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TOUR AGAINST TRAFFICKING
Raising Awareness Regarding Human Trafficking

The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin presents The Tour Against Trafficking. This is an initiative to raise awareness regarding Human Trafficking throughout our diocese in Central California as well as raising funds to support groups working to end Human Trafficking.

From October 2-23, a group of bicyclists (5 to 8 from the Tour Team) will ride 750 miles over 18 days throughout Central California. As the Tour goes through communities, towns and cities, the Tour Team will be joined by others including various cycling clubs throughout the valley. Large numbers of cyclists are anticipated during different 'legs' of the Tour. The tour will have 26 stops which include each church throughout the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin. The stops will provide opportunity for a well deserved rest (one leg of the tour involves a climb of 8000 ft as well as two 70+ mile days and one 80+ mile day), an occasion to offer interviews to the press, and to join together with supporters and friends of the Tour in the local community. Riders of the Tour are encouraging sponsorship and all the proceeds will go directly to local agencies and organizations in the valley who offer support to victims of trafficking.

The Tour is in consultation and cooperation with: local government, law enforcement, DA offices, social service agencies, faith based ecumenical partners, universities-colleges-and-schools and the cycling community in town and cities throughout the valley.

'Pre'-Tour events include ten "Trafficking Awareness Events" from Lodi to Taft. These events involve the showing of a short documentary film called The Trafficked Life by filmmaker, Michael Fagans. These occasions also provide the opportunity for panelists from the aforementioned groups to discuss the reality and impact of the crime of Human Trafficking and to entertain questions from those in attendance. These events have been extremely well attended to date. The remaining occasions are: San Andreas - Aug 27, Hanford - Sept 9, Ridgecrest - Sept 10, Fresno - Sept 12, Sonora - Sept 16, Modesto - Sept 17, Bakersfield - Sept 19, and Avery - Oct 6. For more information including times and venues go to: diosanjoaquin.org.

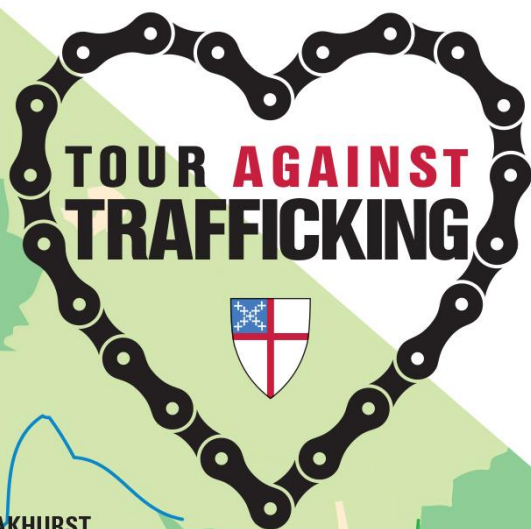
We hope you will consider ways you can join with us in making a difference. We hope you will become far more aware of this horrific crime and the lives it so profoundly affects. We hope you will support the Tour Against Trafficking.

Please direct any questions to myself or the Tour Website: touragainsttrafficking.org.

Tour promo video -
<https://vimeo.com/127099618>

Trafficked Life trailer-
<https://vimeo.com/113557160>

Extended documentary film trailer -
<https://vimeo.com/126016800>



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Leg 1	Oct. 2	Taft to Bakersfield	35.1 miles
Leg 2	Oct. 3	Bakersfield to Kernville	71.6 miles
Leg 3	Oct. 5	Kernville to Ridgecrest	61.6 miles
Leg 4	Oct. 6	Ridgecrest to Kernville	61.6 miles
Leg 5/6	Oct. 7, 8	Kernville to Tulare	87.4 miles
Leg 7	Oct. 9	Tulare to Visalia to Hanford	28.5 miles
Leg 8	Oct. 12	Hanford to Fresno	42 miles
Leg 9	Oct. 13	Fresno to Oakhurst	46.5 miles
Leg 10	Oct. 14	Oakhurst to Madera	40.1 miles
Leg 11	Oct. 15	Madera to Atwater	46.7 miles
Leg 12	Oct. 16	Atwater to Turlock	18.5 miles
Leg 13	Oct. 17	Turlock to Sonora	54.2 miles
Leg 14	Oct. 19	Sonora to Avery	30 miles
Leg 15	Oct. 20	Avery to San Andreas	28.3 miles
Leg 16	Oct. 21	San Andreas to Lodi	40 miles
Leg 17	Oct. 22	Lodi to Stockton	14.5 miles
Leg 18	Oct. 23	Stockton to Modesto	35.6 miles