



KAVOD

A holistic approach to helping victims of sexual exploitation

▪ Hope

Easter is now behind us. It is a time when we reflect particularly on the suffering of Christ and His death on the cross – one of the worst sufferings imaginable – to the triumph of the Resurrection. And yet the two are inextricably linked.

In Matthew 28:5, the angel says to the two women at the tomb: 'Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.' At the moment of his greatest triumph, the resurrection of Jesus, he remains the Crucified One. That is why we value the fact that in the Catholic Church, Jesus hangs on the cross and his suffering is visible.

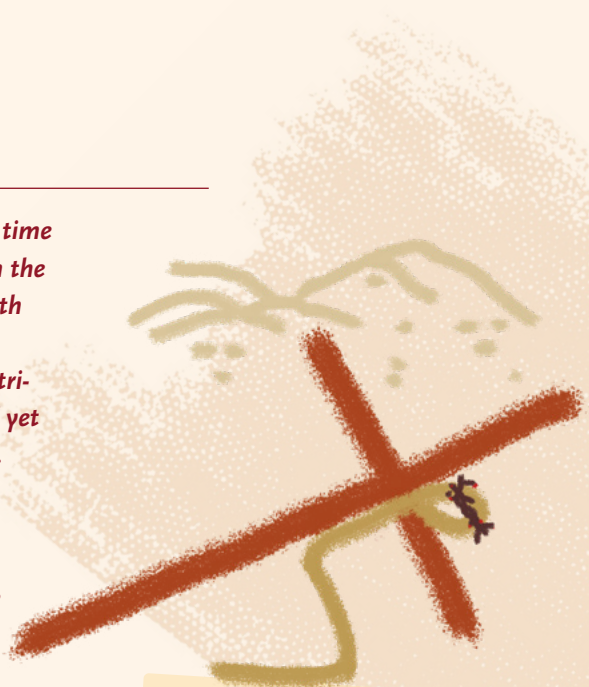


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For many years, we have been working with people who are suffering. People who were born into difficult circumstances, people who have suffered misfortune, people whose lives have taken an unexpected turn for the worse, people living through war who may have lost everything.

We would like to quote a few lines from a text by the Ukrainian author Nadiyka Gerbish, published in *Lydia* magazine. Her words beautifully capture what we too feel and would like to share with you.

There is so much sadness in the innocent beauty of this world. But we have not grown accustomed to it. The overwhelming number of daily deaths does not lessen the pain of each loss. Yesterday's pain is no remedy for today's pain. Catastrophic tragedies do not lessen 'ordinary, everyday' grief. Every tear, every heartbeat still counts, no matter how small it may seem in the face of a trembling and quivering world. It still hurts so much, and sometimes the darkness seems unbearable. Not every family that hoped and prayed for a miracle received one. Even though we believe in the ultimate victory of light and the unchanging joy of eternity, we are still here, in the moment of Golgotha, the point of greatest intensity. Some of us are crucified alongside Jesus; others stand by the side of Mary and John. And perhaps the only way we do not betray the image of the crucified Christ is by caring for someone close to us who is suffering unbearable, hopeless pain. To enjoy beauty, and to live each day in the awareness of how precious it is, is not an escape from reality, but steadfast perseverance. Yet we also need joy to have the strength to carry on.'

Suffering leads people into the depths, and in those depths they often gain a deeper understanding of their own lives. Simply knowing that you are not left alone is a great help in itself.

SABINE KALLAUCH

■ Ukraine

From 4 to 21 February, we visited Ukraine for the 17th time. The road conditions were the biggest challenge this time. We drove 6,400 km, most of it over snow and ice, on roads often riddled with potholes. Thank God nothing happened.

In Kyiv, we stood outside with the Resurrection Church in fifteen degrees of frost, cooking and distributing soup. At that time, people in the surrounding apartment blocks had neither electricity nor gas and were unable to prepare hot meals. We then travelled to Sumy with our German-speaking translator, Anton. We had a meeting with widows, Andreas preached at the service, and in the afternoon there was a gathering with children and young people.

From there, we travelled on to Kharkiv. Immediately upon our arrival, in sub-zero temperatures, we helped to distribute food to people on the church grounds; this food had been prepared in large fryers in a food van donated from the Netherlands.

Opposite stood a coach from Finland that had been converted into a café, in which people could warm up and charge their mobile phones. Vehicles from all over the world can be seen driving around Ukraine, recognisable by their number plates.



Your help is being received!

While we were visiting villages in the Kharkiv area, we felt the shock-wave of a bomb striking a nearby village.

We made some interesting discoveries. When the sun is shining, you can hold meetings outdoors, even at -15°C . If you drive from Kharkiv to Izium and Kramatorsk, you travel almost the whole way under drone protection nets. It's a strange feeling, but it provides some sense of security.

Back in Kyiv, we held meetings in the parish over two days. We then drove on to Chornomorsk on the Black Sea. We regularly spend time at the drug rehabilitation centre. From there, we travelled to a village near Mykolaiv that had been 90% destroyed by the Russian army. Some residents have returned and rebuilt their homes. A first-aid station has been set up and they also want to reopen the school.

In Odessa, we visited three churches and encouraged the people there. Amazingly, these churches all came into being during the war.



Weeping eye

by „My Dog Sighs“



Andreas was able to preach everywhere, and Sabine taught exercises useful in overcoming panic attacks and depression. Everywhere we went, we hugged people and were hugged in return. Once again, Sabine worked with groups of children. The focus was on helping the children to express their traumas. This is particularly difficult in words, but they find it easier to do when they draw. We

encouraged the children to draw their worst nightmare. Many of the children like to show the picture to their peers, and then we try to suggest an alternative. One common image is burning houses. One boy drew a picture of a man trying to kill him with a knife. Sabine suggested he draw a new picture in which he was wearing strong armour so that when the man came with the knife, it would break on the armour. The boy beamed and immediately drew a new picture.

Every time we leave the country, we leave a piece of our heart there. At the end of May, we will be heading there – for the eighteenth time. As always, we are enormously grateful for all support, whether financial or donations in kind (for example, coffee machines, soft toys, bicycles, tools, etc.).

If you would like to support us financially, please include the reference: Ukraine.



▪ Annual highlights 2025

2025 was not an easy year. Unfortunately, nobody came forward to us wanting to leave prostitution. Here is a summary of our activities.

From March to June, Sabine attended a seminar on Emergency Psychology at the Sigmund Freud University.

In April, June, September, November and December, we carried out outreach work in Styria, Burgenland and Vienna. In doing so, we reached a total of **over 2,060 people**. Some of them we met on several occasions. The majority of the total were women from Romania and Hungary. We noted a slight increase in the number of women and transgender people from Bulgaria and South America.

In May, at the request of the Herzwirk Association, we took in a young Romanian woman for ten days. She was in the process of leaving prostitution but had nowhere to stay until she could be accommodated at Solwodi.

At the end of May, the KAVOD Retreat took place in Hungary. It's always a wonderful opportunity for learning and fellowship, and we wouldn't want to miss it.

This year, we took part in five meetings with the Platform Against Exploitation and Human Trafficking. On 5 June, we celebrated the platform's tenth anniversary, and Sabine gave a talk to 100 pupils about the 'loverboy' scam and cyber-grooming.

In April, September, October and November, we were in Ukraine. This time, Sabine held several sessions with children. The children learnt simple exercises to help them manage panic and depression, and were asked to draw their worst nightmare. It was very moving, and in each situation we tried to guide them towards a positive resolution of the bad dream.

In December, Sabine attended her first meeting with the social court support service. She is now a volunteer there and, in addition to her work at KAVOD, visits women in prison.

■ Thank you

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to **New Cape Consulting**. They have repeatedly made generous donations of generators and EcoFlows. This brings great joy to the people who urgently need them.

The **ORA** Aid Association made a generous donation towards our Ukraine relief efforts. We also received a further, even larger donation from the Green Party in their town.

The organisation **Hilfe die ankommt** has supported us repeatedly for Ukraine; thank you very much for your generosity.

Many thanks also to the **Emmaus Church in Graz**, the **Vineyard Church in Graz**, the **Christian International Church in Vienna** and the **Jesus-Haus in Düsseldorf** for their ongoing support. We really appreciate it.

Thank you to **everyone** who actively helped Andreas with the preparations for Ukraine. Thank you to **all the individuals** who have supported us with financial and in-kind donations. This is very valuable.

Thank you also to a **good friend** who is repairing donated coffee machines for us at cost price so that we can take them to Ukraine.

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