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Tonights guest speaker was Rotarian Ross Nancarrow, Founder & CEO of Every Daughter Matters. Ross has just returned from a visit to Nepal.

Ross had us riveted & shocked as he told stories of young girls being trafficked across the border from Nepal to India. Girls from as young as 12 & 13!

20,000 Nepali girls are trafficked and sold as slaves each year. This is 59 girls per day, sold as slaves on the black market.

Four years ago Ross became aware of this horrific situation and set about to partner with another group rescuing girls. Today there are 13 rescue booths along the Nepal/India border which stretches for 1758 kilometres. There are also 2 Safe Houses where girls who cannot be reunited with their familes can be cared for & trained in skills to assist them in future employment and also taught life skills. In September, 85 girls were given emergency accommodation & counselling. 69 girls were re-united with their families. 78 cases were handed over to the police & authorities for further investigation. 2,943 at risk individuals were educated on the dangers of human trafficking.

Ross is working with the local Rotary leaders in Nepal and our Rotary Club and others are supporting this life-saving work. We are invited to stand on the border with EDM to rescue Nepal's daughters. For more information & support go to -

www.everydaughtermatters.org.au



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Human Trafficking in Nepal



EDM Surveillance / Interception Booths stationed at 13 border crossings.





Sadly Jill passed away a few days ago. Our love & prayers go out to Doug & his family



Crossley 25/11 - Ray

Hodgson