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Cindy Breilh shares her enthusiasm and passion for what women can do as she leads the largest all-volunteer program within World Vision U.S. Women of Vision serves women and children, both locally and globally, who are impoverished and oppressed. Cindy says the relationship is mutually transforming — engaging with the poor changes us, and is part of God’s redemptive plan.

She grew up in a missions-minded family. Between the ages of 8 and 12, she lived in Gondar, Ethiopia, while her parents served as medical missionaries. “International service is part of my DNA,” she says.

When Cindy earned a nursing degree from the University of Washington, she thought to go into missions work. A year of Bible school in a multi-cultural setting broadened her vision and increased her compassion for a hurting world. Her career path took her into health education, community health and business. She has worked as a nurse educator, as a marketing specialist, an entrepreneur running her own small business, and as the director of development for a large Christian school system. She has worked as a volunteer for many years and served on a number of non-profit boards, including the Institute for Business, Technology and Ethics.

Still wanting to explore a career in an international setting, she went on to work for Agros International, a non-profit focusing on the rural poor and private land reform in Central America.

She brought this strong work background, and her life experience as a wife and mother of three, as she took on the role of National Director for Women of Vision.

Cindy is skilled at reaching and inspiring audiences. She says, “I want to lovingly challenge people to take action using head, heart, hands and voice. I want to present some new ways of thinking about poverty, including our own. She would like to see more families in the United States involved with serving the poor and with social justice issues. “Compassion and service are family issues; how we live our lives affects how our children will live their lives.”

Cindy has a passion for educating people on how poverty affects women and girls in unique ways, and how investing in women and girls is key to alleviating poverty world wide. Examples she likes to talk about include microfinance and education. “At World Vision we want to change the lives of children. I can think of no better way to change the lives of children than to help mothers. Every woman has a story, and we can help women become authors of change in their own lives.”

*Cindy Breilh is based in the Seattle, WA area.*

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