



# PATHFINDERS

*From lost to life*



## LORA'S STORY

Lora lost her father to a car accident when she was 3 years old, and her brother to suicide when she was 15. She grew up believing that there is something inherently wrong and defective about her to deserve her suffering. During her high school years, Lora endured severe bullying. She learned to live a life of self-hatred and pain, eventually causing her to develop a depersonalization disorder. When Lora reached out to Pathfinders for help, she was at the end of her rope.

"I'd like to thank God for Ellie and that she showed me how vital it is to treat yourself with compassion. I really, really needed to hear everything she said, it's all been invaluable to me."

-Lora



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## MIRO'S STORY

Miro grew up with an alcoholic father who was physically abusive to the whole family. As an adult, he developed severe depression, panic attacks and physical illnesses that kept him from securing a steady job despite his will to fight for a normal life. He heard about Pathfinders' online counseling opportunity by accident and immediately reached out for help. Through the ministry, he found hope, healing, and a chance to hear about salvation in Jesus.

"Ellie is an amazing specialist, I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to work with her. As a result, my life is easier, happier, and I found purpose- this is all priceless to me."

-Miro

# OUR MISSION

## A JOURNEY TO HEALING

### AND A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Lora and Miro are among the many suffering in silence. As a post-communist country, Bulgaria is still ages behind providing adequate mental health care for people like her. Going to a secular psychiatrist is still stigmatized, difficult to afford, and doesn't always prove helpful. Christian counselors in the country can be counted on one hand. Christians and non-Christians alike are reaching out for help. Those who learn about Pathfinders' online counseling testify for the life-changing difference it makes in their lives.



Pathfinders makes online counseling accessible to people of all nationalities and walks in life, especially those with limited access to resources and help. It has proven to be an effective bridge to evangelism and discipleship, leading people to a relationship with Jesus and a deeper understanding of God and the Bible.

Through its ministry, Pathfinders has been able to reach out to people from different age groups and faiths, bringing to them the Good News of salvation while leading them on a journey to healing and wholeness.

## Bulgaria Facts

7 MILLION PEOPLE

45 YEARS OF  
COMMUNISM

ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIANITY

98% ATHEISTS

MUSLIM MINORITY

SPIRITUAL NEED

COUNSELING NEED



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## MY CALLING

In 2004, God called me out of my homeland to America to train me for the ministry He had for me. Here, I obtained a Master's degree in Christian Counseling and a Master's degree in Biblical Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary-Charlotte.

God led me through difficult circumstances in my own family, as well as through seasons of scarcity, loneliness, burnout, and waiting, all to grow in me trust, faith, and endurance, and to bring me to a place where I am equipped and understand well the mission ahead.

In 2015, during my very last class in seminary, God spoke to me in a particular way. He repeatedly placed before me two specific texts from Isaiah. The first one was Is. 2:2-5- a grand vision of the nations flowing to God's house in pursuit of His salvation, wisdom and guidance. The second one was from Is. 61:1- proclaiming freedom to the captives and healing for the brokenhearted.

The Holy Spirit was moving in my heart. God spoke in unmistakable ways through His Word, Christians and circumstances to place a personal call for ministry among the nations and among those suffering in silence, to which I committed.

**"The Lord has  
anointed me to  
proclaim good news  
to the poor, He has  
sent me to bind up  
the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom  
for the captives.."**

ISAIAH 61:1



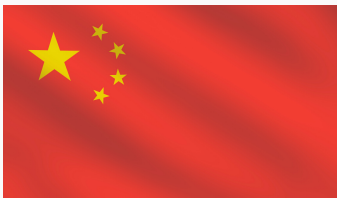


## GLOBAL OUTREACH LOCALLY

Myrtle Beach is the fastest growing metro area in America, according to the U.S. Census, with a robust international community representing people from all nations- Bulgaria, Ukraine, Moldova, Albania, Lebanon, Poland, China, Greece, and many others.

Myrtle Beach is also a host to 3000+ international students from Eastern Europe and Asia who come every summer on a U.S. government -sponsored program to help local businesses, travel around and go back to their home countries in September. We call them "the J1 students", after the name of their visa.

God has brought the nations to our front door, and He has placed a calling to reach out to them through different projects, since 99% of them have never heard the Gospel. It is an incredible window of opportunity, because most of those students are from countries where Christianity is stigmatized, restricted or forbidden. But here, they have a chance to hear and believe, and become "travel missionaries" who carry their faith to family and friends back home.



**"I BELIEVE IN JESUS NOW, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TELLING ME ABOUT HIM, MY SISTER! I AM TAKING SIX COMMUNION CUPS WITH ME TO CHINA, SO I CAN TELL MY FRIENDS ABOUT JESUS TOO."**

**-J1 STUDENT FROM CHINA**

**Today, God is sending spiritual travelers from all corners of the world among us, so that "every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord."**



# Testimonies



**"ONE OF THE REASONS I  
CAME TO THE U.S. THIS  
SUMMER IS TO FIND OUT  
WHO GOD IS."**

**-J1 STUDENT FROM SPAIN**



**"HEARING MORE ABOUT GOD FROM  
ELLIE MADE ME OPEN UP TO  
IDEAS I WAS VERY CLOSED TO IN  
THE PAST. I WANT TO LEARN  
MORE AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS  
THE PLACE TO BE IF I WANT TO  
GO TO CHURCH AND HANG OUT  
WITH CHRISTIANS. SO I AM  
DEFINITELY PLANNING TO  
RETURN NEXT SUMMER!"**

**-J1 STUDENT FROM BULGARIA**



# Testimonies



"Ellie's counseling helped me greatly and God used it powerfully to help me make important steps toward healing..My shame is gone and I can now experience true joy."

*"Hope"*



"I can very clearly see Ellie's impact in my life and I can't be thankful enough for her support, wisdom, and love. I thank God that He provided healing and renewed heart for me through her."

*Gergana*



"Our weekly conversations with Ellie had a crucial role for me, they were much needed and very valuable. I was finally understood by someone and helped define the problem. Ellie's support helped me to keep believing there is a solution for us as a family."

*Zorie*



"I contacted Ellie due to battling chronic anxiety. Working with Ellie and learning from her has been such a blessing. Her knowledge base and ability to convey information in a way that is so practical, accessible in everyday life, has been so invaluable and profoundly changing to me."

*Bobbie*





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## *Make an Impact*

I believe that your partnership can make a difference in helping people find healing and a relationship with Jesus.

Would you be willing to make a monthly commitment of \$100 or some other amount?

*THANK YOU!*

To give: [www.pathfinders.health](http://www.pathfinders.health)



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