

Dear friends,

A new year means a world of new opportunities for those seeking a way to go and serve through Global Women. Last year, we were fortunate enough to take a small team of nurses, in partnership with the Zoe Center in Yangon, for the purpose of teaching various practices to young nursing students who would go on to become the only source of health care for their villages. I was the extra, the tag-a-long English teacher with no nursing experience, and I went with the intent to serve in any way I could. What I found was an enormous opportunity to teach English to young seminary students at a variety of locations. The need and the demand was great, and I spent a wonderful and fulfilling week traveling from place to place meeting students who had a wide range of ability in English. Everywhere I went I was told that the need for English teachers was tremendous, and that they rarely had the opportunity to enjoy the benefit of a native English speaker as an instructor.

This summer, Global Women will return to Myanmar (Burma) and this time we will be taking along a team to teach English in order to answer the need. There will be an opportunity to teach beginning English speakers as well as intermediate and advanced, and all that you need is a willingness to spend several hours a day in conversation with these remarkable young people. Teaching experience is not needed, although it would certainly be a bonus! As the English team leader, I am looking for three women willing and eager to join me in a life-changing experience.

Friends, these young people have a desire to learn English in order to expand their own ministries. None of the students I had the honor of interacting with had any plans to leave Myanmar (Burma), but could see an opportunity for ministry with an eye toward the future influx of foreign tourists as Myanmar becomes more and more accessible. As one young man told me, "Teacher, I want to be a good minister. I am crazy for English!" Another common refrain was, "Teacher, will your Global Women hear of us? Will they know us?" Now is the time to answer their call for fellowship. You will meet young people eager to learn, friendly beyond description, and joyous in their love for Christ.

I hope that you will pray about the possibility of joining our small team and traveling to Myanmar this summer. I promise you that you will be touched and inspired by the experience, and that your faith will undergo a revolution in the presence of these brothers and sisters in another land.

Blessings,

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