

## Giving a Voice to the Voiceless



As part of my year 12 religion class, my task was to choose a social justice organisation to learn more of, and support. During my search for an organisation, I came across ACRATH. I found that it was supporting the victims of human trafficking and is trying its best to put an end to this horrific crime. Before reading ACRATH's website, I honestly had no idea that human trafficking continues to occur today, especially in Australia! I then realised that the real issue is that the victims of this crime are not being heard, thus I immediately decided that I needed to take part in "giving a voice to the voiceless" together with ACRATH.

Coincidentally, or miraculously, I received a flyer by mail that was inviting everyone to go to the annual Glenroy Festival, so I decided that my first mission as part of working with ACRATH was to hold a stall at the festival to spread awareness on human trafficking. On the sunny morning of Sunday of April the 6th, I set up my stall with eye-catching posters, handed out brochures, preached about the works of ACRATH and told people about the atrocious crimes that were happening in their nation, a 1<sup>st</sup> world country. Just like me, not many people who approached my stall were aware of the existence of human trafficking in Australia, so it came across as shocking news. Additionally, I was lucky enough to get interviewed by a radio station to spread awareness for this issue. I was glad that I was able to make more people alert. Now, my mission does not end here. I intend to continue supporting ACRATH in the future.

I truly commend ACRATH for standing up against this sort of injustice. After discovering this angelic organisation, my faith in humanity increased. Knowing that there are people who dearly care about other lives, is absolutely inspirational.

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