



## THE YEAR 2024 IN NUMBERS

97+

outreaches in total

An average of

38

women reached each week

360+

women reached through street  
and café outreaches

200+

women reached in brothels  
and strip clubs

35

volunteers engaged in prayer,  
outreach and hospitality

## Dear friends and supporters,

Looking back on 2024, I can definitely see that prayer was a big theme for our team. At the end of 2023, God started nudging us to really dive into prayer, encouraging us to put our plans aside and seek His presence and voice. When I first heard – still as a volunteer – that we would spend an entire month on prayer instead of doing outreaches, I was a bit worried. A whole month without any outreach? The women really need us out there, don't they?

At the time, I hadn't yet realized that God doesn't need us to accomplish His work – instead, He graciously invites us to partner with Him. Yet, He is always at work, even in our absence. **At Alabaster Jar, our most vital task isn't merely providing material support to the women but, above all, interceding on their behalf.**

God reminded me that He is the one who changes hearts and that prayer is the primary way we partner with Him. In prayer, we can listen to how He calls us to serve Him on the streets of Berlin.

There are so many times when we cannot directly help the women – whether due to a lack of resources or because they are not yet ready to accept help. **It's often easier to focus on what we can do materially and forget that true change comes only through Jesus. His love is never lacking.** It is always abundantly available, and sometimes, it is the only thing the women truly need and seek.

So we offer them a hug, a smile, a prayer. No matter how hard the soil of their hearts seems – our prayers are like water softening the ground so that the Gospel can take root. **Prayer is the most powerful tool we have.**

We are grateful for all the ways God has led us and for your faithful support. Thank you for standing with us, praying with us, and believing that God is doing great things.

With heartfelt gratitude and blessings.



**Mariana Oliveira**  
Project Leader *Alabaster Jar*



## Bringing Jesus' love to the darkest places in Berlin

It was almost midnight, just two weeks before Christmas, when we visited our last brothel for outreach. We carried beautifully wrapped boxes of homemade cookies, lovingly baked by Christians across Berlin.

As we were leaving, one woman smiled and said, "I've been in brothels all over Germany. Wherever I go, Christian women visit – which is good, because some here have no one." She shared how many women live in complete isolation – without family, friends, or any outside contact. Our visits reminded them they were seen, valued, and not forgotten.

Earlier that day, in another brothel, we had a different but equally powerful encounter. This time, we had more time to talk. A team member shared her

testimony – how Jesus stood by her in her darkest moments – and then offered to pray. As she prayed, one woman was moved to tears.

Later, the woman admitted, "When I saw that you were Christian women, I was skeptical. I thought you'd judge me. But instead, I felt something different." She was deeply touched by God's presence in that moment.

Though these encounters happened at Christmas, moments like these unfold throughout the entire year. We see how God transforms hearts – women who were once hesitant now join us in prayer. Even those not yet open to the Gospel recognize Jesus' love through the kindness of the Christian women who faithfully visit them.

*And the light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.* JOHN 1:5

## HIGHLIGHTS 2024

### JANUARY

- Prayer Month

### FEBRUARY

- Valentine's Day Outreach

### MARCH

- Women's Day Outreaches
- 2024 Volunteers Social

### APRIL

- Easter Outreaches
- Schönblick Conference

### MAY

- Abolition Retreat with Exodus Cry

### JUNE

- We welcomed Mariana and Kathrin to the team!
- Volunteers Summer Social

### JULY / AUGUST

- A season in which we saw God providing for us each week — even though we had fewer volunteers during the summer, we experienced His faithfulness.

### SEPTEMBER

- We welcomed Yen as the prayer coordinator on the team!

### OCTOBER

- Walk for Freedom

### NOVEMBER

- Annual *Alabaster Jar* Prayer Night
- Christmas preparations

### DECEMBER

- Hope Boxes 2024
- Christmas celebration at the café
- Cookie boxes for the brothels and strip clubs

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