Modern Day Slavery

Presentation to the Rotary Clubs of Warrnambool

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Slavery is the status or condition of a person over whom any or all of the powers attaching to the right of ownership are exercised.

1926 League of Nations Slavery Convention

1959 UN Supplementary Slave Convention

1998 Statute of the International Criminal Court

Ownership through Control

- take away passport
- threaten family members
- violence/coercion
- moving to a strange place
- marriage
- debt
- religion
- isolation
- blackmail

Powers of ownership

- to possess
- to use
- to manage
- to profit
- to transfer
- to dispose

Global Slavery Index 2016

www.globalslaveryindex.org

- 45.8 million
- 1/3 children
- $150billion illegal profits per annum
- illegal almost everywhere but exists in all countries



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Slavery takes many forms



domestic servitude

sex trafficking

forced labour

bonded labour

child labour

forced marriage

Source: End Slavery Now

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What drives slavery?

- population explosion
- extreme poverty and vulnerability
- corruption (especially police corruption)

Can slavery be ended in our life time?



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- RACSRAG formed in 2009
- RI endorsed 2013
- New name RAGAS 2016
- HQ & principal officers in UK
- Membership in over 65 countries
- Network of Coordinators in USA, India, Italy, Australia, New Zealand & Pakistan

Objectives of RAGAS

Creating Awareness -

- Speakers
- Newsletters, Media

Taking Action -

- Projects
- Assistance & Advice
- Liaison
- Strategic Partnerships

Taking action today

2 project opportunities

- Cyber sex trafficking, Philippines, IJM
- Child rights, Myanmar, INA

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CYBER-SEX TRAFFICKING

• eg: when a perpetrator from Australia pays to view, +/- direct, live streaming videos of sexual abuse of children in the Philippines

•a growing and devastating form of modern day slavery



https://youtu.be/3qtXuw3N9xM

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Global Grant opportunity
Partnering Rotary clubs sought

- Goal - to protect thousands of children in the Philippines who are vulnerable to cyber sex trafficking by:
  - working with law enforcement
  - bringing criminals to justice
  - caring for survivors
- International Partner - RC of Greater Grants Pass, Oregon, USA
- Host Partner - RC of Manpasan, Manila, Philippines
- Partnering Organisation
  - International Justice Mission (IJM), Phillipines
- Project Timeline: 1 Jan 2017 - 31 Dec 2017
- Rotary area of focus: peace and conflict prevention/ resolution
- Budget $US194,591

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http://www.ijm.org/shut-down-cyber

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Strengthening and Protecting Child Rights
Northern Karen State, Myanmar

The Problem:

- background of 60 years of civil war
- extreme poverty
- lack of knowledge & awareness of child rights and protection
- child labour common
  - low school attendance
- child abuse, neglect, exploitation common



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The Solution:

Educate about child rights & child protection

- Children under 18
- Parents & Teachers
- Local authorities & Child Protection Committee

Strengthen responses to abuse, exploitation, neglect

- local service providers
- government

The Beneficiaries:

Nearly 1,000 children and their families in Northern Karen State, Myanmar

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Child Rights, Myanmar

- Total project - budget $A9540
- all contributions welcomed
- District Grant application potential
- Rotary Area of Focus: education
- Cooperating Organisation
  - International Needs Australia Inc
- part of a bigger project over 4 years
- all contributions matched 5:1 by DFAT
  ($2,000 contribution becomes $12,000)

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Can slavery be ended in our life time?

- laws banning slavery in every country
- lack of any large vested (non-criminal) economic interest
- growing acceptance of human rights

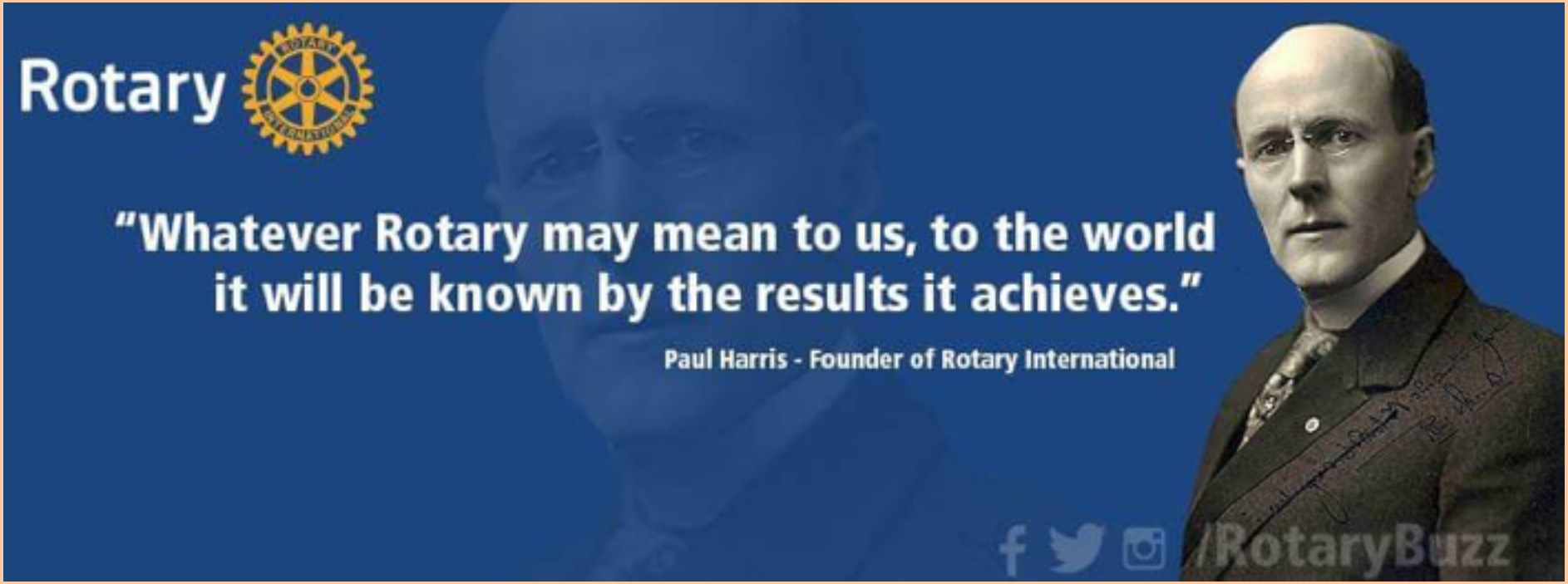
Slavery can be ended

when the public and governments make it a priority.

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