



HEARTWINGS NGO ZURICH

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The four work areas of Heartwings:

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OUTREACHING WORK IN THE MILIEU

Missions into brothels, bars, clubs and on the streets

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ACCOMPANY CHANGES

Coaching of dropouts, counseling and help

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PREVENTION & TRAINING

Speeches in churches, youth groups and confirmation classes

4

(INTER-) NATIONAL COOPERATION

Partnership with different projects

Outreaching! We invest in abused sex slaves!



Our work and our sphere of influence is growing. Every week, our teams are on different outreaches at different times in Zurich, the canton and outside, visiting 250 addresses in the red-light district. Our staff is talking to many people on the streets, in clubs and brothels. Sometimes, crisis intervention and immediate aid is needed. Through these deep encounters, we built up long-lasting relationships and trust.

On visits, small gifts shouldn't be missed. Last year, we generously distributed finest chocolate, soft drinks, snacks, beauty products, art cards, DVDs, specialist literature and so on.

Supervision of dropouts! Step by step into autonomy!

Regularly, we organize the low-threshold and well-visited Ladies Lounges in our nicely decorated rooms. We already had more than 200 guests! The women from the milieu could choose nice clothes, shoes and jewelry. They enjoyed the warm atmosphere with coffee and cake, manicure, hair styling and the community with deep conversations.

If someone wants to leave sex slavery, it firstly needs honest coaching talks. We advise them and hopefully think about changing processes. The next concrete step contains for example a change of the living area, German courses, coaching about debts and looking for a job. This prevents them from being dependent on social welfare. In all these drastic changes, we accompany the dropouts psycho-social and pastoral. We experienced, that people are being free from drug distribution, procurement and sex slavery to face their changing processes. We were called several times to a crisis intervention at ritual, religious and sexual abuse. We could also help some acute threatened women with immediate and non-bureaucratic aid and support them in various emergency situations.



Trainings and speeches! Openness produces consternation!



The best description for our speeches at conferences, in churches, schools, youth groups and confirmation classes is with the words “honesty, openness and no taboo-themes”. We describe our own life stories, which are for example about sexual abuse, anorexia, bulimia, mobbing and addictions. These themes often produce consternation or tears and the listeners are touched by the Father’s love. Because we work in the environment of the milieu, we also have the mandate to talk about hot themes, that aren’t talked about much. These are for example prostitution, human trafficking, pornography and so on. Last year, we had more than 50 speeches in churches of all denominations, youth groups, schools and confirmation classes. Furthermore we organized two milieu trainings, which were visited by more than 100 people from over 30 milieu organizations and churches from all over Switzerland and from abroad. Another highlight was the vernissage

and art exhibition “Art in the milieu”. The meaningful paintings were an inspiration for many conversations with the visitors. Our team visited many inspiring trainings, network events, conferences and symposiums.

(Inter-) National partnerships! Help to help themselves!

Partnerships are like encouraging families. We are a knot in a national and international network of many organizations, where we can support and finance other projects. Besides, we enable with all-round help some shelters for former victims of abuse and dropouts of the milieu. In Tanzania, we financially supported the expansion of “Stella’s” shelter, so even more women have an opportunity to leave the milieu. Stella was one of the first prostitutes that we accompanied many years ago out of prostitution.

We went on two journeys to the southeast of India and visited two partner organizations. They are confronted with many problems, because of sexual abuse in their region. We could finance a big shelter, where now 35 free children and some former prostitutes live in the developed first floor. They are now building the second floor and another one is planned. We could start more micro-business projects, where the concerned people for example sew and sell clothes with local sewing machines. We financed school uniforms, healthy food and medicine for the orphans in the shelter and with the leaders we started a project for their self-supply. We then went from India to Thailand. In Pattaya, Bangkok and Chiang Mai, we visited and financially supported a shelter project, a milieu doctor with a mobile hospital and other organizations.



Feedbacks, Thanks and Forecast to the 10-year anniversary!



Stephanie Keller, president of Heartwings NGO:

„The presence of God is the transforming power that goes with Heartwings into the darkest places, brings light and love, pierces the darkness and changes the atmosphere.”

Thank you for your support as a partner in prayer and through donations!

It was a great miracle that we were able to achieve a positive closing of account in 2017! We are so GRATEFUL to God and all our loyal donors, who sustained our work with much dedication! So we are optimistic for the great financial challenges in 2018. Our work and sphere of influence grows. Former voluntary staff now leads their own teams and accompany dropouts. We have the hopeful outlook that even

more people can break out from various forms of slavery and human trafficking! There are still so many abysses and “screaming for the sky problems and injustices”, where we want to make a positive difference, in Zurich, Switzerland and worldwide.

That’s what we fight for, in 2018 as well, with you and God’s help!

We are liberators together with you! Thank you for giving wings of hope to broken hearts! Peter and Dorothee Widmer with the management and team of Heartwings



To keep this annual report short and compact we disclaimed the detailed numbers, the report of the cashier and the audit report. But every donor of 2017 can ask for these directly at the cashier widmer-hunziker@bluewin.ch.