

# *Partners in Mission*

## *Partners in Mission Speaker:*

### *Dr. Richard Schoeberl*

Dr. Richard Schoeberl is the U.S. Team Leader for *Hope for Justice* and an expert in National Security and Law Enforcement. He will discuss his work investigating human trafficking and the global effort to combat its spread at the Harpeth River District's Partners In Mission event on April 21 @ Columbia First UMC.

Dr. Richard Schoeberl has over 25 years of experience, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency's National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC). Before these organizations, he worked as a special agent investigating violent crime, international terrorism, trafficking, and organized drugs. In addition to the FBI and NCTC, Schoeberl is an author of numerous articles on terrorism and security. He is currently a Professor of Criminology and Homeland Security at UT-Southern in Pulaski, TN.

## *Partners in Mission Focus:*

### *Hope for Justice*

*Hope for Justice* is an international non-profit organization working to bring an end to modern-day slavery and human trafficking. It has an effective and proven model that is replicable, scalable, and widely admired.



*Hope for Justice's* vision is to live in a world free from slavery. The organization's global work, across five continents, is built on four pillars:

#### **Preventing exploitation:**

Our outreach teams, self-help groups and community education initiatives empower people to protect themselves and their families from predatory traffickers and their recruiters. This work is focused in less developed countries.

#### **Rescuing victims:**

Our specialist teams work closely with law enforcement to identify victims of trafficking and modern slavery, build bridges of trust with them and remove them from exploitation and into safety. They build cases to ensure perpetrators are brought to justice. They do community outreach and have a particular focus on teenage runaways, who are at especially high risk of being targeted by traffickers. Our Hubs are run by licensed investigators who co-ordinate closely with law enforcement to assist directly in the rescue of all types of trafficking victims. They also act as specialist consultants to law

enforcement teams handling trafficking cases. The Hubs are an alternative pathway for victims too scared to speak directly to the authorities to safely report their situation.

**Restoring lives:**

We work with victims to overcome trauma and rebuild their lives. We offer tailored restorative care initiatives and offer support to meet vital needs, including survivor centered aftercare safe housing in Charlotte, NC, and at our Lighthouse programs in other countries around the world.

**Reforming society:**

We train professionals to spot the signs of trafficking and to respond, and campaign for policy change. We help businesses protect their operations and supply chains. We work closely with federal and state legislators to improve the response to trafficking. For example, in 2021, *Hope for Justice* provided recommendations and expert insight that was included in the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2021, working close with its cosponsors, Rep Chris Smith (R-New Jersey) and Karen Bass (D-California).

*Hope for Justice's* U.S. operations are headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. With recent expansion into more states, most recently Iowa, North Carolina, Colorado and Florida, we will be able to help more victims.

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