

WOMEN MINISTRIES PROJECT 2012



Stengthening Lydias to Strengthen the Church...

“Just Women” continues as the annual Women Ministries project. Invoking the just action, courage and hospitable spirit of Lydia in Acts 16, **Just Women** seeks to strengthen the church by equipping women to right wrongs and to do justice today. **Just Women focuses on two areas:**

Mending the Soul (MTS):

Mending the Soul will be the next step for AVA (Advocacy for Victims of Abuse). This excellent healing Bible study brings restorative help and hope to victims of abuse. Project funds will support the training and mentoring of facilitators who will launch Mending the Soul regionally and in the local church.

P.R.O.T.E.C.T.:

PROTECT is a printed and online resource that will equip and empower local congregations to address human trafficking in their own communities in a great variety of ways.

Learn more about Just Women at covchurch.org/women/annual-project/

YES! I want to support Just Women as it strengthens Lydias and the church!

Here is my gift of: \$100 \$50 \$25 Other amount \$ _____

Name _____

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Church _____

Detach and mail check to: Women Ministries, 8303 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631

You can also give securely online to Just Women: covchurch.org/donate/women



Please send me information about becoming a “Friend” of Women Ministries.

Why “Just Women?”

After years of initiating dynamic and groundbreaking ministries of great impact, the Women Ministries budget is sorely in need. For that reason, the WM leadership team determined that funds raised through Just Women would be directed to the Women Ministries budget, and WM will implement the Mending the Soul training and the development of the P.R.O.T.E.C.T. resource. Thank you for your help in strengthening WM for a bright and hopeful future.

Advocacy for Victims of Abuse (AVA) and **Break the Chains** are vital ministries of the Covenant Church. Harnessing the passion women have to help the hurting and right the wrongs of injustice, these two initiatives serve those who may not be helped in any other way. Both function well within the framework of the local church, and the need for funding them is great.

Domestic Abuse and Human Trafficking Statistics:

- * Every 9 seconds in the U.S. a woman is assaulted or beaten.
- * Around the world, at least one in every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime. Most often, the abuser is a member of her own family.
- * Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.
- * Men who as children witnessed their parents' domestic violence were twice as likely to abuse their own wives.
- * Less than 39% of all rapes and sexual assaults are reported to law enforcement, however, research has found that sexual assault survivors who have the assistance of an advocate are significantly more likely to have police reports taken and less likely to be treated negatively by police officials.
- * Estimates indicate that there are 27 million people in modern-day slavery around the world, 80% of the victims are women and girls.
- * The total yearly profits generated by the human trafficking industry world-wide is approximately \$32 billion.

Stats from <http://domesticviolencestatistics.org/domestic-violence-statistics/>
The National Center for Victims of Crime and the Polaris Project National Human Trafficking Resource Center

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Shining the Light on Abuse

