

## GW Connections: Our 2012 Projects and Leaders

Global Women projects are opportunities to respond to needs of women around the world. Projects bring women together, connecting needs to resources. Our approved projects raise awareness, educate, teach new skills, provide clean water, address human trafficking, promote maternal health, and support micro-enterprises. We want you to know the project leaders we are connecting with in 2012. These are amazing women who are transforming their corners of our world.



*Natasha (left) and Yulia at an IWD “Women’s Party” Beginning of Life held for the educators they connect with to help prevent young people from being trafficked*

### **Yulia Ubeivolc and Natasha Klapanyuk: Moldova and Central Asia**

GW is connecting to Yulia and Natasha through Beginning of Life (BoL), a trafficking prevention and restoration organization. BoL has been recognized by International Consultant Luran Bethell, and other leaders in the human trafficking abolition movement, as a “Best Practice Model” for 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 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.

Pray with Yulia and Natasha for:

- wisdom and vision in developing the strategy for the new Central Asia training center and the selection of the program leader
- ten new school directors and fifty new teachers to join the BoL movement
- church leaders to recognize the needs and be advocates for those at-risk as well as those who have been trafficked
- comfort and peace in the hearts of the women who become victims of social injustice
- the GW team that will help with camp for women and their children in August



*Mirelaine trains Traditional Birth Attendants at the Olivier Community Clinic in Haiti*

**Mirelaine Joannis: Haiti**

GW is connecting to Mirelaine through Global Health Action (GHA). Mirelaine leads Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) training in the Leogane District. The TBA program provides in-home prenatal care, home delivery, post-natal care, and referral services in rural communities. Birth Attendants or matrons, often older women in the community, along with other community health workers are often the only point of contact for Haitian women in the public health system. Our partnership provides for TBA meetings, involving 64 TBAs, as well as continuing education on topics related to maternal and child health. Last year TBAs helped over 2,550 women and children through either delivery or referrals.

Pray with Mirelaine for:

- the health and well being of the mother, newborn, and family
- monthly TBA meetings
- safety, health, and strength of TBAs
- a way out of poverty for the people of Haiti
- the GW/EDGE Outreach team that will go to Haiti in March to among other tasks, install a water purification system at the clinic where the TBAs are trained



*Patty (left) and Nora at Camp Buckner, Burnet, Texas where the annual Latina Leadership Institute January training is held*

**Nora Lozano and Patty Villarreal: United States**

GW is connecting to Nora and Patty through the Latina Leadership Institute (LLI) where they are co-directors. Out of an awareness of the void of strong Latina leaders trained from their own cultural context, they envisioned a program to develop women leaders from the Latina perspective. Their desire is for graduates to be church and community transformational agents. The three ascending levels of training culminate in the receipt of a certificate of Latina Leadership Studies. The goals of the program are to provide educational opportunities for emergent or established Latina women leaders, mentoring opportunities for emergent leaders, and networking avenues providing support, connections, and resources.

Pray with Nora and Patty for:

- well-balanced lives for all the women who are involved with the LLI
- the women who will participate in the three year program
- the faculty and administrators of the Latina Leadership Institute
- opportunities for graduates to fulfill their calling
- an all-Spanish training in North Carolina in June



*Corita is the pastor of Shalom Baptist Church, Boca de Mariel, Artemisa, Cuba and the Theologian at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center in Havana*

**Corita Blanco: Cuba**

For the first time in 2012, GW is connecting in Cuba through Corita. She will be the guest of GW in June when she attends the Latina Leadership Institute (LLI). This North Carolina all-Spanish training is the vision of LLI graduate Veronica Martínez-Gallegos. After the training, Corita will investigate with LLI and GW leadership ways similar training might be contextualized for the Christian women leaders in Cuba.

Pray with Corita for:

- her Visa for travel to the US
- her family while she is out of the country
- the work of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center where Corita serves as Theologian
- Shalom Baptist Church, Boca de Mariel, Artemisa, where Corita is pastor
- doors to continue to open for relationships with our sisters inside Cuba



*Kyi Kyi Aung is the director of the Women's Department of the Myanmar Baptist Convention*

**Kyi Kyi Aung: Burma**

GW is connecting to Kyi Kyi through the Women's Department of the Myanmar Baptist Convention in Yangon where she is the director. 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. Pastors' salaries are minimal, and wives struggle to help make ends meet; often have little time left to help in the church. They want to serve but do not know how.

Pray with Kyi Kyi for:

- pastors' wives in Burma
- those who attend the training to grow spiritually, realize their value, and understand the importance of working together on solving mutual problems
- students as they learn basic nursing skills
- employment opportunities for new graduates
- the GW team that will help with nurse education and English as a Second language in June



*Prai has worked with Rahab Ministries Thailand for the past ten years*

**Chanaprai “Prai” Wongkhama: Thailand**

GW is connecting with Prai through Rahab Ministries in Bangkok where she is the assistant director. Prai is working on a degree in Business Management to better equip her to develop the jewelry making business that provides employment for women who leave work in the bars and a life of prostitution. GW is also supporting the 2:00 AM outreach to “bar girls” as they leave work lonely and in desperate need of friendship and hope.

Pray with Prai for:

- good study skills and time management
- the increased efficiency of Rahab Ministries
- the staff and volunteers who reach out and minister to the “bar girls” in Patpong
- continued success with jewelry sales
- continued practical help and emotional support to those trapped in prostitution



*Sangte has a vision for women to learn a skill so that they can support their families*

**Sangte Zothansangi: Nepal**

GW is connecting with Sangte through the **777 Sewing School** (7 women, 7 machines, 7 months of training) in Pokhara. The school is her vision to help very poor women discover their worth and value while learning a skill that can provide income for families. Women who have completed training 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.

Pray with Sangte for:

- students to be committed to regular attendance
- the sewing machines to be secure
- new training center locations to be identified
- safety as she travels and patience and wisdom to encourage the students
- the GW team that will offer friendship and teach sewing skills in December



*Paw Gaw has no biological children but feels like she is blessed with many children through her work*

**Naw Paw Gaw: Burma**

GW is connecting with Paw Gaw through the ZOE Development Center in Yangon where she is the secretary. Fifteen 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.

Pray with Paw Gaw for:

- a full recovery of her strength and health after surgery late in 2011
- graduates to be able to earn a sustainable livelihood
- graduates to teach their families and communities how to live healthier lives
- an additional resource person to help with training
- the GW team to offer helpful training and strengthen friendships during their June trip