

BAITS



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GLOBAL

LANGUAGE

Spanish

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Training and Capacity Building, Peace and Justice, Health and Wellness, Abolishing Global Slavery

BIRTHDAY

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LOCATION

Global



ABOUT

Mylinda is a pastoral artist and trainer. Serving as a global consultant for Training Through Restorative Arts, she partners with IM colleagues, national church leadership, and social change organizations to seek justice, healing, and transformation through restorative art and creative expression. Compelled by Jesus'

prayer that God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, Mylinda creates spaces where servant leaders and those who do the hard work of rescue, relief, and restoration can be nurtured and renewed. As sinner and saint, she sees beauty in broken places, wonder in wounded people, and life in loving God and others.



Nepali Christian counselors learning new ways to tend to their bodies and emotions as well as those of their clients by using art in the "Body as a Resource" activity. Kathmandu, Nepal 2019.



MINISTRY STORY

I always loved it in elementary school when the teacher had us do Show and Tell. We would bring something from home, show it to the class, and tell why it was important to us. It made us feel special and allowed our classmates to get to know us better.

During a Restorative Arts workshop that I helped facilitate in Kathmandu, Nepal, we witnessed the beauty and richness of Nepali cultural dances and music when we invited them to do Show and Tell. It was especially meaningful because there were various tribal groups present and, sadly, they often downplay their cultural roots to adapt to a Christian environment.

It was my favorite part of the workshop: watching them shine while singing, dancing, and teaching *us*, the trainers. They *showed* us the glory of God and we heard the Good News in a new way as

they *told* us their ancient stories about who they were and where they came from.

The arts have an amazing way of bridging cultures, languages, and experiences. We healed old wounds, formed new relationships, and created meaning while making together.

"And the One sitting on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' Write this, because these words are faithful and true" (Revelation 21:5, NIV).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Travel mercies as I visit various partners in ministry throughout the world.

Deep curiosity and cultural humility for my PhD research in using the arts for healing of complicated grief.

Good relational transitions with Gary, my husband and biggest supporter, as I travel back and forth from home to work internationally.

Increased creativity in trauma healing with our global friends.

SCRIPTURE

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)

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