



# Women in the Window INTERNATIONAL

Winter Newsletter 2016

## *New Seasons New Frontiers*

**Women in the Window International** is launching into new frontiers and embracing new seasons of hope. Here's just one reason why . . .

My name is Amira and I want to tell you a bit of my story. I was born into a Muslim family and my father had two wives. Together there are 12 children. My father forbid me from getting an education because I am a girl. But when he took his second wife, my mother insisted. She didn't want me to experience the

shame and rejection she felt. But, unfortunately, I did. You see, I was forced to marry a man twice my age while still a teenager. A couple of years into our marriage, he also took a second wife. There are no words to describe the pain in my heart, and the fear for the future of my children.

Not too many years later, I was invited to hear a teaching about Isa Masih (Jesus Christ!). At first, I was strongly opposed to this. I thought this was wrong and would bring shame to my



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family. Yet, the more I heard, the more I wanted to hear. Almost without realizing it, I learned to trust in Him as my Savior and my God. Eventually my husband divorced me, which left me without a means to support myself and my children. When I heard about the Women in the Window training I was intrigued. I attended and found the skills that I need to help improve my life and the lives of my children. At the same time, I learned a meaningful way to teach the truth of God's love for women to my friends and even my family. God has given me a new season of hope through Women in the Window!

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What a beautiful and hope-filled story! And this is why our Banner Bible Verse for 2017 will be:

*"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."*

Hebrews 10:23 NLT



Women all over the world are hungry for the hope that only Christ can give. And Women in the Window is seeking to bring hope and be an instrument of God's love to usher in new seasons and open new frontiers of transformation. Some of our New Seasons and New Frontiers include:

**Connecting across cultures and generations:**

Officially and unofficially WiW is involved with mentoring younger women leaders and sending women to other regions and nations to share expertise and connect in meaningful and Life-giving ways.

**Potential new ministry partners:** Pray for us to have God's direction and provision to respond to the requests of new ministry partners in the 10/40 window and beyond!

**Lakota Sioux Native American ministry and Gateway Cities in the USA and Canada:** Women in the Window is expanding within Africa, Asia, the Middle East and America as we see God's hand powerfully leading us to address the dire needs right here at home.

**"Men in the Door":** We have seen continued and growing interest among the men involved with this ministry as they have become more involved in responding to the needs of women by training men to grow deeper in Christ themselves.

**"Speak Up":** We are exploring a new avenue where justice and advocacy issues can be reported early, and cases treated with wisdom, trusting the Lord (and legal experts) for success stories.

We are holding tightly to the hope found in Christ as we explore these New Seasons and New Frontiers.

## MULTIPLICATION THAT OVERCOMES EVIL

We are deeply committed to the current and ongoing work of our 13 ministry partners who work with women in some of the hardest places on earth. Each woman leader has a direct sphere of influence with women who are at risk, currently involved with human trafficking, persecution because of their faith in Christ, or inhumane oppression simply because they are women.

We are thrilled to share what God has accomplished in 2016 through Women in the Window: **976** women leaders trained – at a cost of **\$199** per woman leader. This is a substantial increase from 2015 when we trained a little over 600 women leaders. And not only have we trained 976 women in WiW trainings, but once our ministry partners are trained, many of them reproduce what they have learned from us and lead their own trainings.

The results can only be explained by the God who saw the hunger in people's lives, taught them, and then multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 men plus women and children! Here are just a few examples of how our ministry partners multiply the impact of your dollars many times over with reproducible and sustainable trainings:

- **Asenla and Arenla**, women leaders in North East India have begun reproducing trainings in house groups and women's fellowships. Each follow-up training yields approximately two times as many women. So 60 women trained become 120, and 120 become 240!
- **Nora and other North African women** have recently received training in trauma counseling. As they return to their own communities, they purpose to pass along the healing they have received and to provide deeper healing for those who have suffered rape and struggle with addiction.
- **Elizabeth** (see photo below) is just one example of a woman leader from Sub-Saharan Africa who has received training and immediately passes it along to women in her region, her nation, and surrounding nations. Now she would like to travel to Asia to train others with WiW!

In order to continue the work God has called us to among women leaders in the 10/40 window and beyond, **we need your help!** As you can see, this work is growing in Kingdom impact, both deep and wide. We need your prayers for wisdom and your financial support as we seek to find, follow and finish the LORD's will for this ministry. Join us as we pray for our ministry partners to do the same as they experience His Presence and overcoming power in some of the most difficult of circumstances.

## Praise & Prayer

**Middle East/ North Africa** | Praise God for 5 highly effective trainings in the region this year. Pray for our efforts to be multiplied in this region where there is an ISIS attack reported every 72 hours. **Pray that WiW** will effectively prepare MENA women leaders with reproducible tools in health, business, leadership, and discipleship.

**America** | Praise God for open doors to minister among Native Americans and unreached people groups in gateway cities here in America. **Pray that our efforts** will be anointed by God Himself as we connect with local ministries to reach, teach and train them to reach their own tribes, nations and people groups.

**Africa** | Praise God for our ministry partners who are eager to provide practical hands-on training for neighboring nations. South Sudan is once more being ravaged by war, terrorism, hate, tribalism, and hunger. **Pray for our trainings** in Sub-Saharan Africa, asking for safe and purposeful training to bring hope to our women leaders in Sudan and other nations.

**Asia** | Praise God for the most effective year of ministry in Asia so far as the effect of our WiW trainings literally spreads like wildfire! **Pray for our ministry partners** to continue to be steadfast and creative in a region where millions are held captive in acts of human trafficking too horrific for words.

## 2016 Global Impact

as a result of your generous giving...

\$199 cost per women

17 nations impacted

976 women trained





## A HOPE THAT WILL NOT DISAPPOINT OR LEAVE US ASHAMED

FROM THE HEART OF OUR DIRECTOR



Dear friends and co-laborers in Christ,

I hope that your heart is touched and deeply moved by the severe reality that most women in the world face today, with increasing intensity and growing severity, simply because we are women. Women are told that they have little or no value, and that they are actually the source of the world's evil and its many ills. But when their eyes are open to the love of God found in Christ our Lord, everything changes. Everything.

Yes, we all need hope. The ever-changing world conditions are cause for serious concern. Without God, a significant lack of hope would surely prevail. But because of Christ Jesus our LORD, we of all the people in the world have the most hope—hope as an anchor of the soul, certain and unchanging. In his book, *Loved by God*, R. C. Sproul says this, “Hope is faith looking forward to the future. It is a hope that will not disappoint or leave us ashamed.”

Thank you for investing in Women in the Window through your prayers, your time, and your financial gifts. We celebrate our 3rd anniversary on December 1st, and we have grown substantially in these first three years. This year we trained 976 women, 376 more than 2015! And the requests and our needs are ever-increasing. Will you pray about how God might want you to invest in the lives of the women in the 10/40 window



and beyond this year? Yes, we can embrace New Seasons and New Frontiers before us, as we “... **hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for He is faithful to keep His promises.**”

Yours Because I'm His,

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