

## INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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## LOST COIN - ATHENS, GREECE

## ONE RESCUED DAUGHTER

**Athens, Greece** - When an old school friend invited Anna to come to Athens, she was thrilled! Surely there would be good job opportunities, money... and adventure.

**She stayed for a while with her friend and her friend's boyfriend**, as she looked for work. Finally, though, **their hospitality ran out.** "We really don't have room for you," the boyfriend told her, "but I've arranged for you to stay with a friend of mine." Anna was brought to her new "home" and introduced to the man who would rape and imprison her... and eventually force her into prostitution. **Anna had been sold.**

**The Lost Coin ministry met Anna during their weekly outreach** to Iasonos Street – an area lined with decaying buildings pressed into service as cheap brothels. ITeams missionaries introduced themselves to the 19 year old – explaining who they were, and what they could do to help – and also had the chance to share with Anna **why they were there - because of God's great love and concern for her.**

**Two days after their meeting in the brothel, God worked another miracle.** Anna's owner failed to lock the door when he left the apartment! Discovering his mistake, Anna grabbed her things and ran, showing up at our team's office door. They were able to help Anna find a safe place to stay, and eventually a ticket home to her family.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
IN GREECE

- In Greece today, there are approximately 20,000 women who have been forced into the sex industry.
- During the period 1990-2000, it is estimated that 77,500 women, youth, and children became victims of forced prostitution.
- From 1990-2000, women trafficked into prostitution were hired and sexually used 145 million times in Greece.
- From 1990-2000, abusers spent 7.1 billion US dollars in hiring and sexually using women, youth, and children forced into prostitution.

One Loving Father

In the summer of 2004 Jesus shook me out of my sleep - like a father going crazy for his daughters.

"My daughters have been kidnapped," He said to me. "I want you to go and find my daughters who are sitting in bondage. They are waiting day and night for someone to search them out, someone to go into their dark and dirty brothels and call their name. I want you to go and tell them that their Father loves them. Tell them that they have been deceived and they don't belong there. They should never believe that they belong there. Look them in the eye and see what I, their Father sees. Do not call them prostitutes because I have a name for them, I created them in my image. They are mine."

- Myrto / Lost Coin volunteer

“...AND WHEN SHE FINDS IT, SHE WILL CALL  
IN HER FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO REJOICE  
WITH HER BECAUSE SHE HAS FOUND HER  
LOST COIN. IN THE SAME WAY, THERE IS JOY IN  
THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S ANGELS WHEN EVEN  
ONE SINNER REPENTS.”

-LUKE 15:9-10

## I N T E R N A T I O N A L T E A M S

### OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE (Lost Coin)

- **\$11 buys** an English language Bible for a woman trafficked from Africa
- **\$50 covers the cost** of literature and goodies for an entire outreach
- **\$100/week allows** the hiring of a part-time office manager (whose skills are much needed!)
- **\$100 provides** an hour of legal support for a woman trying to escape the abuse of forced prostitution
- **\$200 is enough** for a “Worship Party”, held once a month in the office to provide a warm meal and an opportunity for fellowship and worship in a safe location
- **\$1,000 (2x annually) enables** the team to reach around 200 women and men on the streets with a special gift and a message of love at Christmas and Easter
- **\$1,000 provides funding** for a Volunteer Training Conference (3x annually), equipping the Church for ministry among marginalized women and men

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### OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

**Opportunities are available** for individuals who can give a specific amount of time (from 2 weeks to two years), sharing their skills and experience as well as their heart for God and those He loves.

**The team is particularly in need** of people who have skill or background in: social work, counseling, grant writing, fund raising or starting businesses; administration or office management.

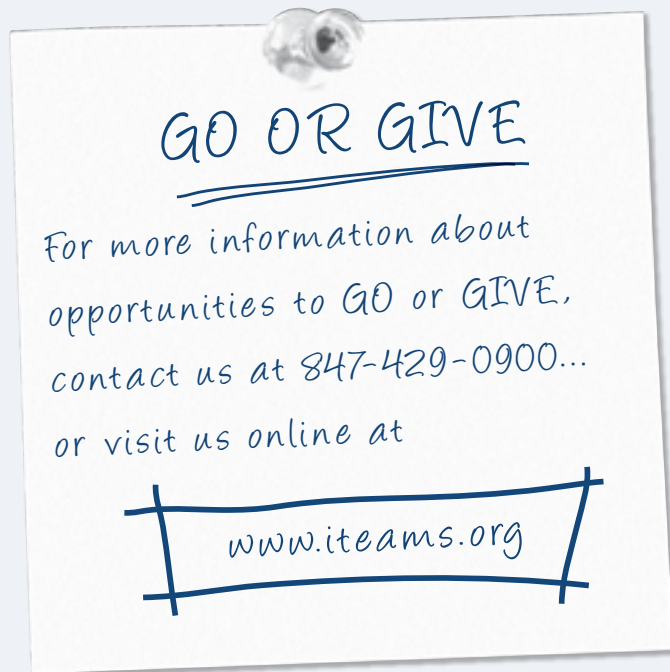
## ONE SOURCE OF HOPE

**Lost Coin is one of the many rescue ministries of International Teams.** The team seeks the restoration of individuals involved in prostitution by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs through outreach work, relationship building, and developing exit strategies in partnership with the local church and cooperation with local and governmental initiatives.

**Motivated by Christ’s love, they visit the red light districts of Athens, Greece weekly.** They offer friendship, advice and opportunities for change, believing that a relationship with a loving God is the foundation for lasting transformation. At their drop-in center and office during the week, they welcome women and men for conversation, counseling, and prayer. They also offer access to information and referrals to other ministries and social services in the city.



*Lost Coin consists of team leader Jennifer Roemhildt (middle), along with team member Emma Skjonsby (left). The team also works closely with volunteers from local Greek churches.*



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Youth Ministry**