

Seven years of perpetual motion continue at Pink Door. We're moving our office location to central Berlin in order to better resource our team and clients. The pandemic necessitated that we accelerate our community-based care and that focus has opened up a whole new world of possibilities for us. Throughout the pandemic, our team has worked at 100% capacity, which has enabled us to expand our team and ministry of healing, restoration and reconciliation.



Pink Door Country

#### **Online Outreach**



In February, we launched Pink Door's online outreach program and have now reached more than 80 women who were forced out of brothels and street prostitution and onto the internet during the pandemic.

From Rhonda: "As I search on internet sites, I am deeply disturbed and saddened how the women on the sites are a 'commodity.' The descriptions read like a marketing text you would see in a clothing catalogue, only vulgar. No dignity. No human value. It's a very sad commentary on humanity and on the men who sell and buy women."

Pray for women to be open to continuing a dialog with us, which leads to trust, and then to an in-person meeting with our social workers.

# **Take Heart Project**

Sarah, a social worker at PD, has a master's degree in social entrepreneurship. It's a passion of hers that she is bringing into her social work at Pink Door. Her concept of our new project, "Take Heart," is multi-faceted: (1) promoting the creative talents of our clients by first establishing an Instagram shop, (2) empowering women through learning valuable business and entrepreneurial skills, and (3) engaging socially minded volunteers. We are often contacted by people wanting to get involved with Pink Door! This is one practical way for them to donate their creative products, which provide seed money for our clients to test their entrepreneurial skills. Our hope is that this will be the first step — a springboard — in the development of our vision of a social business.



Svishtov, Bulgaria

### **Country Focus: Bulgaria**

Tens of thousands of Bulgarian women are in forced prostitution in European countries. It's a Bulgarian national catastrophe. The majority of women we are currently assisting at Pink Door are Turkish-Bulgarian. The mentality of Bulgarians, and most certainly Turkish-Bulgarians, is complex, having been shaped by their history, culture, and dysfunctional family systems. We have had little success with the exit and integration of Turkish-Bulgarian women into German life and work. The tragic life stories of the Bulgarian women who come to PD begin in childhood, resulting in deep layers of trauma. The barriers which must be overcome seem unsurmountable for our social workers and for the women themselves. Our success rate with Turkish-Bulgarian women is low. As a matter of fact, no organization in our European network, including in Bulgaria itself, is having much success.

- Please pray for this group of women.
- Please pray for God to reveal to us the key in supporting Turkish-Bulgarian women in their journey of healing and restoration!

In July, Pink Door welcomed our newest staff member, Sheralyn (Shell). She brings a wealth of experience from her career as a social worker in Capetown, South Africa, working with vulnerable people in the area of job integration. She was also a business owner. Shell will be working closely with our social work staff in program development.

Our current ministry staff includes three social workers, bookkeeper, operations director, social media manager, and Rhonda and Kelley. We are also blessed to have three to four interns each year.



Our social workers are not only amazing with supporting our clients, but also top-notch cherry pickers! #Summer #PinkDoorCountry

**Pink Door's social work team** recently spent three days at Pink Door Country dreaming and planning how to best utilize our beautiful countryside location to its fullest potential. We will share more in the months ahead as our vision becomes more defined!





In June, we were so happy to be together again as a 3Worlds team! After serving as our RCs for 11 years, we bid farewell to Patrick and Jamie through times of reminiscing, laughing a lot, and even shedding tears. We also celebrated Marco's graduation! We welcomed the Tatman family to our team and to the RC position. Exciting years are ahead of us!



## **Family**

- After years of battling serious illnesses, Rhonda's father passed away peacefully on June 27. Please pray for her and the family, especially for her mom, who lost her husband of 64 years.
- Please continue to pray for Ryan, as his battle with cancer continues. Pray for the spread to be arrested and for healing and wholeness for his body.

#### **Floods**

As many of you have seen, devastating floods have ravaged Western Germany. The German people are in shock and are mourning the catastrophic losses.

Pray for the nation and for the humanitarian efforts underway.

**We are praying for you!** Your struggles and challenges are not unlike ours. We, along with our staff at Pink Door, pray for you daily.

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