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## Looking ahead in 2020

In Bangkok, NightLight will be exploring new ways of doing outreach to our neighborhood in the red light area. With international borders closed, bars closed for a season, and tourism down, the staff and volunteers are excited about the opportunities to reach more women and offer hope and assistance. NightLight is also looking to implement new marketing strategies for the business to offer employment to many more people.

In Missouri, NightLight is working to develop new methods for connecting more deeply and practically with the women we serve. This includes exploring plans for a new drop-in program or internship program for women seeking an alternative to the sex industry.

# A Note from Annie

Carpe diem. "Seize the day." As I look back over 2019 and start to gaze into the horizon of the next season, these are the words that come to mind. Life is full of surprises, and it seems no matter how great and detailed our plans, we must hold them loosely. We must always be ready to seize the opportunity at hand.

This last season was one of challenges and victories, mostly in the area of anti-trafficking. We were given an opportunity to invest deeply in rescuing, sheltering, and repatriating victims of human trafficking. In Bangkok, there were large numbers of trafficked African women who gained much attention. In Missouri, the opportunity to assist domestic victims came along, as well as continued outreach efforts to individuals in the sex industry. We saw opportunities, and we made the most of them. As we did so, we were able to partner with local law enforcement and other NGOs, and together, we assisted many women. NightLight in Bangkok was recognized by the Royal Thai Police as an outstanding anti-trafficking organization, and was also the first non-governmental organization in Thailand to register as a shelter for victims of sex trafficking.

As 2020 began, no one anticipated the pandemic of COVID-19. It took us by surprise, and before we knew what was happening, international borders closed, bars closed, and all our normal patterns of ministry were interrupted. But from the surging crisis of thousands out of work, isolated, and hungry, we saw an opportunity. In Bangkok, we began to reach out to the women and then the neighborhood with food packs and hygiene kits. In Missouri, we began reaching out in new ways with care packages, and watching new doors open. As 2020 struggles to move forward, we continue to hold plans loosely and watch for what is happening around us. There will be unwanted surprises and challenges, but in the midst of it all we know there will be unprecedented opportunity. We stand alert and ready to seize the day and never stop finding new ways to reach out to, rescue, and restore all those who have been affected by sexual exploitation and whose lives are exponentially affected now that COVID-19 has hit.

It is a new season. There will be new ways of doing things. New opportunities to have an impact are continuously before us. We are so grateful for all of you who contribute in different ways when the opportunities arise. We are all in this together. Carpe Diem! Seize the Day!

Sincerely,

*Annie Dieselberg*

Annie Dieselberg  
Founder and CEO  
NightLight International

# REACH

## to pick up and draw toward one

NightLight reaches out to individuals in the sex industry by going to the places where these individuals are (the bars, streets, clubs, and even online) and by creating safe environments where these individuals can come and engage in relationship. We go to these places in order to learn first-hand what their needs are. Our outreach methods range from outreach in the streets, bars, and web platforms to outreach through beauty salons, medical clinics, and other events.

## Looking Back at 2019...

### MISSOURI



#### 1,330 OUTREACH GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

These gifts communicate care and dignity to men and women working in the sex industry. They open doors to hope, relationship, and additional services.

#### 228 MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS THROUGH CLUB OUTREACH

These conversations represent ways team members were able to provide a listening ear, valuable resources, prayer, and meaningful support.

#### 242 WOMEN REACHED THROUGH ONLINE OUTREACH

These conversations represent contact points with women advertising online, making services known to them and offering supportive relationship.



### BANGKOK



#### 562 OUTREACH CENTER CONTACTS

Through beauty salons, medical clinics, and other outreach center events, NightLight was able to show love and build relationships through meaningful and repeated connection.



#### 2,916 RED LIGHT DISTRICT CONTACTS

The outreach team came in contact with these individuals through street and bar outreach in order to build relationships and show love.



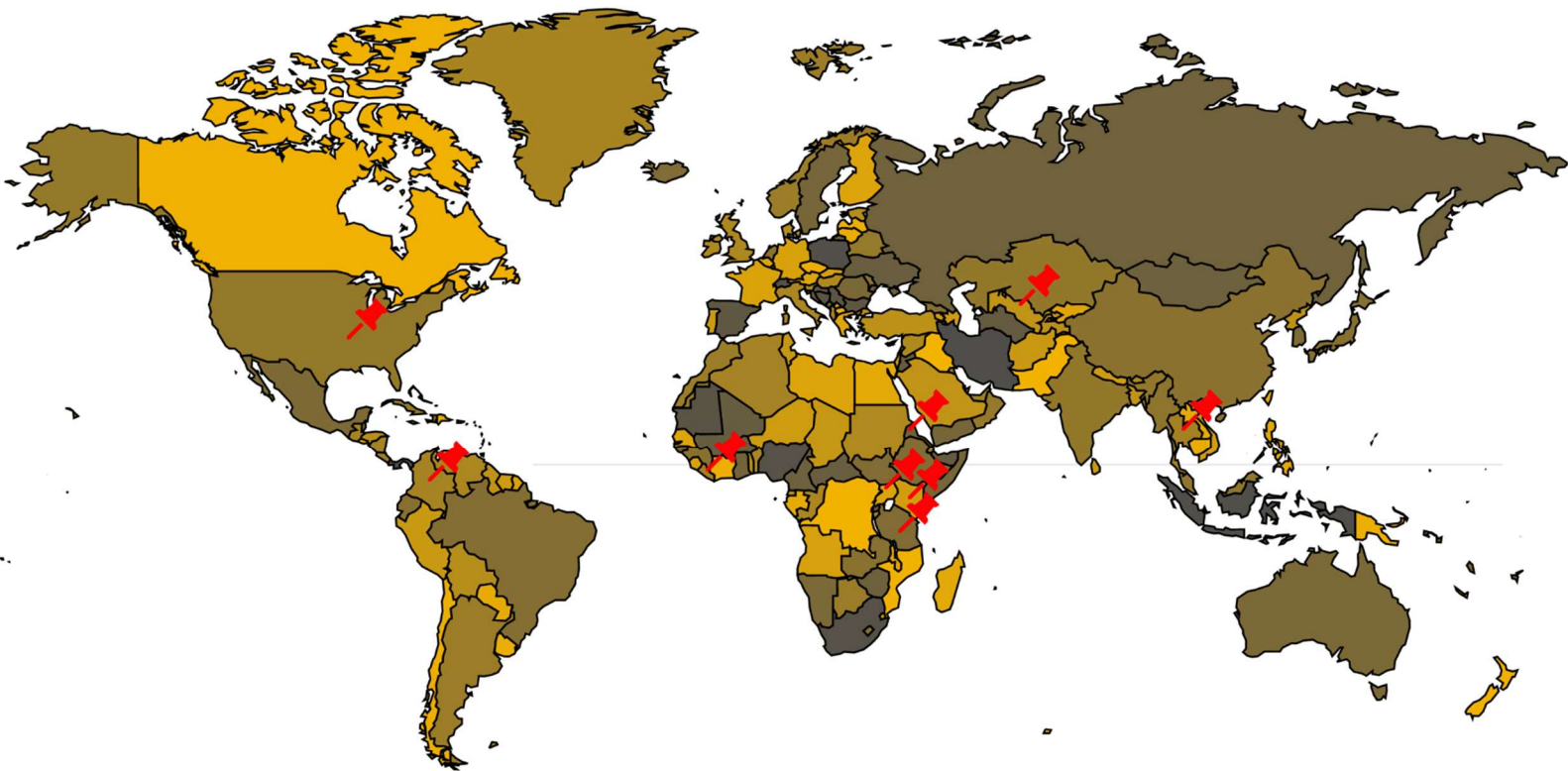
#### 556 VISITORS & AWARENESS TOURS

These visitors witnessed firsthand how the lives of the vulnerable and exploited are being transformed, and how they can be a part of bringing hope, dignity, and new beginnings!

# RESCUE

to free from confinement, danger, or evil

We search actively and strategically for individuals in need of assistance; we do not wait for them to come to us. In addition, though we may begin with outreach programs that search for victims, help us learn about the commercial sex industry landscape, and sow critical seeds of truth and love, our ultimate goal is to offer a hand out of the exploitation and to help bring real change to their lives. Often, this is done through relationship.



## 2019 Rescue Statistics

NightLight assisted women and dependents from 9 countries and 4 continents...

### Uganda

10 women

### Kenya

2 women

### Eritrea

1 woman

### Colombia

1 woman

### Thailand

13 women

### Tanzania

4 women &  
1 dependent

### Uzbekistan

2 women &  
1 dependent

### Liberia

1 woman &  
1 dependent

### United States

12 women

### Stateless

1 woman

# BANGKOK RESCUE



**35 TRAFFICKED WOMEN  
& 5 DEPENDENTS**

"I was sitting on a bench asking God for forgiveness and you [NightLight Staff] appeared out of nowhere and offered help."

-Survivor in Bangkok



"Rescue" often doesn't mean kicking down doors and pulling people out. Rather, it involves a ready response when someone is ready to leave. It often requires a combination of relationship and practical assistance. Sometimes it's response to a crisis or immediate removal of someone from a situation; often it's a slow climb out of a complex set of circumstances.



# MISSOURI RESCUE

- **12 crisis calls from victims of trafficking or exploitation**
- **1 law enforcement intervention resulted in 4 contacts with women who received human trafficking assessments conducted by NightLight**



11 women met through outreach received intervention services, including case management, connection to community resources, and financial assistance.

# RESTORE

## bring back; reinstate

NightLight values holistic restoration, recognizing that the issues are complex and that true transformation and healing come with concern and attention to the whole person, their family, and their community. Holistic restoration addresses the spiritual, emotional, physical, economic, social, and familial needs. We value holistic ministry that addresses the complexities through prevention, intervention, and restoration.

## #ForFreedom'sSake

NightLight values relationship-building as key to opening doors to restoration. We value relationships in the community that assist in bringing holistic transformation. NightLight recognizes that healing comes best in community. As an organization, NightLight cannot work in isolation; strategic relationships, partnerships, and networks are valued to accomplish holistic restoration.

## What does holistic restoration look like?

NightLight has various programs aimed toward restoring individuals negatively affected by the sex industry.



- ✓ **Dignified employment & vocational training (Bangkok)**
- ✓ **Childcare center for NightLight employees (Bangkok)**
- ✓ **Leadership & professional growth opportunities (Bangkok)**
- ✓ **Emotional & spiritual care (Bangkok & Missouri)**
- ✓ **Case management (Bangkok & Missouri)**
- ✓ **Mentor relationships & peer groups (Missouri)**

# 2019 RESTORE STATISTICS

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## EMPLOYMENT

NightLight Bangkok provides dignifying employment and personal development opportunities to women seeking an alternative to the sex industry in Thailand. **38 Thai women were employed.**



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## CHILDCARE CENTER

NightLight Bangkok provides free childcare to employed women in order to alleviate the concern of their children's well-being during work hours. **24 children were cared for at the Child Care Center.**



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## INTERNATIONAL REPATRIATION

NightLight Bangkok provides repatriation services to individuals and dependents who have been trafficked across international borders. **12 women and 3 dependent children were repatriated.**



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## NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Tangible needs assistance is often involved in the process of restoration. NightLight helps provide practical needs to propel an individual forward in their healing journey.

- \$4,451 total to 16 Intervention and Restoration clients
- 562 contacts at the Bangkok outreach center received medical care, food, clothing, and shelter



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## HOLISTIC CARE

Each NightLight branch deeply believes in grace, restoration, and transformation. As a result, NightLight offers various programs to care for the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health of the individuals we work with.

- 22 women in Missouri's Intervention & Restoration programs
- 35 trafficked women and 3 dependents in Bangkok received case management, shelter, food, medical care, vocational training, and life skills development
- 38 Thai women employed in Bangkok received access to free childcare, medical insurance, a savings plan, and personal development programs





# VICTORIES

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## Breakthroughs in Missouri

For Missouri, 2019 was a year full of firsts! NightLight Missouri had its first male client, participated in a law enforcement operation in a new area, and saw a survivor friend start her own business after leaving the industry. These breakthroughs (and others) are well worth celebrating!

## Two Work Permits Granted in Bangkok

Two international women in the shelter program decided to stay and work in Thailand. NightLight's team worked hard to complete the complicated process for them to legally stay and work in Thailand. After much time and effort, the women received their work permits!



## Building Purchase in Bangkok

After a year of raising funds, the dream to own the NightLight Design production building became a reality! This building is a short walk away from the red-light district and Outreach Center. With the purchase of this building, NightLight can continue to offer the hope of freedom and jobs to women for years to come!

## Shelter Registration in Bangkok

NightLight successfully registered its shelter, known as "Light of Dawn," with the Thai government. This is the first shelter specifically for adult victims of human trafficking in Thailand. NightLight is blessed to see this breakthrough and be able to support internationally trafficked victims in this way!

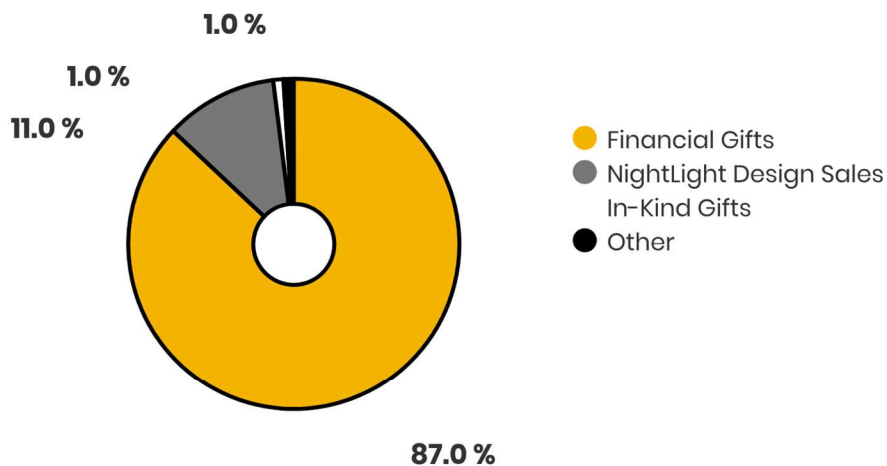


**"We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way."**

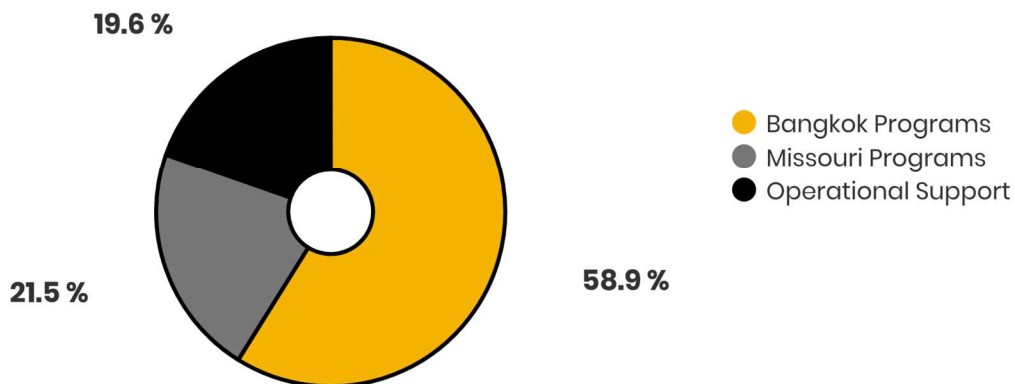
—St. Francis of Assisi

# 2019 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## 2019 Revenue: \$517,665



## 2019 Expenses: \$467,702



Generosity makes transformation of lives, families, and communities possible.  
**Thank you.**