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GREECE

Nea Zoi - Association for the Support and Restoration of Individuals in Prostitution



Nea Zoi reaches out to women and men working in prostitution in Athens offering hope, assistance, support and alternatives; desiring to see men and women empowered by God for a new life.

This is accomplished by:

- Outreach to those in prostitution four times per week
- Aftercare
- Prevention programs



NEA ZOI

The aim of the team is to be as Christ to those we minister to and we achieve this by visiting them at their work place, offering in love a cup of tea or coffee, providing translated Christian literature presents at Christmas and Easter, offering a simple conversation, expressing respect and love.

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We met her in a brothel during one of our outreaches. When we shared the love of Christ with her, she started crying. We gave her our card and told her that we were there for her, whenever she needed us she could give us a call. She did call us and told us her story. Looking for a job, Alice from Moldova, was offered one with a good salary in Athens, Greece. She was in desperate need as her husband had died and she had to support her child and her mother.

She was sent to Athens, and was accommodated in a hotel. They took all her documents and the next day she had to start "working", but at a different job than the one promised. A customer was brought to her. She was threatened that if she would not obey, her mother and daughter were in danger. Out of fear she started working trying to find ways to escape. She was beaten up, left with no food, locked up in a room and was free only to "work"! After getting in touch with us she took courage and decided to leave. She brought her mother and daughter to Greece. We did all the necessary things we had to, and Alice is now with her family having a proper job to support her family.

This is just a short part of the story of one of the girls we met in the brothels of Athens.

Being in Nea Zoi you hear many stories that really touch your heart. Girls looking for a better life, getting trapped, either by the hope of a better salary to accomplish their dreams or by the "promises" made for a good job for a better living!





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MEET THE TEAM

The core team of Nea Zoi are all volunteers. Some are from local Greek churches. Others are sent through International Teams from churches in UK, USA and Australia. There are 25 committed volunteers for outreach, visiting the girls at their working places, brothels, streets, bar routes, or the transvestites in the streets.



MEET MARTHA



Meet Martha Polyrakis, Director of Nea Zoi since June 2011. A long term goal has been to increase the level of leadership from Greek churches in the ministry and the appointment of Martha as director is a significant milestone in achieving that goal. Many new opportunities have now started opening up with Greek churches and communities.

OPPORTUNITIES

:: PRAY

- For the girls and boys who come out of prostitution to be able to find jobs
- Protection for the team going on outreach
- Creative ideas for business so that those coming out of prostitution can learn a skill and generate an income

:: GIVE

- URGENT NEED \$7600 for a new centre for administration, outreach base, counselling, training and enterprise development area
- \$1300 to provide more books to the women and men in prostitution

- \$500 for Nea Zoi participation in prevention programs in countries from which many women are trafficked to Greece
- \$450 for Going Home Travel Support to offer to women so they can travel back home, to shelters or for legal and medical advice
- <http://www.iteams.org.au/give/>

:: GO

- People are needed who can join them for at one to two years.
- Short-term team Coordinator
 - Outreach workers
 - Business mentors

ABOUT END SLAVERY AND INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

International Teams is committed to seeing lives and communities transformed by the power of God. Our ministries focus on the poor and oppressed in eight priority areas including Refugees, Muslims, Trafficked and Enslaved, Urban, Disadvantaged Communities, Children at Risk, Youth, Ethnic and Unreached.

Our End Slavery ministries seek to Loose the Chains of Injustice (Is 58:6). We are growing ministries across the globe addressing a broad spectrum of needs to end slavery from prevention to support and restoration of those enslaved.

There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today--more than at any time in human history. An estimated 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Approximately 50% of all victims are children.