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Dear praying friends,

As we shared before, we have been led to reach out to ladies who work as prostitutes on a specific area here in Viana. Up to now we would drive by, or walk and talk with them as the Lord would lead us. In one of those conversations we could understand there was a NGO that was giving them practical support once a week. We decided to approach this organisation and see if they would allow us to partner with them in what they are already doing. Our prayer was that they would say yes to our request for a seat in the van that goes there every week. Now, having been born and grown up in this city, knowing the spiritual reality of this place, we knew that this would be almost impossible. They had no reason to agree that some people that they don't know anything about, would join them just for the sake of loving their neighbour. What happened was much more than we prayed for and pure evidence of God's perfect plan for this city. He is in control and nothing can stop His plans! They agreed that Michelle can go with them when they go and help the ladies, not only the ones that are on that street but also in all the places in the entire district where they work, including houses and the place where they live! Praise God! So cool that this van goes now not only offering relief and practical support to women in a very difficult situation, but carries also the light of the world and the hope of life within it! **Pray the Lord continues to speak through Michelle and other women who might follow her in this.**

We also offered help in the many other areas they work in and they received that with open arms. **Pray the Lord continues to guide our steps as we are Jesus's arms and feet in this place, in this season. Pray He strengthens every believer in Surf Church Viana with power through His Holy Spirit so we might boldly do what He calls us to do!**

The resistance is strong and we face battles everyday. But we know we sit in Christ in heavenly places and that all things are in subjection under His feet. **So pray that as we stand in the middle of the valley and God asks us the same question He asked Ezekiel: "Can these bones live?", we abide in His presence, partner with Him doing what he tells us to do and declare life. Pray for open heavens over Viana and that His glory shines in this place!**

In His strength,

Nuno, Gila, Leonor and Diogo