



RUSSIAN PAEDOPHILE ARRESTED - JUSTICE FOR HAGAR CLIENTS

Hagar Cambodia is currently working with eight survivors of child rape who were reportedly abused by convicted Russian child sex offender Alexander Trofimov, also known as Stanislav Molodyakov.

Trofimov was arrested in 2007 for three different charges of debauchery, purchase of child prostitution and rape/indecent acts involving 17 girls between the ages of six and 17 years. Trofimov also features on Interpol's wanted list for raping six girls aged nine to 10 years old in Russia prior to his escape to Cambodia. Trofimov was released on December 20, 2011 as a result of a controversial royal pardon after serving only four years of an eight year consolidated sentence in Cambodia (initially 13 years).

Hagar's Involvement

Hagar is a member of a coalition of 14 child protection agencies in Cambodia that petitioned the Royal Government of Cambodia to extradite Trofimov, as opposed to deportation, to ensure that he would face charges for sex crimes in his native country Russia. As a result of relentless advocacy, Trofimov was arrested and deported from Cambodia but the concern remained that he might be permitted to slip through the cracks and be granted entry into South Korea. In order to ensure this didn't happen, the South Korean media was contacted by International Justice Mission, one of Hagar's partners in Cambodia. The South Korean authorities were called upon to refuse Trofimov entry into South Korea, and to detain him based on the Interpol Red Notices. Trofimov was arrested in June and now faces trial in Russia for the abuse committed against children in Cambodia.

With your support Hagar can continue to give voice to those who have suffered extreme violence and injustice. Together we can make a difference.

RUN/WALK FOR HAGAR

Calling all Melbourne-based Hagar supporters who love to run (or walk)! Rally your friends and family to enter and/or support you in the Melbourne Marathon on Sunday, October 14 2012.

Anyone interested please contact Tess (tess.horsley@hagar.org.au) for more information. Not in Melbourne? Show your support by sponsoring Team Hagar at: www.everydayhero.com.au/hagar_melbourne_marathon

Hagar Perth participated in the City to Surf and raised an amazing \$11,000. Thanks Perth! We would love to hear from any supporters in NSW and QLD who would like to set up fun run teams in your states.



Case Study: Chhivorn's Courage



Chhivorn never got along with his mum and step dad - that's why he slept on the streets. A foreigner found him there and invited him to stay with him and a few other boys. It had to be better than the streets, Chhivorn thought.

Over the next few months, Chhivorn suffered unimaginable abuse. You could see it in his face when he arrived at Hagar. He couldn't make eye contact with anyone. He kept to himself. When he did interact with others, he lashed out at staff and bullied other kids.

It took months for Chhivorn to feel safe. As staff helped him prepare to testify in court, they noticed changes - small at first. He trusted people more and began to have hope. This confidence has driven Chhivorn to reconnect with his mum.

Chhivorn's fractured relationship with his mum is slowly healing and he is working towards reintegration with his family. Hagar is also helping Chhivorn gain a proper education so that he can have an independent and successful career in the future. Hagar will be there every step of the way.

MELBOURNE OFFICE
SPACE NEEDED

Hagar is looking for an office.
If you can help please contact

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Hagar welcomes new patron Rachel Griffiths



"I feel very proud to be the Patron for Hagar Australia. Human trafficking impacts the lives of more than 2.4 million people around the world each year, up to 60 per cent of those affected are from South-East Asia. This is our region, our neighbourhood, this is where we Australians go for our holidays. Hagar is doing an amazing job restoring the lives of women and children suffering from severe physical and mental trauma after experiencing unimaginable human rights abuses. Hagar isn't afraid to tackle the hardest cases. It's a pretty easy decision to support Hagar".

Hagar Lounge Room Events



In May, Hagar hosted the first of 10 lounge room events in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra to raise awareness of Hagar's work.

CEO Kate Kennedy introduced the vision of Hagar Australia and was joined by Sue Taylor, Hagar's psychosocial technical advisor. Sue's stories really resonated with all those who attended and the events were a great success with a large number of Hagar supporters joining our monthly

giving program of \$49 a month. Extensive media interest was also generated including articles in *The Age/Sydney Morning Herald* and *New Idea*, coverage which can be viewed on our website at www.hagar.org.au

Thank you to all of those involved in the events. Lounge room sessions will be continuing around Australia as we work to keep spreading the Hagar story.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing illegal trade in the world today - generating \$32 billion annually - and will soon be bigger than the illegal arms trade if it keeps growing at the current rate (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime).

Swan Christian College

Last month 20 students aged 14 to 17 and four staff from Perth-based Swan Christian College spent two days visiting Hagar Cambodia. The students were incredibly moved hearing stories from staff about the backgrounds of the people that Hagar helps.

The Swan students played games and were taught Khmer dancing by the Hagar Community Learning Centre students. They painted the new Hagar counselling rooms and finished their visit with a lesson on how to make silk flowers by the women from the Hagar Women's Shelter.

This annual visit allows the students to see tangible results from their fundraising efforts over their years at Swan Christian College and also opens their eyes to the plight of many around the world who have not grown up in such a privileged country as Australia.



Four things you can do today to get involved with the life-changing work of Hagar:

1. Sign up for a Hagar fun run
2. Join our monthly giving program for \$49 a month
3. Get us to speak at your work or event
4. Share this newsletter with a friend

"Today it is estimated as many as 27 million people around the world are victims of modern slavery."

Hilary Clinton, Secretary of State, USA at release of 2012 Trafficking in report

Hagar maintains the highest degree of care and protection for its clients. In this publication, names have been changed and pictures do not necessarily represent the individual profiled.

From the CEO

It has been a busy few months and everyone at Hagar Australia is truly excited by the progress we are making in Australia to raise awareness about the issues of modern slavery and human rights particularly in Asia.

Importantly, outreach events and media over the past few months has translated into monthly support for our survivor programs as well as other generous donations. This is critical for us to fund programs and advocacy. As outlined in our lead story, the recent arrest of notorious Russian paedophile, Alexander Trofimov, is a huge step towards justice for the eight survivors of Trofimov's abuse that Hagar has in its care.

Along with our patron Rachel Griffiths, I would like to welcome Australian National University graduate Tess Horsley to our Melbourne office and two new Melbourne-based board members – solicitor and social sector specialist Dale Renner and World Vision's Chief Strategy Officer and Chief of Staff, Melanie Gow.

In October my family and I will be relocating to Cambodia for a month. While there I will host a justice tour for Australian lawyers and academics and attend key international Hagar meetings. I look forward to sharing stories of our Cambodian survivors when I return.

Thanks again for being part of the Hagar community. Together we are making real change.

Yours warmly,
Kate Kennedy