OUR VISION

Rescue thousands. Protect millions. Prove that justice for the poor is possible.

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Nearly 36 million people are held in slavery today.\(^1\)

Globally, four billion people live outside the protection of the law.\(^2\)

For women ages 15-44, gender-based violence creates a greater risk of death and physical harm than cancer, motor accidents, war and malaria combined.\(^3\)

Violence is an everyday threat for the poor.

In developing countries, violence is as much a part of daily life for the poor as are hunger, disease or homelessness. It devastates individual lives and prevents any efforts to rise out of poverty.

This predatory violence persists because basic criminal justice systems are too broken and corrupt to actually protect those in need. Criminals know they can rape, enslave, traffic and abuse the poor without fear of police, courts or the law itself.
We are International Justice Mission.

We believe everyone deserves to be safe.

Our global team has spent nearly 20 years on the front lines fighting some of the worst forms of violence in Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Southeast Asia. We partner with local authorities to:

**RESCUE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**
We help local authorities find people suffering from violence and oppression and bring them to safety.

**BRING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE**
We work relentlessly in local courts to ensure traffickers, slave owners, rapists and other criminals are restrained from hurting others.

**RESTORE SURVIVORS**
We provide trauma therapy and counseling to survivors of violence, and we work with partners to give survivors the education, job training or tools they need to thrive.

**STRENGTHEN JUSTICE SYSTEMS**
We identify gaps in the way systems protect the poor, and then work with police, prosecutors, courts and social welfare agencies to address these complex challenges.
Where We Work

OUR IMPACT

Casework Alliance
Guayaquil, Ecuador
IJM Headquarters
IJM Canada

FORCED LABOR SLAVERY
SEX TRAFFICKING
PROPERTY GRABBING
POLICE ABUSE OF POWER
SEXUAL VIOLENCE
CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS ABUSE
OUR MODEL

Justice System Transformation

We help victims of violence secure justice and partner with key authorities in the justice system to fix what’s broken. By addressing both individual cases and the systemic issues, we break the cycle of crime and vulnerability—helping make everyone safer.

We partner with those working in the local justice system to help victims of violence.

We do this in four ways.

As we do this, we identify weaknesses in the justice system.

And work together to help strengthen the justice system.

Helping protect the poor and preventing violence from happening again.
Today, we are helping to protect more than 21 million people from violence around the world.

Seeking justice in 18 communities.

More than 23,000 people relieved from oppression.

13,000+ officers and officials trained since 2012.

800+ convictions against slave owners, rapists and other criminals.
Gary A. Haugen
Founder & President — International Justice Mission (IJM)

Before founding IJM in 1997, Gary Haugen served as the Director of the U.N. investigation in the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide, and as a human rights attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

A graduate of Harvard University and the University of Chicago Law School, Haugen has been honored for his human rights leadership by the University of Chicago, Pepperdine University, and Prison Fellowship and Sojourners, among other institutions. In 2012, he was recognized by the U.S. State Department as a Trafficking in Persons “Hero”—the highest honor given by the U.S. government for anti-slavery leadership.

Haugen has been personally featured by The New York Times, Foreign Policy, The Economist, the Huffington Post, BBC World News, Forbes, and others. In 2015 he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the fight to end modern-day slavery and is the author of several books, including The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence, released by Oxford University Press in February 2014.
You can give all manner of goods and services to the poor, but if you don’t restrain the violent bullies from taking it away—we are going to be disappointed by the long-term impact of our efforts.

Gary Haugen, TED 2015
The Locust Effect
by Gary A. Haugen and Victor Boutros (Oxford University Press, 2014)

A hidden plague. An urgent call.

In one of the most remarkable—and unremarked upon—social disasters of the last half century, basic public justice systems in the developing world have descended into a state of utter collapse. In The Locust Effect, Gary Haugen and Victor Boutros offer a searing account of how we got here and what it will take to end the plague of violence. Filled with vivid real-life stories and startling new data, The Locust Effect is already changing the way we understand global poverty—and will help secure a safe path to prosperity for the global poor in the 21st century.

“...a compelling reminder that if we are to create a 21st Century of shared prosperity, we cannot turn a blind eye to the violence that threatens our common humanity.”
— President Bill Clinton

“...a wake-up call to everyone who cares about global poverty.”
— Jacquelline Fuller, Director, Google Giving
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