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Singing:

Hush little baby,
don't say a word

In the studio:

James: I really do thank you for this opportunity to share with you. I'm James Robison. Betty, my wife and I always present LIFE Today. Today we actually need you to know that we're coming with a broken heart. In a moment you're going to hear a song that goes hush little baby... I don't know, you probably would think of it as being a comfort song and yet Betty, there is no comfort for these little babies.

Betty: No, James, normally when you sing a lullaby to your children it is because you're holding them close. You're loving on them. But this song takes on a whole new meaning when we show them these children.

James: It is just so hard to believe. As a matter of fact, I wish I could reach out. I really do wish this. I wish I could get a hold of shoulders not just to jar you even though it may seem like it would be the more appropriate thing sometimes when you think of the people that are trapped and in such deep depravity and bondage that they will exploit a little child, whether they exploit them by taking a child and taking them slaves, captives themselves as little ones and then selling their bodies or the ones who come to buy them and use them to realize the darkness, the depravity, the horror of being trapped there. That ought to break the heart of everyone who understands anything about compassion, about human legitimate interest. It should move anybody! Then the horror of the despicable acts perpetrated on little children that are, "Hush little baby, shut up." They take them. Like Betty said, it is not a comfort thing, it is a horror. But I want you to understand that from where we come, Betty as a couple and as a family, we understand the father, God is not the old man upstairs or way out there, he is a present reality. He's an ever present friend. And we have a family of believers that are real neighbors and stick closer than a brother. We understand that and we believe that many of you if we could meet you all over the world as viewers, and you just sit here in the room with us, you'd know we're with family. And it is this family that we talk to every day, if you give us that opportunity, either on the telecast or on LifeToday.org where you can watch any program any time and you can pass it on and share it. We feel like you would know that we're all a part of this together. And listen to me, together we provide -- and I'm not exaggerating, we really do

provide the answer to the issues we're going to address, and to the concerns and problems we ask you to give prayerful attention to. We really can offer the hope and the help. We can offer to the people trapped the way out and to those who are being held captive, we can show them how they can be released and freed. I want you to watch. I so often say, not just with your eyes but with the eyes of understanding, with a heart that is in tune and in touch with the very heart of God. Please, watch this closely.

On the mission field:

[Singing:]

Hush little baby don't say a word

>> There are kids on the street. Bad people come to this country because they know that.

[Singing:]

Momma is going to buy you a mockingbird

>> They will kidnap a child and they'll bring them down to the city and it is dark and dingy and filthy. They're screaming for home; they're screaming for their mom and dad and they won't comply so they'll torture them.

[Singing:]

And if that mockingbird won't sing

>> You know if I hadn't heard the story about a precious little two year old who had been trafficked from the age of one, I would never have believed how vulnerable they are to traffickers. They are in danger.

[Singing:]

Momma's going to buy you a diamond ring

>> An innocent child being abused, being raped ten times a day, every single day, what that does to a child's view of themselves, of their self-worth -- to their bodies!

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In the studio:

James: Oh, boy, I just -- God, I pray for that little girl... all the little children. I am so sorry that seeing how it has such a grip on any of us. It is hard to believe, Betty but it is the power of God, it is his kingdom presence, that's where king Jesus is really king, where God really is the father. It is that power that can set captives free. It is that power that moves on people's hearts where we express the love of God. In other words, if a missionary like the Harts, Michael and Carol Hart who left everything, sold out; left America, moved into Thailand, into the pit of hell in the middle of this trafficking to just rescue the beautiful, the beautiful --. Do you remember when we were asking you to build the LIFE Center there to rescue all of these thousands of kids over a period of time and how beautiful it is? And to know that it was dedicated this year. Some of our friends asked, "Can we just go over there?" They went and they're just beautiful people like you who said, "I want to see it." It's fabulous -- love built it! But the great thing is Betty, that we're undergirding missionaries in areas where we can't even mention the community, that we can likely get the people killed who are working there. But we're rescuing them; we're putting them in, many times, in rented LIFE Centers so to speak. We've just got to get dwelling places where they can dwell in the presence of God and love. But it is our viewers who pay for the rental property, who pay to build a LIFE Center, who keep the missionaries there, who provide the food for the victims of this horrible sex trafficking to have somewhere to go and to be cared for. Or where we'll take children that are in such poverty that they are just looking for a way out and they're the first targets of these horrible traffickers, this crime syndication that take those little children because they just want a job and they say, "Well, we've give you something." Well, then they take them prisoners. Well, we can give them a safe haven, a safe place to go and the "we" is the people who watch.

Betty: We can, James! And I thought you spoke an important word "together" earlier. It is by joining together that we make the difference. You see these little children and you say, "It looks so hopeless." But with God all things are possible and we can be an expression of that hope reaching out to these children if we join together and reach out.

James: You and I are going to do what we can to help. I know we always look forward to whatever project we have to say, "Let's do something." We tell our viewers \$128 is the cost. When I just referenced and I covered a pretty big broad scope of undergirding the missionaries and the workers there, of taking care of food, of lodging and places, and then taking each one of them and breaking it all down, what will it cost to rescue them? It takes \$128 per person. In many instances it is children; many of them are women who have been taken as children and have been trapped and now we're able to

get them out and take them and teach them a way of life and how to make a living. All of us doing it together, if we all join together we can do it.

Betty: James, I know -- James and I have five beautiful granddaughters and I can't even imagine them being put in a life like this. I don't even want to imagine. But James, I want -- I know you would agree, I want us to give what we feel like we can give in behalf of our beautiful granddaughters that we've been so blessed with.

James: It takes \$1280 to rescue ten in this area and even as you were just talking I'm thinking we give, because we made a commitment years ago that every time our missionaries showed us areas of need for a water well we would drill them, and we started years ago committing to give \$3600. And now I remember at that time that was a big stretch. Well then our missionaries and that's just so typical of our staff overseers who work with the missionaries, they came back and said, "This is so effective and we found so many areas and there is not a greater need as far as physical need than to have clean water. We're going to do it twice a year." So we started giving two wells a year. Then the wells went up to \$4800 and you know what we were amazed at? When we committed to do that, we have watched God bless. You know what he does? He blesses those who bless others. It is enough blessing if all you ever got was the fact that you were blessed by knowing you blessed people. But Jesus says, "You won't lose your reward." It is amazing how he says he will literally give to us that which enables us to keep giving to meet the needs to accomplish his purpose. He will supply all of our need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus, and he said that. Paul said that in Philippians. He said, "You're the only Christians that continually sent to my need," as the greatest missionary who ever lived. Betty, you and I found that to be true. When you were talking a moment ago I was thinking, would it be all right if we give \$5,000? I didn't just multiply that out but I know that would help take care of nearly 50 of these children, at least approaching that, 40-50 of them. I don't know what you can do but just like Betty referenced, we have two daughters and five granddaughters and just to think how valuable, how precious -- listen -- to God, as precious as these children are to us, all the children of the world are precious to God, and God wants his love shared with them. Would you dial the telephone number there on the screen and say, "I could help. Yes, I could help rescue several. I could rescue ten. I could surely rescue one." Please do that even as you watch. Would you go to the phone and say, "You know what? I'm going to be a part of rescuing them. Right now, I am." As you listen to wonderful mission workers and overseers and volunteers who said, "We want to share the opportunity, we want to share the need." Even as you watch, you become the one that makes it all possible. You're the one that meets the need. Please do it.

Begin Video clip:

Announcer: Human traffickers target innocent children who then become enslaved in a multibillion dollar a year industry called the sex slave trade.

>> Imagine this, one girl taken from her family, whether she is kidnapped or tricked. She is sexually abused over and over again, maybe eight to ten customers that she may have to service in one day.

>> We're fighting for children that can't fight for themselves, children that would be otherwise used in the sex trade or be bought and sold like animals for monetary gain. It is not right!

>> It is kids just like these that right now they're begging but they are also bait for predators. If we don't get them off the street they will be the next trafficked victims.

Announcer: And when these children become enslaved and don't comply, horrible things are done to them by the human traffickers.

>> It is tragic what is happening to children, innocent children and it is not right. Our hearts are burdened by all the children that are crying out for help today, this moment, that need intervention, that need help, that are waiting for someone to hear their cries and we can only do it with your help.

End of Video clip

In the studio:

James: Betty, those two little children that you saw just a moment ago in that presentation, they have been rescued and that's two children.

Betty: Absolutely! That's hope being demonstrated, James. That's an opportunity to be able to join together and to make a difference.

James: But it means two people who were watching when we presented the opportunity in the last emphasis on rescuing lives from the sex trade, two people said, "I'll do it." And those two children that you just saw sitting there have since been given a home, a new life, a chance. So we're asking you if you would, please, and I don't know if you understand how important it is to us that the telephone number always be there in case you face a crisis -- and I've said this and oftentimes I'll go back

and I'll check to see what the response is to a program. There could be a couple thousand calls or a thousand calls that would come in and it might be in the midst of crisis, whether it is a food crisis or needing water or whether it is what we're talking about, rescuing lives and you could think, everybody that is calling, they're calling to help those people. In the most serious severe crisis with the strongest emphasis on rescue the perishing, 80% of the calls to that phone number are from people who say, "Would you pray for me?"

If you think for one moment that when we sit here in this studio we don't understand the weight that you feel, whether you've got a need for a job or you've got sickness, do you realize how many people call us for somebody they love in their family or their circle of friends is fighting for their life physically even with disease? Or even the people calls and says, "Would you pray for me?" You better believe it. Always! And take note of this, that number there on the screen is paid for by love. Betty and I couldn't begin to pay the 800-number phone bill expense -- couldn't begin to. You say, "Who pays it?" People like you.

Who do you think makes it possible for us to share week after week the truths of God that set people free in their own life who have a spiritual hunger and thirst or they've been held captive and they found freedom. It is the love of God through people who are willing to dial the number, not just to ask for prayer -- always do that, we want to help you, it is so vitally important and it is paid for by love -- but also dial that number and say, "You know what? I can rescue one of these children. I can rescue one of those women that were taken captive as a child. We'll keep those missionaries in place. And yes, we'll help you rent quarters for them to stay in so they can have a home, they can see the heart of God. And yes, we'll pay to build our LIFE Center where it is needed. We'll do it together! Count on me!"

Would you say that today? "Here's my \$128 gift." Use your bankcard. Go ahead and call now. Use that bankcard like a check. If you could help us rescue ten with a gift of \$1280 please do. If you could help us rescue 100 -- you know what God's blessed you to be able to do. I pray, God you will bless every person who gives. LORD, I pray that as they meet a specific need you'll meet specific needs in their life. In Jesus' name. I've said this to you many times, this is no exaggeration, you go to Isaiah 58 and you read it carefully. You become an answer for the prayer of others, you begin to release those who are held captive and oppressed and have need, and God said, "I will answer you quickly." He said, "You will become like a well-watered garden." That is not the promises of somebody on television or somebody in a pulpit, that is the promise of almighty God to you. You be an answer to these people's heart cry, you be an answer to the prayer of the missionaries and you watch what happens in real life. Please go to

the phone or go online at LifeToday.org and you make the gift joyfully that God put on your heart.

Begin video clip:

Announcer: Human trafficking... it's hard to believe it is happening! But at this very moment innocent children, many very young are being sold and forced into sexual slavery and exploited in every way imaginable and someone must save them!

With your support of mission rescue life you can help rescue more than 5,000 children from the horrors of the sex trade in parts of Thailand, India, Cambodia and other targeted nations. Together we can reach vulnerable families and children by providing much needed food and relief. We can rescue those already ensnared by offering them a way out and we can restore their hearts, minds and bodies to enable them to enjoy life as God intended.

Your gift today of only \$128 will help rescue a child and change their life forever. And with gifts of \$64 or \$32 we will combine your gifts with others to help rescue one more child from the shame and pain of this lifestyle. As our way of saying thank you, please request "The Butterfly Effect," how your life matters. The story of this book reveals how you were specially created by God to make a difference and have the power to change the world.

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On the mission field:

>> At 12, I was sold by my mother to a man who kept me locked in a room and raped me every day for a week. After the first time I begged him to let me go because it hurt so much. I went back to my mother because I was so afraid but all she asked was, "Did he give you any more money?" A girl receives hope from her mother; I have no hope.

Jeanne: I want to be the mother. [Weeping] She's been diagnosed with H.I.V. I don't think it is too late. I think there is lots of time for love. And there is a lot of ways for us to show that to her. This girl is worth rescuing.

In the studio:

James: I tell you, it's just so hard to believe that a mother, a parent would be so desperate that they would sell a child. But let me tell you about the love God, it is so great that he gave his son to die that we might live.

By the way, that son, Jesus, death couldn't hold him. He is alive. And he sent the power of the Holy Spirit just like him, the literal meaning of the Greek word, the Paraclete, this is another of the same kind, Jesus said it is necessary, Betty for you and for James, and everybody who trusts me that I leave the personal bodily presence and send another one just like me to live in you because of the power -- the power of the presence of Jesus. Jesus says, "If you've seen me you've seen the father." You want to know what God looks like? Jesus said, "You look at me." Then he said, "I'll tell you what I'll do, I'm going to -- for your sake -- I'm going to leave and send another like me to live in you so that people can see the father."

Think about this -- people can see God, the father in you because the spirit of God lives in us. And if the spirit of God lives in us then that means the characteristics and attributes, the ways of God are going to be expressed through us. We can literally -- we can literally reveal to a fallen, deceived world in darkness the light of God's glory, his presence, his power, his love. You talk about an exciting way to live -- hey, I almost said, "Join me on the journey." No, join him on the journey and we'll be on the journey together and we'll be expressing his life.

Would you call that number right now and say, today -- I don't know what you can do. By the way, if you say, "I don't have enough to rescue a child." But hey, do what you can. The widow's mite was the biggest gift given, Jesus said. You do what you can, give God what's in your hand and watch what he does with you when you're in his hand. Watch what happens. And when you give say, "LORD, I pray others will join me, and we'll be able to rescue a child." If you can give \$128 or \$1280 or many times over that, please do it because I can promise you, love never fails when it is released freely.

And we've got the missionaries in place and the places love has provided where we can rescue these precious children and these women. Thank you for helping. Please make that call. If you get a busy, you be determined, you call until you get through.

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On the Mission Field:

Carol: These little orphans were in a village where human trafficking is prevalent. There are people on this planet that feel like they have a right to own a child to do whatever they want to that child. I promise you that human trafficking of children, human trafficking of people is real and we will not stop until every child is free or safe.

Jeanne: You know when you go to that phone or you get online and check at LifeToday.org and you find out the way you can be involved, what your part is, is vital in rescuing children's lives from human traffickers. And thousands of children are literally waiting for us to come and rescue them but we can't do it without your help.

In the Studio:

James: I pray that you will give us an opportunity to send you this beautiful collectible, the bronze. This is the "Heart of the Father." I wish I'd had that when I was

a boy. Betty, I didn't have it when I was a boy, but I sure got it now. I've got a father! But I want to be like this father... and you can be.

Can you help us rescue ten or more? Would you do that? And remember "The Butterfly Effect"? I want to tell you, a little 'ol beautiful butterfly. Right after I read this book I saw a whole bunch of butterflies just right out in front of the house. Betty and I just watched them. I tried to take some video of them, they were so beautiful.

Hey, you can start a movement and release love that goes like a mighty wave all over the world -- you're that important. Thanks for your help! Betty and I thank you for watching LIFE Today, and most of all sharing LIFE Today!