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Pray: Please pray for Mickala as she works in France for the next two years bringing human trafficking victims out of slavery and into relationship with Jesus. Consider committing to one designated day each month you will add Mickala to your prayer calendar.

Give: If the Lord leads you to support this anti-trafficking work in France, you can give online at adventuringheiress.com or contact Mickala (adventuringheiress.com) to set up a tax-deductible donation. Mickala is prayerfully requesting \$500 per month to cover housing, food, and transportation for ministry.

Stay Connected: Follow Mickala's work in France with her blog and newsletter at: adventuringheiress.com.

Human Trafficking
Ministry
Proclaiming Freedom in France

Verse of the Month

"AND SINCE YOU ARE HIS CHILD,
GOD HAS MADE YOU HIS HEIR."
GALATIANS 4:7

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Vision Beyond Borders (VBB) is committed to shining the light of Christ into the darkness of human trafficking. Whether it's a safe house in Romania, a day care center for red-light children in India, or our very offices, we strive to be a place centered around the hope of Jesus. After taking many trips to combat human slavery in Thailand, India, Nepal, France, closed nations and across the United States, I've observed a common denominator. Without the hope of Christ, efforts to bring women, children, and men out of trafficking is grueling work. How do we convince people they have worth and deserve more than their current prospects, without Jesus? On a cross for our sins, our past, and the wicked lies the enemy has bred in this world, our Savior decided each of the 24.9 million enslaved, every victim, every child, every one of us was worth dying for on Calvary. He made each of us His heirs. This one Truth has brought even traffickers to their knees in repentance and worship, closing the doors of brothels for good.



After four years working for VBB, partnering with Patrick Klein's vision to bring this Truth to the darkest places, the Lord lead me to a justice themed Youth With A Mission (YWAM) school in France. Though I had smuggled Bibles, and ministered in brothels and refugee camps around the globe, I was taken aback by the darkness I faced in this first world nation. Though France is predominantly Catholic in name, the separation between church and state means a separation between good morals and worldly pleasures. Prostitution is legal in France, yet it is estimated that a majority of even the registered prostitutes are forced into prostitution and are trafficking victims, with 90% being foreign victims.



The age of consent is up for debate in France "empowering" shockingly young girls to "embrace their sexuality". This means that adults who rape young children are not prosecuted unless the children can prove "violence". Horrifying facts like these have shaken me to my core. France is not the home of romance like many of us have come to think of it as, but one of "rampant sexual harassment" and abuses.

During the three months of my Justice school in France I met with, and ministered to, trafficking victims from all over the world that were working in the red-light districts there. Many are from Ethiopia, where dark voodoo curses have them in bondages of fear, preventing them from leaving their traffickers. Many others are Russian, Romanian and other Eastern European women that were young and desperately poor when they were first preyed upon. Regardless of the background of the women and men I meet, they all struggle with knowing their worth and their identity in Christ. Now, the Lord is calling me back for a two year, voluntary commitment to bring this same Truth we have been committed to sharing at VBB-- that Jesus died for my sins, and your sins, just as much as He did for theirs. I continue to see traffickers, trafficking victims, clients, and others involved, brought to their knees as we share this hope!



Cards I made while doing a day of ministry in a red-light district in Southern France.

I will be working in the red-light districts of southern France, doing coffee ministry in the red-light, worship ministry, Bible studies, and helping in safe houses. In addition, I will be helping with this year's YWAM Justice school as I share the burden the Lord has placed on my heart to rescue trafficking victims with others. After many years with VBB helping with the details of anti-trafficking ministry, I am so thrilled the Lord is calling me to rescue His children trapped in this darkness full-time. Monthly sponsors, one-time supporters and prayer warriors interested in committing to furthering this work to bring human trafficking victims out of slavery in France, and into relationship with Jesus, are crucial for me to step into this calling.

Please prayerfully consider if this is you! The anti-trafficking work that has been accomplished at VBB and this work in France is truly only possible as we work together as one body in Christ! Information on how to give is on the back. I want to thank each of you for being a part of this family committed to proclaiming the good news to the poor, binding up the brokenhearted, freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners (Isaiah 61:1).

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Blessings,

Mickala Schmidt

