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Flores and Wells' "Slavery in the land of the free: A student's guide to modern day slavery" (Book Review)

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“As long as the demand exists, people are at risk” (p. 92) – those words are a sad commentary on our society. *Slavery in the Land of the Free: A Student's Guide to Modern Day Slavery* by Theresa Flores and Peggy Sue Wells presents the facts about human trafficking in easy to read stories accompanied by graphics and statistics. Being co-authored by a former trafficking victim lends credibility and authenticity to a horrific plague on our society. Trafficked children and teens become part of an adult world that they have no business being in and then cannot or do not know how to get out of it. They are manipulated by fear, coercion, and intimidation and the threat that others in their family will be hurt if they do not cooperate. I fully intend to share this book with my teenage grandchildren so they are informed and prepared and do not become victims because knowledge is (indeed) power (Francis Bacon) in these circumstances.

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Nettle, G., & Mellado, S. (2016). *Small matters: How churches and parents can raise up world-changing children*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 185 pp. \$21.00. ISBN 9780310521037

“Every child is at risk” is the beginning of chapter one of the work *Small Matters: How Churches and Parents Can Raise Up World-Changing Children* by authors Greg Nettle and Santiago “Jimmy” Mellado. The authors have experience in church planting and anti-poverty efforts respectfully. Their emphasis is that regardless of socio-economic condition, all children privileged or impoverished are at-risk, facing diseases and dangers related to their environment. It is the responsibility of Christian churches and parents to equip children to become disciples of Christ for their entire lives.

Through eleven chapters, the authors use situations in their personal lives to discuss ways that the physical and spiritual lives of children have not been addressed. Stories describe children in poverty and children in affluence both in the United States and around the world. Each child has needs in their lives but most importantly has the same need of Christ in their lives. Children are to be valued and have their needs ministered for their own sake, not just to have a family friendly church that their parents will want to belong. Biblical passages are utilized to illustrate the biblical evidence in support of the authors' presentation.