

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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LOSTNESS AND GOD'S GRACE

DRIVEN BY OUR VALUES, LED BY LOVE

ONE EMBER GLOWS

MANILA, PHILIPPINES – Rachel's parents died when she was a child, and she began living on the streets. By age 23, she had experimented with drugs, sniffing glue, and prostitution, and had given birth to three children. Desperate circumstances led Rachel to sell two of her children, and the third was kidnapped while she was sleeping under a bridge.

Amid her pain, Rachel discovered the **ITeams Mercy Ministry** and befriended two couples serving there, **Greg and Sarah Seiling** and **Pastor John and Gela Basiwa**. In April, Rachel shared with them that she was pregnant, and that she wished to give the child up for adoption. Greg and Sarah swiftly introduced Rachel to a Christian orphanage. The orphanage arranged for a midwife to deliver the baby for free and helped with the adoption process. While taking Rachel back and forth to appointments, Pastor John and Gela taught her about the grace Jesus offers.

Rachel gave birth in July, and shortly thereafter decided she needed a change in her life. Pastor John invited her to live at the Mercy Ministry drop-in center – she gratefully accepted. Gela showed Rachel how to cook and read the Bible, and Rachel eagerly volunteered to cook for others at the drop-in center. Rachel's outlook has brightened dramatically, and she has just started her own manicure/pedicure business. "Rachel has been a huge blessing to the Mercy Ministry. She is experiencing the freedom of the Lord and the gift of life that God has given her," says Sarah. "Please pray that she will draw closer to the Lord, and that God will continually protect her."

» Rachel's name has been changed to protect her identity



Founded 8 years ago, the ITeams Mercy Ministry in Manila offers food, fellowship, and a drop-in center where street youth can learn about Jesus.



Many street youth in Manila have deep scars in their lives. Yet ITeams workers serve tirelessly to share God's grace with them, and hope is gradually emerging.

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Lostness is a despair we have all felt – a lack of direction, a lack of peace, a lack of hope. It can be overwhelming if you don't have somewhere to turn.

We identify with the **lostness** of the world. We ourselves are utterly lost apart from the **grace of Jesus**.

Lostness and grace are among our twelve values. Learn about our other values at: www.iteams.org/about

“T’WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO
FEAR. AND GRACE, MY FEARS RELIEVED.

HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR
THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED.”

-JOHN NEWTON,
SLAVE TRADER
TURNED ABOLITIONIST

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAY

Would you pray with us?

» Please pray for continual healing in the lives of **Rachel** and other **street youth in Manila**, and for God to raise up **more workers** to bring hope to the lost.

» Thank God for his transformational work in **Azad’s life**, and pray for discernment for ITeams workers as they reach out to other Persian refugees in **Vienna**.

GO

Positions are open in the **Philippines** for **medical professionals** and individuals with a passion to serve **street youth** and those with **addictions**. Opportunities also exist to serve **refugees in Austria**. If God is calling you to step forward into missional service, contact us to learn how you can go!

For more opportunities to GO, visit iteams.org/go

GIVE

ITeams Mercy Ministry in Manila - Your gift will help our workers provide food, training, and a Christ-centered community for discouraged street youth in urban Manila.

ITeams Persian Ministry in Vienna - Your financial support will enable our workers to reach out to and encourage new Persian refugees that enter the city of Vienna each day.



A higher standard.
A higher purpose.

You can GIVE a gift online
at iteams.org/give

ONE RADICAL DREAM

VIENNA, AUSTRIA – Rebekah, a Persian ITeams worker serving Persian refugees in Vienna, often ministered to a young woman named Maryam. One day when she arrived at Maryam’s home for a visit, Rebekah noticed another woman in the room. Wearing a traditional Muslim body covering, the woman peered over from the corner with a blank expression on her face. Rebekah felt wary. She tried to discern if she should be discreet with her teaching this day, to protect herself and Maryam from the persecution that can befall Persian Christians. Rebekah then sensed God’s voice compelling her to share the Gospel, so she faithfully obeyed.

Hearing the Gospel message ignited the mysterious woman’s enthusiasm, and she stepped forward to introduce herself. “I am Azad, Maryam’s aunt, and I am glad you have come.” Azad described a recent dream in which she saw Jesus. Jesus told Azad, “Go to the cross,” as he pointed off into the distance. Azad’s eyes followed the direction of his finger to a distant church with a cross above it. She did not know Jesus, yet this vivid dream convinced her to trust his words.

The next week, Azad appeared at Rebekah’s church. Azad asked for prayer at the end of the service, and Rebekah had the privilege of praying over her while she gave her life to Jesus. Azad has since shared Christ boldly with many other refugees!

» Names in this story have been changed for security reasons



ITeams workers in Vienna help to organize baptisms and Bible studies for new followers of Christ.