

Converge Heartland: Transforming Communities One Life at a Time

Seventeen amazing women had a transformative experience in the Dominican Republic (DR) as they took part in a Global ImpactQuest Experience. Debra Weitala, Director of Women's Ministries, Converge Heartland, recruited participants from 11 different churches in South Dakota and Nebraska. This trip was Debra's fifth ImpactQuest Leadership Development experience in the DR - proving that transformational growth is not only life changing, it's a sustainable journey.



The women arrived early in the morning March 9th and had seven full days of learning and serving. Each morning and afternoon, the women served in the bateyes in and around Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic. Each evening, Cathy Bergland (ImpactLives' CLO) led the women through leadership development modules, including Leadership Frame, Strengths-based Leadership, Intrinsic Motivation, Influence, State of the Heart Leadership, and Servant Leadership.

Serving learning highlights included:

- Building a house for Consuelo, a matriarch in the community of Hondino
- Visiting our partner, Dr. Angela Bello at the Regional Hospital in San Pedro
- Singing with residents at the local nursing home
- Holding a medical clinic in Kilo 16
- Building relationships with the wonderful people of the DR



Rita (left, in the pink hat) was able to share her five-year breast cancer survival story with a woman in the DR going through a similar medical situation.

“It really helped me to understand my strengths and why people react to me the way they do. Communication with others is important and knowing our strengths and using them helps our jobs, ministries, etc.”



“This has been the most ‘top-notch’ training I have ever attended. I have been to many corporate and church leadership training, and this by far was the most impactful, well-prepared, well-organized, and passion-driven training.”



If you would like to organize or participate in an ImpactQuest Leadership Development experience with your community, contact:

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Expand your world in a safe environment that's focused on learning about yourself and others. Pair it up with serving and reflection, and results are sustainable and life changing.

It's transformational. And SO worth it!