

## **Ivory Coast Overview:**

This is a landmark moment in Project Rescue's more than 25-year history. In 2023, we have officially launched Project Rescue on the continent of Africa. I want to tell you about our partner BBC. For many years, BBC was a high school teacher, but it was back in 1999 that BBC had an encounter that changed the trajectory of her life. While BBC was out one night, she noticed a group of young girls that appeared to be in prostitution. As she looked closer, she recognized that one of the girls was a former student and as she told me, she couldn't believe what she was seeing. As she investigated further, she began to realize that hundreds and even thousands of young girls were being exploited.

Immediately, BBC began awareness campaigns and a few years later in 2002 BBC officially launched a non-profit to help women impacted by sexual exploitation. For more than 20 years BBC and her team of mostly volunteers from her local church have been ministering to women trapped in exploitation in Western Africa.

Over the past two decades, much of what they do is awareness-based, but for years God has put on her heart a dream to launch an emergency safe home in her village. She dreams of building a safe home where larger numbers of women can be safe and begin their journey to full healing and restoration. We have purchased a safe home and are doing renovations to create a safe and thriving place of refuge for survivors of sexual exploitation

## **Ministry Highlights:**

- In the process of purchasing a new safe home to serve as the Ministry Headquarters
- Impacted over 1,500 people in 2023

## **Overview:**

- This is our first location in Africa.
- Currently working to renovate a safe home
- The bigger goal for this area is to purchase more land to build a school and more homes.