

# RESCUED ROSES

## MALAYSIA



The streets of Kuala Lumpur are bustling with life. The beautiful colors, smells, and sounds of the world seem to be concentrated within Malaysia's capitol city. However, this multicultural playground and tourist destination is also a global hotspot for human trafficking. On the same streets where vendors sell flowers and fruit during the day, women are sold from hidden brothels at night. Our partners walk these discrete red light districts,

reaching out to the women with a message of safety and hope. At the safehouse, these women can seek healing and the skills needed to start a new life. They create beautiful jewelry and begin to blossom into confident, radiant women. Here they learn that they have dignity and worth. When you purchase the work of their hands, you prove it has beauty and value, just like the woman who made it.



## STORIES OF RESCUE & EMPOWERMENT

COUNTRY: MALAYSIA • PROGRAM: INTERNATIONAL SAFEHOUSE

Aisyah

Aisyah was trapped. She had three young children to feed, clothe, and shelter. If the police knew her social visit pass had expired, she would go to jail. She couldn't get a job and she couldn't go home. As she looked into the expectant eyes of her children, she became desperate. Aisyah started selling herself at night. While on the streets, she met our partners. Rather than look at her with disgust, they treated her with respect, talked to her and even invited her to their meetings. Aisyah was surprised to find that she actually enjoyed them. Staff repeatedly offered her an escape, though she continued to refuse. They kept planting seeds, hoping one day one might take root. The government officials discovered Aisyah's secret and sent her to jail. When our partners went to visit her, they expected to find a woman defeated and depressed. Instead, they found a woman thriving despite her circumstances. Aisyah had been sharing her story and showing the women around her the same respect and dignity shown to her. In that dark jail cell, Aisyah was a bright light, learning and growing, even planting seeds of her own.



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