

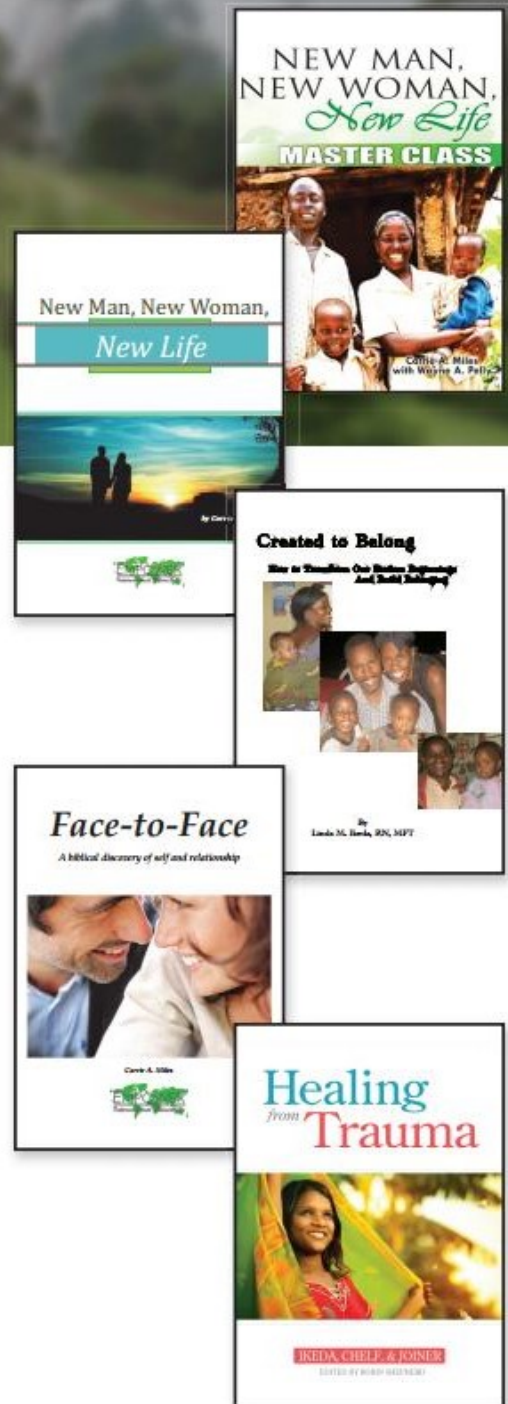


2014 Annual Report

This year presented unique and exciting opportunities to expand Empower's efforts to bring hope, healing, and restoration to countless people throughout Africa, India, and Haiti. In fact, we are extending our reach as never before. Be sure to read about new tools for impacting students in Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya, as well as federal workers in the United States. For more detailed trip reports as well as access to the photo gallery, log on to www.Empower.International.

God is truly “empowering” this ministry in unprecedented ways!

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Empower International Ministries combat the root cause and lethal effects of abuse, abandonment, and injustice, in order to heal families, restore community, and transform culture.

India

January began in Kolkata with an invitation from Rev. Dr. Richard Howell, general secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship (EFI) of India. He asked Empower to present New Man, New Woman, New Life (NMNW) to 200 women leaders chosen from among the organization's 30,000 Evangelical and Pentecostal member churches in India. Carrie Miles and Donell Peck eagerly accepted this unique chance to spread the "Good News"



of the redemption of man and woman throughout the beautiful nation of India.

Following the Kolkata seminar, Carrie and Donell traveled with Johnny and Koki Desai of EFI to the Surat region of Gujarat to present another basic NMNW course. Participants in this tribal area were so happy to receive the tools of family harmony.

Carrie and Donell then headed south to present the Master Class to graduates from last year's NMNW seminar in Pollachi, Tamil Nadu. They were thrilled to discover that the women continue to revel in the knowledge that instead of being cursed as they were raised to believe, they are in fact blessed. Such a life-changing teaching is especially significant in a land where women are thought to be inferior and destined to live as slaves. The ladies are eagerly sharing the news with their neighbors while their husbands are enjoying life in partnership.



Haiti

In February, Kristina Sachs, Pamela Frohreich, David Nutter, and Dennis Tarr went to Haiti. There they teamed with Doug Stevens, Vice President of The Leadership Connection (TLC) and his wife, Nancy, to offer the NMNW teaching to 250 Port-au-Prince believers and 200 in Les Cayes.



Burundi



David and Sarah Nutter, members of EIM's Board of Directors, along with Africa Program Director, Frank Tweyeho, facilitated the NMNW Master Class in Bujumbura, Burundi, during the month of July. Joint hosts

Anglican Rev. Canon Seth Ndayirukire and Pentecostal Pastor Jean Marie Nibizi became agents of unity as they brought together people from various dioceses and church backgrounds. The Bishop of the Bujumbura Anglican Diocese, along with the Dean of the Cathedral, and representatives from Rumonge and Muyinga dioceses attended in preparation for executive sessions to be offered the bishops of the Anglican Province of Burundi in 2015.

Rwanda

In July, Ms. Charlotte Uwantege, church mobilization director for International Justice Mission in Rwanda, brought together graduates of the 2012 joint Empower/International Justice Mission NMNW seminar to take part in a NMNW Master Class. David and Sarah Nutter, and Frank Tweyeho facilitated the program. Participants shared the impact of the NMNW program on their lives. One man, who had been alienated from his wife since the genocide, returned to her after attending the program. As a result of this positive witness for Christ's power of reconciliation, the couple's children have returned to faith.



Tanzania

This August, Dan and Francine Thomas once again facilitated the NMNW seminar in Kondoa. In this rural region the majority of the population (roughly 96 percent) follows the teachings of the prophet Mohammed, while the remaining four percent practice a mix of witchcraft, traditional African religions and the Protestant faith. This seeming imbalance is not surprising since Christianity



was only introduced for the first time in the early 1990s. While making inroads into a culture that in many ways seems resistant to change is challenging, Empower is clearly making a marked difference in the lives of believers in towns and villages throughout the diocese. The Thomases



report that each time they return to Kondoa they find many former students who are continuing to walk in joy and freedom. As a result of changed minds and hearts, these transformed believers serve as living proof of the abundant life found in Christ!

Kenya and Uganda

Frank Tweyeho and Wayne Pelly trained leaders in Nairobi and Bungoma, Kenya, as well as in Kabale, Uganda, using the Master Class curriculum. They also both spoke at the "Gender Justice Conference" in Bondo, Kenya. Wayne's presentation entitled, *Women's Role in the Church: A Berean Approach* is on www.Empower.International — click on the tab labeled, "Articles & Guides."



Energetic worship among some of the 100 or so attendees at the Gender Justice and Strategic Leadership Conference in Africa conference in Bondo, Kenya, where both Frank and Wayne spoke.



Wayne and Isaac, a Nairobi Master Class graduate in Nairobi, and his soccer team, whom he has been teaching Empower's New Man, New Woman, New Life material.

Kenya and Malawi

In August, Russ and Linda Ikeda traveled to Kenya and Malawi. In Kenya, Linda and Russ presented an executive session from the Created to Belong and Healing From Trauma curricula to key workers at Graceworks orphan project. They went on to present more seminars in Malawi, where they were joined by Sally Bryant.



Linda's healing programs were welcomed wholeheartedly, with participants declaring that they had finally been set free of the emotional burdens they had been bearing. Created to Belong emphasizes the impact the earthy parenting each of us experienced on how we see, respond and know God, and specifically looks at the particular challenges children who have experienced attachment trauma suffer and how they can be helped. Healing from Trauma offers practical exercises and approaches to assisting those who have

experienced trauma. Additionally it teaches how we can recognize, treat or prevent compassion fatigue in ourselves.

When Sally Bryant, who served in Malawi many times, returned this year, she was struck by the visible changes that had taken place in her two-year absence. The Chinese as well as the Muslims are making considerable investments in time and money in order to promote their own agendas. In a land rife with witchcraft, sexually transmitted diseases, homeless orphans and extreme poverty, Christ's "good news" is needed more than ever before.



Sally presented NMNW twice, once in Lilongwe and once in Blantyre. Her ministry partners in Malawi were delighted to have her return.

PLANS for 2015

Once again, Empower will start the year early with a team leaving for Africa and India shortly after New Year. Carrie Miles, Donell Peck, and new Empower minister Mary Dee Foft (welcome, Mary Dee!) will travel first to Burundi. There, at the request of Archbishop Bernard, we will partner with Ugandans Pastor Frank Tweheyo and Chaplain Gideon of Bishop Barham University College, to conduct an executive overview of NMNW for the bishops of the Anglican Province of Burundi — an important step in taking NMNW to the entire country.

In Uganda, this same team will conduct NMNW in the diocese of Kisoro. Our African adventure winds up in Nairobi, Kenya, where we will be joined by Pastor Phobice Tweheyo. Mary Dee and Phobice will lead NMNW while Frank and Carrie conduct executive sessions introducing Empower at St. Paul's University, Africa International University, and to alumni of Great Lakes University of Kisumu Bishop Okullu College.

Donell and Carrie go from Kenya to India, where they will conduct two intensive seminars for leaders from the Evangelical Fellowship of India.



Also in the planning stages are our first programs in Democratic Republic of Congo. Pamela Frohreich, who served Empower in Haiti in 2014, will lead this team (yet to be determined). We have had multiple requests for several years to come to Congo, which has suffered greatly from war and campaigns of mass rape, but we did not feel it was safe for us to travel there until recently. We hope that this team will also be able to stop in Ethiopia to conduct a seminar for Rev. Tzeganesh Ayele of the Presbyterian Peacemaker's project.

Linda Ikeda plans to return to Malawi. We hope to have other as-yet-unscheduled programs in 2015.

NEWS

Empower is pleased to announce an American version of the NMNW seminar entitled Face-to-Face. We piloted the program in Tustin in September and October and look forward to expanding programs in the United States. We have received many requests lately for the seminar material packaged for singles, young people, and widows, so will be customizing the study guide even more.



Thank You

Our all-volunteer staff carries a message of hope and healing to several continents. We have seen visible proof that when we give to others, God honors his promise that, "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

Your gift allows us to train community leaders in Africa, India, and Haiti, who multiply your gift by adapting the material to the needs of their community, and then go on to teach, and transform the lives of hundreds more. Donations can be made on our website through Paypal (www.Empower.International, click on "support us"), by check payable to Empower at our P. O. box, or by the enclosed donation envelope.

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