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True love in the brothel

She is sitting, doesn't want to leave. We have already been in the brothel for an hour. Suitors keep ringing at the door. She opens the door and comes back to us. She wants to absorb more of the beautiful atmosphere, of the true love. She explains, that she and the other women can't go back to work right after our visits. They are too overwhelmed and their hearts are leaping for joy. "When you are here, it is like I am having a rainbow in my heart" she says.



Another brothel, similar situation. No women wants to leave the provided room. They enjoy the appreciation, acceptance and true love. We visited this club the last time three months ago. A woman hugs us and explains: "It's so important that you come to visit us, again and again! If you weren't coming, I would have killed myself already."

Jael Schwendimann



WINTER IS OVER! THAW WITH SPRING AWAKENING!

There is a long and cold winter behind us with snow and ice. Haven't we all been longing for spring? It's the same in the red light district, where we work with our growing team. Unfortunately, there is Ice Age! What does that mean for our society and the concerned sex slaves?

Ice Age means → when every third man is a suitor and proudly goes in brothels!

Ice Age means → when sex addicted men buy teenagers like a pizza.

Ice Age means → when sex for money is called a "service" and a "normal job"!

Ice Age means → when pimps and authorities earn money from sex slavery!

Spring is calling! In the battle against the modern slavery in the red light district as well!

Spring means → when leaving sex slavery is possible with all-round help!

Spring means → when our society isn't accepting sex purchase, but outlaws it.

Spring means → when media, politics and authorities no longer preserve the offenders!

Spring means → when former victims can laugh unburdened and live their real dream!

«Winter is over! Get up my friend and come! Flowers are blooming! Everywhere in the land you hear the lovebirds. The figs are ripe. The vine is blooming and give off its smell. Get up my friend, my beauty and come! Don't hide like a pigeon in the crevice! Show me your pretty face and let me hear your beautiful voice! THE BIBLE

We wish for a lasting spring miracle in the upcoming time! Especially in this year, in which we celebrate our 10-year anniversary of Heartwings

NGO. Thank you so much for your support, financially and in prayer!
Peter und Dorothee Widmer

Stopp Sexkauf

Prostitution verletzt die Menschenwürde

"Stop sex purchase, prostitution violates human dignity"





Winter is over – Party

Winter can be ice cold and bring much snow. But when spring is knocking, even the biggest icicle will melt.

We experienced the same change at the last Ladies Lounge. We were celebrating the end of the cold winter time with the women. We were heating up the cold and hard hearts with deep conversations about our own life histories, the true and overflowing love (of Papa in heaven) and much generosity. The women are often overstrained with so much love, appreciation and peace. They have never experienced anything like that before!

Tears are flowing in no time and we are able to speak truth and hope above the lives of these women! Give hope for a new start! Spring comes, even after the longest winter.

Johanna Sieber



A DIFFERENT MISSION PLANNING

My own efforts and thoughts for the preparation of a mission into the milieu are good and important. But I experience that everything goes better and more dynamic, when I listen to the small voice in my heart.

Recently, some brothels were on my list. It was a cold evening and we were even happier about every open door. But surprisingly, many doors were closed due to different reasons. We couldn't even get into otherwise open brothels. In my heart the thought of a specific brothel became noticeable, like in my preparation time. This one obviously had to be visited on that day. Unfortunately, this address wasn't close by. But because of all the closed doors, we decided to take the long distance and to drop over.



We were skeptical, but very curious and hopeful. We were greeted by Regina*. We talked to her and suddenly she started to cry loudly and could hardly speak anymore: "You won't believe, what I am telling you now. Yesterday evening, I cried to God in my prayers and told him, that I couldn't stand it anymore! Please help me and give me a sign! I can hardly believe that you came here tonight and offer me a possibility of leaving!" Regina* was overwhelmed and totally surprised that God knows her and her situation and gave her an answer to her cry through us.

For me, this was very encouraging as well. When I accept the guidance, we experience the greatest surprises and miracles!

Karin Bhend *Fictitious name for protective reasons

TALKING ABOUT SEX WITH TEENAGERS

13-year old kids have experiences with sex, pornography, mobbing, anorexia and drugs. They are confronted in the school yard, on their mobile phones and by their peers. When we visit confirmation classes, youth groups and schools, we openly talk about those themes. We don't wave about it with the ethical trigger finger, but talk clearly about the backgrounds of prostitution and pornography. Our own backgrounds include sexual abuse, anorexia and being excluded. We know, what it means to search for identity and we experienced the impact of true acceptance.



Our openness and our own honest stories are the key to the teenager's hearts. They feel appreciated and open up. They ask questions, that they would never ask otherwise. Well-hidden secrets in their own lives are revealed and healing tears can flow.

Would you like to talk about those fascinating and often delicate themes with your kids? Invite us (email: info@heartwings.ch)! We are happy to visit your group!

Jael Schwendimann

BRAZIL: PUSH AND PULL IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORLD-WIDE!

Why do we have so many sex slaves from Brazil in Switzerland? What pushes these victims out of their poor home countries in our so-called target country (= push factor)? Which incentives pulls them away from their home into the rich country of their dreams (=pull factor)?



We gained many answers and insights on a several weeks long journey at the beginning of the year. We visited Nic and Rachel Billmann who are passionate musicians and have been living in Recife in the north east of Brazil for many years. They founded the organization “Shores of Grace” (SoG). In their shelter “Bethany Villa”, they give a new home and hope for a new perspective in life to abused children, victims of street sex slavery. We went on outreaches and visited projects in the favelas (slums) and in the red-light district with Nic and Rachel and the local teams of this partner organization. It was no miracle that we met a woman, who previously had prostituted herself in Zurich. Furthermore, we could make



friends with some street kids, who had apathetically been sniffing glue on their sleeping cardboard before. They started to melt because of love and were excited about our visit. They often experience sexual abuse, criminality and violence from early childhood on.

It is no wonder that many of them land in child prostitution, sometimes sold by their own parents and abused by rich tourists from the West. As soon as they are full-aged, they come to Switzerland as “voluntary” prostitutes, baited by liberal laws and the sad demand of young Latina-ladies. But you should not forget their traumas and the pressure they are under. They are supposed to pay back their debts to the traffickers and to earn money for their families.

At some events on the base of SoG, Dorothee was able to touch many hearts with her own story of abuse and start processes of healing. Moreover, we could support some local projects financially.

Thank you so much for your partnership which made it possible!



Peter und Dorothee Widmer

Project Kia! Stay in motion!

As part of the management I love to see that Heartwings isn't an organization of endless meetings, useless administration and complicated 5-year plans. No – our team is on the move all the time, serving people directly and outside “in the wind”. Peter and Dorothee are visiting more and more churches and organizations and serve people through trainings. That is part of their calling and supports the vision in our country. They need a new car, as soon as possible, so that they can keep on traveling. We don't want to spend donations on expensive mending. We would like to let the old Kia go, at the right point of time.



At the last management meeting, we felt that we should place a special call for donations for a new car in this edition. So I ask you to prove, if you would like to support their being on the move practically and purposively with your finances. We won't buy a Rolls Royce, but the message of Heartwings is supposed to fly – on four steady wheels!

Heartwings is and stays in motion!
Thank you so much for your support!
For the management, Thomas Zindel



Changes in the management

We thank Roland Oetiker (and Eveline) with all our heart for the all-round and dedicated service as former president of our association. He had been in this important position for six years.

Our new president is Stephanie Keller. THANKS!

(in the picture with her husband Andreas)



Stephanie has a great heart for the battle against human trafficking. We would like to thank all management members and staff for their dedicated work.

Unforgettable speeches:

We still have free dates!

We would love to come to your church, training or conference, even abroad. Requests please at info@heartwings.ch

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Don't miss: ➔ **Art in the milieu– Vernissage Dorothée Widmer**
Saturday 5th of May, 14:00h–21:00h + Sunday 6th of May, 14:00h–19:00h

Where: Heartwings Verein, Langstrasse 62, CH-8004 Zürich

➔ **10-Year-Anniversary of Heartwings!** We celebrate with you on **Saturday 8th of September**. Our guest speaker is **Gaby Wentland from Mission Freedom, Hamburg!** Personal invitation follows!

SENT BY LOVE!

This picture is not about the “myth of the bad wolf”, but about the order from Jesus to all of us: “I SEND YOU like lambs to the wolves!” This crazy love is the brightest in the darkest places and cracks the system of hopelessness!

True love pierces fear and hate! Freedom, dignity, reconciliation and peace replace argument, disrespect and exploitation! This LOVE is dropping down from heaven into the darkness of this world and changes the atmosphere in the abyss!

By the way, wolves are thirsty for true LOVE as well! The hardest hearts melt and open up like a flower! No matter what threats are around us. Sometimes we feel helpless and weak, but love is stronger! There is light in us and we bring it, wherever it is needed.

Dorothée Widmer

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING!

Your donation is existentially important for us! It enables our work and the support of projects here and abroad, where people are being freed from prostitution and human trafficking! We train partner organizations, leaders and staff as well! So, you are part of a growing movement.

Together, we are campaigning that even more people in or at the abyss can find hope and courage through transformation!

Our growing team thanks you, because we can't only live on air and love! Your financial support and prayers give us strength and wings, so NEW THINGS can break through! So we are much obliged to YOU and GOD, for your trust and the possibility to do this work!

Thank you for your loyal solidarity with us and your financial commitment!

We wish you Gods rich blessing and

„WINTER IS OVER“!

Peter and Dorothée Widmer and the staff of Heartwings NGO Zurich

