



THE YEAR 2022 IN NUMBERS

January – end of November

135

women reached through
Street Outreach

80

women met during Strip Club
and Brothel Outreaches

95

women welcomed during Café
Outreach

103

outreaches facilitated

75

volunteers engaged

Dear friends and supporters,

2022 was a year of transition. This was our first full year as a project of Samaritan's Purse e.V. In addition, I had the privilege to serve my first year as interim project leader alongside our amazing team. Together, we established new rhythms, found our footing, and watched the work grow.

When I reflect on the past year, I think of the women we reached on the streets and in the brothels of Berlin. I think of A., who celebrated nine months since her exit from prostitution, and V., who gave her life to Jesus while in prison. I think of coffee with P., grocery shopping with B., and accompanying C. to her doctor's appointment. I think of the tears, the laughter, the huddled prayers on dark streets.

These moments of care and friendship are the heart of our work. Exiting a life of prostitution is not easy, but we are committed to walking alongside each woman in love and patience. We praise God for every brave step forward. We plant and water, but God brings the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

Thank you for planting and watering with us. Your prayer and partnership are a crucial part of the work. I hope you are greatly encouraged as you read this report.



Emily La Bianca
Project Leader *Alabaster Jar*

"You keep coming back. Thank you for not forgetting us."

– a woman during Brothel Outreach



Impressions from an eventful year

We continue to see our outreaches grow and develop. At the beginning of the year we officially re-launched Brothel Outreach, formed special **“strip club” and “brothel” frontline teams**, and together we visited eight establishments. We have built a particularly special connection with the women of Brothel A., where we normally sit and talk with the women for up to 30-45 minutes at a time.

In late Spring we released our **Hope Card** project, an online portal containing worship music and Christian resources in eight different languages. We have since received overwhelming feedback from the women, one of whom claimed:

“I cried all night listening to the music, and afterwards felt washed and reborn.”

This year we were also strengthened in prayer! We re-launched our **Alabaster Jar Prayer Room** this year, an online prayer meeting that takes place once a month, and facilitated a wonderful in-person prayer evening in October: our first since Covid-19.

Last but not least: the **Hope Boxes 2022** campaign was a huge success! Over 70 Hope Boxes were gifted to the women who attended our Christmas Outreaches. Every box was packed and donated by generous individuals and churches in Berlin and beyond.

A.'S STORY

2022 was A.'s year. After four years of friendship and care, A. found a job outside the sex industry and left her life of prostitution. It has now been almost a full year since this courageous step and we are so proud of A.!

We are also thrilled to see the impact her story has had on the other women. After her exit, the street buzzed with the message: “A. has left! She's not coming back.” A.'s good friend was then inspired to then find and secure her own part-time job outside the sex industry! We are praying for **more stories** like this in 2023.

“It has been pure joy to serve as a volunteer with Alabaster Jar. This year, the team has found creative ways to come alongside more women, show them Christ's love, and help them find a better life. In 2022, I have seen evidence that God is transforming lives on Kurfürstenstraße.”

– an Alabaster Jar volunteer

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