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