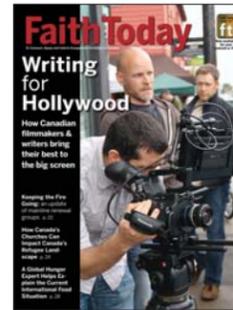


## EFC Resources

The Nov/Dec issue of *Faith Today* features a story on "The Unbreakable Link Between Faith and Science," with a challenging essay on what science and theology have in common. Other highlights of this issue include the moving story of the parents of a kidnapped child forgiving the abductor; and an evangelical scholar's take on the Rob Bell book controversy. Visit [www.faithtoday.ca](http://www.faithtoday.ca) to subscribe online, or request a free copy of the EFC's award-winning magazine.



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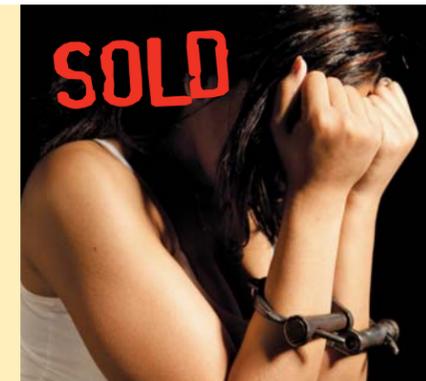
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### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Visit [www.theEFC.ca](http://www.theEFC.ca) to read "Seeking Justice, Rescuing the Enslaved: Recommendations for a National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking." Post the link on your Facebook page. Send the link to your MP, recommending they read it.
- Visit [www.activatecfpl.theefc.ca](http://www.activatecfpl.theefc.ca), the blog for the EFC's Centre for Faith and Public Life, and read the entries related to human trafficking to become even better informed.
- Prayerfully and financially support the EFC's work to end human trafficking both inside and outside of Canada's borders.

## EFC Makes Recommendations to Combat Human Trafficking in Canada

"Seeking Justice, Rescuing the Enslaved: Recommendations for a National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking," the latest report released by the EFC, examines the reality of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation in Canada, both across and within our borders. Intended to complement the work of other organizations and Members of Parliament, the report makes solid recommendations to help stop what is an immensely profitable illicit industry.

The RCMP estimates that approximately 600-800 persons are trafficked into Canada each year, with another 1500-2200 trafficked through Canada into the United States. Canada's Criminal Intelligence Service estimates that domestic sex traffickers can earn an average of \$280,000 each year from every victim under their control. Trafficking also occurs between provinces and cities, and even within communities. Traffickers are mainly criminal organizations and gangs, but domestic trafficking arrests in Niagara Falls, Ottawa and Calgary reveal Canadians are also trafficking Canadians.

What does trafficking look like? Last fall, police identified 19 people who had been trafficked from a small Hungarian town to Hamilton, and forced to work for a family construction company without pay. They were kept in basements, subjected to heavy control and threats. This past summer, more than a dozen Thai workers were trafficked to Canada to work on an Ontario farm for little or no pay. On the west coast, two young Filipino girls, recruited to work in Canada, worked gruelling hours as housekeepers and nannies, and were treated like slaves and abused.

Women and children are trafficked for sexual exploitation: to be prostituted on the streets; in massage parlours or brothels; for use in escort services, strip clubs and pornography. Recently, a 22 year-old woman and 21 year-old man from Ottawa were charged with the trafficking of a 17 year-old girl from Windsor. The girl was kept at a downtown hotel and starved until she agreed to work as a prostitute. Her story is more common than we realize.

Trafficking is a reality in Canada. And it is an issue that government and our churches need to take seriously.

This discussion is vital at a time when our prostitution laws are being challenged in the

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courts, because the two are intrinsically linked. The EFC has recommended that the government re-craft Canada's prostitution laws, in a manner consistent with the Nordic model, as outlined in the EFC's report "Selling Ourselves: Prostitution in Canada." Without addressing the demand for purchase of sexual services, efforts to combat trafficking for sexual exploitation will be in vain.

"In its election platform, the Government of Canada committed itself to combat human trafficking, and we are keen to continue as part of the national conversation," says Don Hutchinson, Vice President and General Legal Counsel with the EFC. "Government needs to act. It is vital to ensure that every step be taken so that trafficking in persons is stopped across and within our borders. That includes the necessary reformation of our prostitution laws."

"We believe that the changes to law and policy recommended in the EFC report, if implemented, will help bring clarity and consistency to local and nationwide efforts in the fight against trafficking," states Julia Beazley, EFC policy analyst.

### Message from the EFC's President – Bruce J. Clemenger



When the EFC releases a report like "Seeking Justice, Rescuing the Enslaved: Recommendations for a National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking," it is after months of rigorous research. Often the information and recommendations in the report are actually the fruit of years of work and biblical reflection on a specific issue. EFC reports help to educate our constituents, equip our Members of Parliament, bolster the work of our partners and help make clear the path forward to those who write the laws that impact how we live our lives as Canadians. Human trafficking is an issue where our evangelical faith compels us to speak for those being abused and treated like commodities. That is exactly what is happening today, thanks to your generous support of the EFC. Together, we are stronger.



The EFC simply could not have accomplished all we did in 2011 without the faithful support of our donors.

## Straight from the Heart

### We asked some EFC staff to share what our donors mean to them.

**“** In the last couple of years, as staffing has changed at the EFC, part of my added responsibilities is to provide back-up support to Donor Services (opening mail). There is never a time when I am helping out that I am not overwhelmed to tears by the faithfulness of our EFC supporters. Whether it is a handwritten note saying 'Keep up the good work – I am praying for you' or that \$5.00 bill that has been wrapped in a tissue from a dear one saying 'This is all I can do but know I pray for you (The EFC) every day.' I am always reminded of the 'Widows mite' and as I am blessed, I too pray that you are blessed. Thank you!" – Valerie Hunter, executive assistant to the president, events/clerical manager

**“** It is encouraging for us to hear from EFC affiliates and donors who are tracking with what we do – not just reading about the work in Ottawa, but finding ways to engage within their communities on the issues we are working to move forward at our end. Bringing about real change on the issues I work on – poverty and homelessness, prostitution and human trafficking – calls for much more than legislative and policy reform. It calls for the involvement and engagement of our church communities, taking action to precede and complement legislative action. Hearing of the ways our supporters are doing this is a great encouragement to me." – Julia Beazley, EFC policy analyst

**“** For the last several years, I have had the privilege to be on the "front lines" of Donor/Customer Services. It's always a privilege to get to know a faithful supporter via their phone calls and correspondence. I am always blessed, and at times overwhelmed, by the generosity, financially and prayerfully, in response to our appeals.

The best part of my job is talking to our donors and trying to help them the best I can. It is a privilege to serve you, our donors and prayer warriors. Thank you."

– Bonnie Knoll, donor/customer services representative

**“** I remember a person who wrote in and said God had been telling him to give away his (very sizable) stock option earnings. He needed a new car as his was many years old. He had just had a baby and could use a bigger house, but he asked his wife what she felt they should do with the money. They both felt that God was telling them to give it away. And he felt it should be to the EFC. So that is what he did. Praise God! We needed it, as it had been a very dry period for donations. Amazing how a need here could be felt in another part of Canada through the prompting of the Spirit. God is great."

– Bill Winger, vice-president, operations/ chief financial officer



## A Refreshing nod From National Media



*"In Canada, the Ottawa-based Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, the main evangelical lobby group, is run by some of the most intelligent, highly educated and decent people I have ever met. Most today will tell you they are concerned about issues of free speech, religious freedom around the world and creating a pluralistic society in which religion is not banned from the public square. They have also fought noble fight to protect the rights of those Canadians to live by their conscience rather than what the state or other institutions dictate to be correct. Personally, I deeply admire that sentiment."*  
(Charles Lewis, National Post, Nov. 7, 2011)

As a donor – a partner – to the EFC, you are an indispensable part of the EFC identity. We want you to share in this brief moment of public recognition that Evangelicals do have a vital role to play in the Canadian public square, and, thanks to you, the EFC can play it with courage, compassion, and consistency. Thank you.



## YOUR IMPACT!

For more on these cases visit [www.theEFC.ca](http://www.theEFC.ca)



Thank you for helping to make our work in these essential cases possible.



Many of you responded generously to requests this year from the EFC to help empower our work for freedom of expression and freedom of religion in Canada. The EFC invites you to join with us in prayer as we await decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in two important cases in which we intervened during 2011.

In S.L v. Commission Scolaire des Chênes (heard in May), the EFC argued for the right of parents to determine the education, particularly the religious education, of their children. At issue was a 10 year-long curriculum deemed mandatory for all students in Quebec (public, private and home schooled), that instructs on morality as relative and religion as equivalent to mythology. For more on this case, visit [www.theEFC.ca/SL](http://www.theEFC.ca/SL).

In Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission v. William Whatcott (heard in October) the EFC was one of the largest number of interveners ever to appear before the Supreme Court in this very important case dealing with free expression, particularly religiously motivated expression. Can one publicly comment in a negative and non-harmful manner on the behaviour of an individual or group – without being found responsible for engaging in discriminatory or hateful expression toward the very nature and character of the individual/group? That is the question the EFC helped address in the court. The court summarized the issue of religious comment in the question as, "Can one legally hate the sin and love the sinner?" For more on this case, visit [www.theEFC.ca/Whatcott](http://www.theEFC.ca/Whatcott).

On Parliament Hill



• In November, the EFC participated in a consultation with the Department of Public Safety on a National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking. The EFC expressed its

support for Bill C-310, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons, which was introduced in the House of Commons as a private member's bill by MP Joy Smith (Kildonan-St Paul). The bill proposes to extend Canada's prohibition on human trafficking to prosecution of Canadians and permanent residents who engage in trafficking outside of Canada.

• The EFC has expressed support for Bill C-300, An Act respecting a Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention, which was introduced in the House of Commons as a private member's bill by MP Harold Albrecht (Kitchener-Conestoga). The bill proposes a formal initiative for the Government of Canada to take a leadership role in nation-wide action on suicide prevention.

