



Helping teenage survivors of war achieve their educational dreams

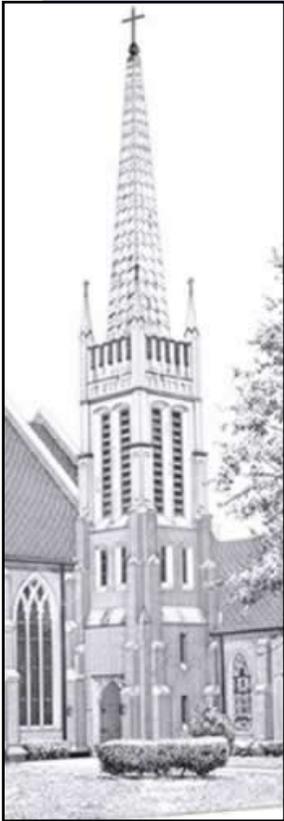
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Both Mary Ellen and Yang Li have extensive experience teaching children and adolescents whose formal education has been interrupted by war.

A Match Made in Heaven

A heart-felt thank you to members and staff of Decatur Presbyterian Church, which will be the home of the Global Village School. We cannot imagine a better location or more supportive partners! Decatur Presbyterian, located right next to the Decatur library and across from the Decatur MARTA station, is a vibrant church committed to community outreach.



Montessori North America has offered scholarships to GVS teachers and volunteers for their summer adolescent institute. During this five week program, our teachers will be finalizing the GVS curriculum, which

will be Montessori-informed. It will include extensive English, integration of the arts, computer literacy, science and math and the humanities.

Meet Our Founding Faculty!

Yang Li is an award winning National Board Certified teacher with over 20 years of teaching experience, K-12. She has taught in Madagascar,



Paris and New York City and is a former teacher at the International Community School and the Saturday School.

Mary Ellen Sheehan is also an experienced K-12 teacher with training in English as a Second Language. She is a founding teacher of the International Community School and the Saturday School and has a graduate degree from the University of Notre Dame.



Decatur-based GOAL, a non-profit serving adolescent girls, and GVS are partnering to plan an August retreat for our new students, staff and volunteers. If you would like to help with planning, please contact Errin Vuley at GOAL 404-214-1876 or Grace Hawkins at GVS 678-654-0787.

HOW CAN I HELP?

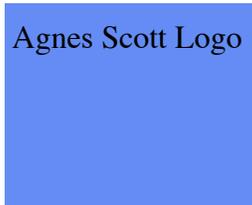
We have many ways for you to make a measurable difference in the lives of these students. Some are conventional – time, money, school supplies – and, like GVS itself, some are as unique as the talents of our volunteers! Call 678-654-0787 and speak with Grace Hawkins, our administrator, for more information!

Thanks to the visionary leadership of Berry College president, Steve Briggs, and a host of committed administrators and staff, 7 Saturday School students have been accepted into a ground-breaking college program at Berry College. This program, which will begin with a six-week summer introduction, addresses the special needs of teen survivors of war, whose formal education has been interrupted by war and refugee camp experiences.

The Atlanta Women's Foundation's generous support has enabled the Global Village School to partner with Agnes Scott College to create our hands-on curriculum and strength-based assessment. Many thanks to Toby Emert and Lesley Coia for their collaborative efforts.



Among these seven students are two of our first five Saturday School students, former child carpet workers when they arrived five years ago. When



Will you join us in this extraordinary project? For more information or to make a contribution, contact Barbara Thompson 770-879-8916 or email gracehawkins@theglobalvillageschool.org.

we began our Saturday School for unschooled teenage survivors of war, we never imagined that later that, thanks to visionary leadership from Berry College, they would be heading to college. On a recent visit, we had the pleasure of hosting [Andy Bressette](#), [Jackie McDowell](#) and [Martha Van Cise](#), who met with the new college-bound teens.

A special **Thank You** goes to Rose McConnell, our Legal Counsel. We are grateful for our growing team of talented volunteers and advisors. Again and again, just the right person with the right set of skills appears just when needed. Rose McConnell has been generous with all these: her valuable time, legal expertise and good humor.



Barbara and Bahktawara celebrate the admission of her daughter to Berry College.



The Global Village School is opening in August 2009 to provide teenage girls whose formal education has been interrupted by war and refugee camp experiences with an enriched, Montessori-informed education. Pioneering a ground-breaking curriculum, this school will provide teenagers with the intensive English language training and enhanced education, including an emphasis on science and math, the humanities and an integrated arts program.