

# Response to Sister Question:

**Editor's note:** Each issue, we print responses to our Sister Question. The question for July–August was: In what way does “modern day slavery” intersect with my life?



Emily Stednick

**Emily Stednick, Fresno, California responded:** Human trafficking doesn't explicitly intersect with my life. I'm not a victim of modern slavery nor do I personally know any victims of modern slavery. However, it is implicitly embedded in our daily routines and we have a choice whether to remain ignorant of our contributions to this situation or work for change.



Yvonne Diaz

**Yvonne Diaz, Ligonier, Indiana responded:** I have been speaking out against immigration laws such as the one recently enacted in Arizona that compound immigrant women's vulnerability. If an exploitive employer or abusive spouse controls access to documents needed to prove a woman is a legal immigrant, she would be unable to prove she is lawfully in the US, and she is at risk of being sexually exploited or abused. She would have to choose between reporting illegal behavior or risking deportation and separation from her children if she could not access her documentation.



Susan Mark Landis

**Susan Mark Landis, Orville, Ohio responded:** When I was a child, my heroes were the people who helped free the slaves. Now that I'm an adult, I realize that I use goods made by slaves. The global economic system is complicated. While there is no way I can escape using anything made by slaves, I also can't sit back and do nothing. Trying matters. ☑

## Cup of Water

*“And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”  
Matthew 10:41–42. (NRSV)*

**MCC Bangladesh created an alternative job training program for former sex workers** in Bangladesh in March 2008 with the encouragement of an organization that helps women who work in the sex trade.

The program, *Pobitra*, is intended to remind the women that they are not bound by the negative labels that often describe former sex workers. To become a part of the program, the women make a public commitment to stop sex work and to embrace new opportunities in the program.

To contribute to *Pobitra*, send checks to MCC Bangladesh, 21 South 12th Street, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500 or online at <<http://mcc.org>>. ☑