

BETH ANNE WATERMAN

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2009 YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

The Alumni Association of Huntington University annually recognizes young alumni for outstanding achievement or honor since graduation. The individuals who receive this award represent the ideals of Huntington University through their profession or other area of service. The 2009 Young Alumnus of the Year Award is presented to Ms. Beth Anne Waterman.

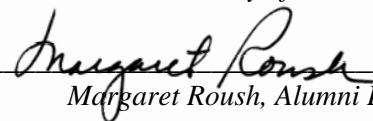
Ms. Waterman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in educational ministries from Huntington University in 2004. During her education at Huntington, she studied abroad in Africa, interacting with women and children affected by the AIDS crisis. Additionally, she spent her PRIME internship in New York City working with Indian, Bangladeshi, and Middle Eastern women. PRIME, or Practical Research Immersion through Ministry Effectiveness, is a seven-month immersion into a ministry setting for senior students. Ms. Waterman's experience in Africa led her to apply for a position with Word Made Flesh, a non-profit organization existing to serve among the most vulnerable of the world's poor. An internship with that organization stirred up a passion in Ms. Waterman to serve women in the red-light district of Kolkata (Calcutta), India.

Ms. Waterman has served as a staff member with Word Made Flesh for three years. In January 2010, she will sign another three-year contract as the Kolkata field director. She currently directs the brothel visitation ministry in the red-light district and assists with training courses offered at Sari Bari, a business initiative offering women freedom from the sex trade industry. Through Sari Bari, women create blankets and bags out of saris, a traditional Indian garment.

Following a call laid on her heart since the age of five, Ms. Waterman has unselfishly devoted her life to a ministry of restoration, passionately striving to create a supportive community and opportunities for the most vulnerable in society. She brings hope and a vision for the future to women who seemingly have no hope or future. She builds relationships with women broken by the sex trade, teaching them about the love of Jesus Christ and helping them to improve their lives. Ms. Waterman's own words sum up her vision well: "What we most have to offer is a presence of hope, of peace, of dignity, and the driving faith that even in the red-lit alleys there really can be change."

Beth Anne Waterman, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Huntington University Alumni Association, and in recognition of your outstanding work with women and children in India's red-light district as well as your involvement with placing Huntington University PRIME students in Kolkata, I present you with the Huntington University Alumni Association's Young Alumnus of the Year Award.

Awarded this third day of October, 2009


Margaret Roush, Alumni Director