



## **The Parable of the Spider**

Mysterious, but very real they began to spin a large cobweb.  
More and more spiders appeared, but they tucked away themselves  
in their webs, for these spiders do not like the light.

Their web, a very irregularly formed network, they use for hunting.  
These spiders are masters in camouflage.  
Their courtship is dangerous and intricate. They leap upon their victims  
with black-mail and violence...., even at a large distance.  
Their threads stick criss-cross in the in space, over-sensitive  
for all vibrations in the web. Titbits they suffocate and drag them in for their own purpose.

We on the other hand build a world-wide web as light-spiders  
in order to show the world clearly all the sticky things that happen at that dark world.  
We warn of danger, give the necessary information,  
try to break deathly threads and to rescue prisoners.  
Fortunately, this web expands.

In more and more countries and in 50 different languages it reveals itself.  
By mutual cooperation with religious people all over the world,  
with woman groups, via embassies schools and congregations the threads are strengthened  
by a group of volunteers that includes men.  
In countries like the Philippines, Ghana, Brazil, Thailand, the Czech Republic, Kenya,  
Ukraine and Uganda, we are engaged in anti-trafficking-projects  
and so our bright network helps women to reintegrate and to rebuild  
their family in a dignified way.

We rejoice at the fact that more and more and more people  
support our work, materially and or morally.  
Via Church and Missions and via many other ways we meet allies  
that lengthen and confirm our threads.... all to the light  
and so it must be that via that luminous web; women will be free.

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