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A 2014 report by the United Nations estimates that tens of millions of people in the world are currently enslaved. Slavery is the complete control of one person by another. The adults in that situation know that if they attempt to leave, they may be killed.

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Most of them are in other countries, where they work in mines, or shrimp farms for no money and without hope of escape. We will read about slaves Africa and hereditary slavery in India.

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In India there is mainly hereditary slavery, and that means the people have never known freedom. They were born into slavery. They have never been outside the mine they are working in.

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These slaves have never been to another village, never seen a school, never had a doctor's appointment, never seen a newspaper, and when asked how they feel they simply say, "My family has always been here. This is where we are, and this is what we do." In Africa, slaves are often captured and put to work in the mines.

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In Africa, many are enslaved in mines that provide minerals for our cell phones! These are the jobs that they're doing: digging, hauling minerals out of the tunnels to the river where women slaves wash them, and then walking them 20, 30, 40, 50 miles to get them out of there and into the supply chain that brings them to our cellphones. Often, we read about slavery in the United States years ago, but this **injustice** still exists in many countries today.

Adapted from an NPR Interview with author Kevin Bales on his book Blood and Earth.
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