

The Power of One

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Thirteen women and two men joined a Baptist contingent to attend the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York from March 12 to 17th. They joined 9000 from around the globe to learn about and hear solutions to issues that women face. It was a growing time for all who attended.



Some of the Baptist contingent who attended

The Power of One: we heard story after story of one woman after another who saw a need and stepped out and did something about it.



Pamela (Brazil) (on left) – a victim of domestic violence, she now promotes awareness through graffiti art and also teaches graffiti art on the theme and as a result, is also teaching her students (mostly young men) about domestic violence.

Victoria (Taiwan) – was raped at 10 and again at 15 years of age. Her trauma almost ended in suicide when she realized that if she did kill herself, she wouldn't have a voice to stop violence. As a high school student, she went on to form Read Your Pain which has given women healing through art and telling their stories.



Anna (American living in Kenya) – visited a rural area of Kenya and started a business with the Kenya women of that area, teaching fashion design and sewing to those who otherwise had little for opportunities.



Shahini (India) saw the trauma that child survivors of human trafficking were going through so she started dance therapy classes with them.



Sister Fa (Senegal) going into very unsafe situations in order to teach against female genital mutilation in her country. She uses music and rap to teach as it isn't so blatant.



Eve (Kenya) saw the need for young women to be educated and mentored in her area of Kenya. She brought together ten women who are professional leaders to start HerStory. We heard a powerful account of the results from one of their mentees, Mordecai (in red in the photo).

One person. Seeing the need. Stepping out to do something about it. Making a difference in lives.

This is not a Christian conference. It is at the United Nations. But there we have opportunity to learn and grow and then apply what we are learning with God's love, sharing his healing along with the physical and emotional help we are giving. I know there are many of you with similar stories. Faithful Baptist women around the world, seeing a need and stepping out to let God work through you to minister to those needs with God's love. The power of one plus God! As we each let God work through us in our context, the God's light is shining bright all over the globe!

We would love to hear your stories and pass them on! Please write us at womenbwa@bwawd.org to share what God is doing through *your* life. For more information on the Commission on the Status of Women, see www.bwawd.org/events.