



THE YEAR 2023 IN NUMBERS

128

total outreaches

35+

“Befriending” meetings

90+

visitors and volunteers

130+

Gospel encounters

Dear friends and supporters,

As I reflect on last year, I am so thankful for all the Lord has done. For me, 2023 was a year of open doors.

The Lord opened doors of relationship. I think of how we could support P. through a medical crisis. I think of T. who finally mustered up the courage to reach out months after our team visited her brothel. We celebrated “one year off the streets” with our friend A. Our “Befriending” work (2-on-1 support of individual women) continued to grow and develop this year as women opened their hearts and lives to our team.

The Lord opened doors of opportunity. We represented the work at Germany’s Protestant Church Congress, spreading needed awareness about the issue of prostitution and helping to gather signatures for an important petition calling for policy change. We were also privileged to be present on the panel discussion of Exodus Cry’s new film *Buying Her*. Later in summer, we attended Exodus Cry’s Abolition Retreat, which breathed a new passion for prayer into our ministry.

Lastly, the Lord opened literal doors! Throughout the whole year, He opened the doors of brothels and strip clubs, allowing us to enter and engage with the women inside with gifts, love, and support. And because we were blessed with volunteers and resources, the door of our Café Outreach was open nearly every week.

You have prayed us through many of these doors. You have empowered us, supported us, and even opened doors yourselves. We could not do this work without you. Thank you.



Emily La Bianca
Project Leader *Alabaster Jar*

“I’m alone here. I see a lot of bad things and I’m treated poorly. But when I see you, you are like friends to me, like family. When I see you, I am happy.”

– a woman during street outreach



Our amazing team of volunteers

B.'s story:

It was late 2022 when B. shared with us that she was pregnant. From this moment on, our friendship grew. In 2023, as B. neared her due date, we started gathering donations for her, as she could not afford to purchase baby stuff herself. Working closely with a partner organization, we were able to send many donations including a new crib, baby stroller, car seat, clothes, diapers and toys to her home country. She was able to return home and have her baby.



Though B. has since returned periodically to the streets of Berlin, she has taken huge steps forward and plans to exit the industry for good. Leaving the industry can be a long process for women like B., but we know that with God all things are possible!

“There’s no such thing as wasted love. All the time spent, all the care and compassion that God enables us to pour out, it is never for nothing. Even when things don’t turn out as we imagine, love is not wasted with God.”

– Mariana, an *Alabaster Jar* volunteer

SOME OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS

- JANUARY**
 - Kick-off prayer meeting
 - First outreaches of the year
- FEBRUARY**
 - Valentine’s Day outreaches
 - Visiting M. in prison
- MARCH**
 - Women’s Day outreaches
 - 2023 volunteer social
- APRIL**
 - Easter outreaches
 - Special women’s Easter banquet
- MAY**
 - Creation of our team values
- JUNE**
 - Church Congress
 - Exodus Cry’s *Buying Her* film and panel discussion
 - S. prays to receive Jesus
- JULY**
 - Continued outreach and “Befriending” work
 - N.’s first visit to church
- AUGUST**
 - Abolition Retreat with Exodus Cry
 - *Alabaster Jar* Summer Social
- SEPTEMBER**
 - Worship night with the women
- OCTOBER**
 - E.’s first visit to church
 - Walk for Freedom
- NOVEMBER**
 - Annual *Alabaster Jar* prayer night
 - Christmas prep
- DECEMBER**
 - Hope Boxes 2023
 - Christmas outreaches

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