

SEPTEMBER GLOBAL e-LINKS

GWP Semi-Annual Retreat

Global Women's Project Steering Committee met at the end of August in N. Manchester, Indiana. We welcomed new board member, Kim Hill Smith, from Minneapolis to the committee and heard from Yvonne Dilling who shared insights she learned from working with development projects in Central America. We happily began our collaboration with a new project in the US., Growing Grounds, Wabash , IN (see below for information on Growing Grounds).

Also, we received over \$3000 between our Mother's Day Project and Lenten Calendars. Thank you for all you have given to the work of Global Women's Project! We are grateful for the donations that are coming in. The GWP steering committee will meet in March, 2010 in Indianapolis.

Welcome to Kim Hill Smith:

The Global Women's Project Steering Committee welcomes Kim Hill Smith from Minneapolis, MN, as its newest member. Kim grew up in Lewistown, PA, where she was an active member of the Lewistown Church of the Brethren as well as heavily involved in her District's summer camping program at Camp Blue Diamond. She graduated from Juniata College with a B.A. degree in Peace and Social Processes and from Bethany Theological Seminary with an [M.A.Th.](#) Peace Studies degree. Kim has served as Director of the Iowa Peace Network in Des Moines, IA, Campus Pastor at McPherson College, in McPherson, KS, and as Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator with Friends for a Non-violent World in Minneapolis, MN. Kim received a Master's degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Minnesota and has worked in outpatient community mental health until beginning her current private practice in Edina, MN.

Kim has had a long standing passion for issues of peace and justice, both globally as well as locally. She currently attends Common Spirit Church of the Brethren (a House Church Fellowship) in Minneapolis, MN, and serves on the New Church Development Committee for the Northern Plains District.

Growing Grounds

GWP is excited to have a US project to support called Growing Grounds. GG is a collaborative effort between Education for Conflict Resolution, Inc (ECR) of N. Manchester, Indiana and Wabash Church of

the Brethren, Wabash Indiana. GG was created to provide a systematic program in a nurturing environment that supports women who have been incarcerated throughout the difficult reentry process. GG will work with women in the Wabash County Jail and the beginning movement of GG will involve volunteer mentors conducting initial interviews with participants to discover needs of women in prison. We look forward to updating you more on the process of Growing Grounds, and their faithful and dedicated work!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month Global Women's Project prays for Sr. Stella and the work of SITEAW, INC. (Shifting Ideas Through Education for African Women, INC.) whose main objective is: "to end female circumcision (FGM) and oppressive traditions against women, by using education to change the way tribal communities think and reason." GWP has supported her tireless work of empowering the girls and women in those tribes in Uganda and Kenya that practice FGM to fight for themselves by enabling them to attend schools.

May we each hold all involved in domestic violence—victims, perpetrators, and survivors—in prayer this and every month.

in peace,
Global Women's Project
Steering Committee

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