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1. Empower and rehabilitate women involved in commercial sex work.
2. Engage economic justice by offering alternate vocational opportunities to generate income.
3. Revitalize the innocence of childhood for the children of commercial sex workers.

Priti\* is from the southern part of Maharashtra. After her father died, Priti's family experienced a severe financial

crisis, so Priti moved to Pune to look for work. But her friend who claimed to be helping her deceived her, and Priti ended up in the red light district for seven years. When she was invited to the Home of Hope, she accepted the invitation to participate in her own transformation. The staff are providing counseling support as Priti works through past trauma and toward a future of hope. Now she is learning to make communion bread and earning a monthly income. Covenant churches can partner with CWRD to support the continued work of Home of Hope. CWRD is committed to partnering with this ministry to empower women and their children from the red light district. **If your church is interested in joining with us to support this ministry for one, two, or five years, please contact CWRD at [cwrdr@covchurch.org](mailto:cwrdr@covchurch.org).**

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*Women at Home of Hope make communion wafers as one way to generate income for themselves and their families.*

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