

Jamie in Rwanda

The Impact of Freedom

So, the impact...

10 years ago, I took my first short term trip to Rwanda. 8 years ago, I moved here. Each July, a time of reflection just naturally happens as I look back over my time here.

The numbers

192 young women have been trained through our Duhu program in work-readiness and entrepreneurship

32 women who were sex workers have received love and various levels of DuHope trainings

11 of those are DuHope artisans working towards a life of freedom

As I'm running around town, I see our Duhus going to school, proudly working in jobs, and dreaming of starting their businesses one day. Many had given up on dreaming for something better for their lives and had begun to accept the idea that they wouldn't be more than a domestic worker or possibly trapped in a marriage where the man controls their every move. But Duhu allowed them to dream and hope for more out of life, they learned God made them with certain strengths and abilities and they have the confidence to take the steps to accomplish their dreams.

When our DuHope women arrived at the first meeting in 2015, they were distrusting, scared, and broken by life. I could see on their faces they have experienced the absolute worst of humanity, but they too, dreamed of more for themselves and their children. After some intense counseling, lots of love and support, and a beginning level of vocational and life skills training, we have determined these women need to experience freedom.

For women who have never been to school, freedom means they will learn to read and write. For women who have never learned to take care of their children, basic nutrition, savings and budgeting, freedom means they will have access to life skills training. For women who have never learned to make money other than selling their bodies, freedom is learning vocational skills. And for all the women, freedom is hearing God's word, obeying it and experiencing the love of Christ through our staff.

Today, we are launching the "Freedom Campaign", helping 11 women find freedom. I am asking you to consider supporting one of our 11 women in the area of Education (\$45/m), Vocational Training (31/m), Life Skills (\$31/m), and Counseling (\$45/m). All of these things we have started at a small level, but to really help these women we need to bring in some experts and advanced training. I have figured up it will cost approximately \$152 per month per woman to help her move from being trapped by poverty and finding true freedom for herself and her family.

You can read more details about the freedom campaign [here](http://www.belayglobal.org/donate).
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This campaign is going to launch our women into a freedom they have never experienced before.
Please consider joining us.

Thank you,
Jamie