

GLOBAL PROGRAM UPDATE: WOMEN AND GIRLS

Your Impact: Supporting Women and Girls

Globally, gender inequality has a dramatic effect on poverty; the resources available to women and girls are fewer and harder to access. Through local Nazarene churches, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partners with women and girls to unleash their potential through access to education, small-scale farming, vocational training, self-help groups, and more. These ministries are created to help women and girls see themselves as valuable, capable, and equal because they are made in God's image. That's why Nazarene schools and child development centers provide opportunities for girls to grow mentally and spiritually.

In Ghana, hundreds of Nazarene women teach and empower each other through justice clubs and small businesses. In Colombia, churches provide guidance and companionship to young mothers. And in Liberia, women are creating hope for the future through small businesses. These and other Nazarene ministries empower women to change the well-being of their families and their entire communities, creating positive change for generations.

Highlights from Empowering Women with Dignity in Liberia:



In two years, 268 women participated in vocational training classes.



At least 353 lives have been directly impacted through the classes and the women who take them.



60+ women established a business or are earning income from a business related to their vocational class.



100+ women attended 14 additional workshops teaching specific business skills.



In Liberia, women are taking control of their future through vocational classes.

Stories from Liberia

Shelia is a single mother of six children. Four of her children are school-age, and she wanted to give them a good education and a better future. But paying for four school fees was unattainable. Providing enough food was already hard enough, and it felt as though the cycle of poverty couldn't be broken.

The Empowering Women with Dignity program in Liberia hosts vocational training courses for women at three locations through the Church of the Nazarene. Women can learn soap-making, catering, tailoring, and fabric tie dye—all skills that will allow the women to start their own small businesses or earn a livable income. With the income from the business, more than 108 women also joined savings and loan groups, which will help them grow their business and plan for the future.

Shelia joined the soap-making class, where she learned to make liquid and solid soaps to sell. She says that the classes have served to "... restore my hope and dream to educate and provide for my family."

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