



2012 Projects: Who We Are Connecting With



Yulia and Natasha pictured at an International Women's Day event in Chisinau to honor school administrators and teachers. GW will take a team to work alongside Yulia and Natasha, August 8-18 2012.

Beginning of Life (BoL) in Chisinau, Moldova, is where GW connects with *Yulia Ubeivolc* and Natasha Klapanyuk. BoL has been recognized by International Consultant Lauran Bethell, and other leaders in the human trafficking abolition movement, as a “Best Practice Model” for prevention and rehabilitation work with women who are at risk or have been trafficked. In 2012 they will continue their work in Moldova and expand their program into Kazakhstan in Central Asia. In addition to trafficking, Beginning of Life has a goal of preventing other major social problems in Moldova such as domestic violence and sexual abuse. Training offered through public schools is how they are working on this goal.



Sixty-four Traditional Birthing Attendants, including the woman pictured here, were collectively responsible for over 1150 deliveries last year. A GW team will partner with EDGE Outreach for a trip March 17-24, 2012.

Through **Global Health Action (GHA)** in Haiti, GW connects with *Traditional Birthing Attendants (TBA)s* through a program led by Mirelaine Joannis. For over three decades, GHA has worked in the rural and mountainous Leogane District with the endorsement of the Haitian Ministry of Health. GHA has partnerships with the Episcopal and Methodist churches of Haiti. The TBA program provides in-home prenatal care, home delivery, and post-natal care in rural communities.



Nora teaching during the January Latina Leadership Institute training at Camp Buckner in Burnet, Texas.

The **Latina Leadership Institute** (LLI) is our connecting point with *Nora Lozano* and *Patty Villarreal*. They became aware of the void of strong Latina leaders who have been trained from their cultural context. They sensed the need to start developing women leaders from the Latina perspective to be transformational agents in church and community settings. The training includes three ascending levels working towards increased competency of leadership culminating in receipt of a certificate on Latina Leadership Studies. The goals of the program are to provide: educational opportunities for emergent or established Latina women leaders, mentoring/coaching opportunities for emergent leaders, and networking avenues providing support, connections, and resources for Latina leaders.



Corita is the Pastor of Shalom Baptist Church, Boca de Mariel, Artemisa (Province), Cuba as serves as Theologian at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center in Marianao, La Habana.

For the first time in 2012, GW is connecting in **Cuba** through *Rev. Corita Blanco*. Corita will be the guest of GW this summer as she attends the first Latina Leadership Institute training to be taught in Spanish. This North Carolina training is the vision of an LLI graduate. After the training, Corita will investigate with LLI and GW leadership ways similar training might be contextualized for the Christian women leaders in Cuba.



Kyi Kyi Aung has been a Global Women ministry partner since GW began. GW will take a team to work in support of Kyi Kyi's ministry May 31- June 12, 2012.

The **Women's Department of the Myanmar Baptist Convention** in Yangon is where GW connects with *Kyi Kyi Aung*. In addition to Nurse Aid Training, for the first time this year, three days of training for pastors' wives is being provided so that the women can gain much-needed leadership skills for their church and community. These women strive to support their husbands but often lack education and have a low sense of self worth. As pastors' salaries are minimal, they struggle to help make ends meet and often have little time left to help in the church. They want to serve but do not know how.



Prai preparing some of Rahab Ministries jewlrey for sale.

Rahab Ministries in Bangkok, Thailand is where GW connects with *Chanaprai "Prai" Wongkhama* who is working on her Business Management degree at Rajamangala University of Technology. She is expected to graduate in June of 2013. Pray that the education assists Prai in her leadership of Rahab where she has worked for the past ten years.



Sangte's vision of sewing training for women is helping them have a way to provide for their families. GW will take a team to work alongside Sangte and the sewing teachers, December 5-17, 2012.

The **777 Sewing School** (7 women, 7 machines, 7 months of training) in Pokhara, Nepal, is where GW connects with *Sangte Zothansangi*. Her vision to help very poor women discover their worth and value while learning a skill that can provide income for her family began in 2006. Since then 63 women have completed training and are working in tailoring shops or sewing at home. This year, Sangte plans to bring women leaders from remote villages to an intensive six-day training session which will include finishing work, crocheting, knitting, counted cross stitch, needlepoint, and felt ornament design.



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The **ZOE Center** in Yangon, Burma is where GW connects with *Naw Paw Gaw*. 15 young women will receive scholarships this year for a six-month residential Community Health Worker training. Graduates serve the poor who cannot afford to go to medical facilities. During their training students have instruction in Anatomy and Physiology, Basic Medical Science, Medical and Surgical Emergencies, Community Health (Environmental Sanitation, Communicable Diseases, and Nutrition), Dental Health, Midwifery, Principle and Practice of Nursing, and Basic English.