

Invisible Children screening part of Milligan Justice Week events

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Student advocates for Invisible Children Inc. will show an abbreviated screening of "Tony," a story of friendship between refugees, on Tuesday, March 29, at 11 a.m. in Milligan College's Mary B. Martin Auditorium in Seeger Memorial Chapel. The team will also hold a full screening that evening at 6:30 in Milligan's Hyder Auditorium.

The Invisible Children events are part of several special activities planned during the college's annual Justice Week, hosted by Milligan's Cross Cultural Missions Committee. This year's theme focuses on human trafficking. All of the Justice Week events are free and open to the public.

The Invisible Children organization began with a documentary made by three young filmmakers traveling to Africa in search of a story. What started out as a film-making adventure transformed into much more when they discovered a tragedy that disgusted and inspired them, a tragedy where children serve both as weapons and victims.

The documentary, which has now been seen by millions of people, exposes the tragic realities of northern Ugandan night commuters and child soldiers. In the last four years, the organization has held presentations at more than 7,000 institutions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and all over Eastern Europe. Its mission is to educate individuals in the Western world and

encourage them to participate in this movement for change.

Milligan will host Invisible Children's Southeast team: Seth Williams, Jessica Tkachuck, Katie McKenzie and Adong Evelyn Olla, the Southeast team's Ugandan member. This spring marks Olla's first trip to the United States.

Justice Week events will also include an evening of worship and prayer on Monday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Hopwood Christian Church. Josh Mancuso, of the No Silence Campaign, will serve as guest speaker.

Wayne Barnard, director of student ministries for International Justice Mission (IJM), will speak on Thursday, March 31, at 11 a.m. in the Mary B. Martin Auditorium in Seeger Memorial Chapel. He will also host a second session at 7:30 p.m. in Milligan's Hyder Auditorium. IJM is a human rights agency that seeks to secure justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression.

Justice Week events will culminate on Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Hyder Auditorium with a screening of "Born Into Brothels." This documentary details the inspiring non-profit foundation Kids with Cameras, which seeks to teach photography skills to children in underprivileged communities.

For more information about Justice Week events, contact Campus Minister Brad Wallace at 461-8748.