

**Fwd: May News!**

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Hi Jacquie
Can we include this in our next newsletter
Thanks
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*"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."
Romans 12:10*



Greetings Friends!

I hope this update finds you well! The past few months have been a season of intense learning and growth for me. However, the different project experiences have made me more passionate about the work that GAIN does, the people GAIN works with, and the GAIN employees themselves.

It is so evident to me that God is at work! Below you will once again find information about a few of my recent projects. As always, I would LOVE to hear what is new in your life.



DART Training

I recently was privileged to be part of the [DART training](#) in Riga, Latvia. DART stands for Disaster Assistance and Response Team, and is a team of people who could be deployed to any disaster in the world. Sounds crazy, I know, and it is perhaps one of the most crazy and most interesting things I have ever done!

The first few days of training were about what it means to be a Project Manager in the office in case of a DART deployment. This includes everything from updating family members of those in the field, to booking flights, to sending funds, and the list could go on. It really takes a whole office team in order for a DART mission to take place on the ground! I am very excited to utilize my new-found knowledge in the future.

After my Project Manager training was complete, the DART participant training started and the true craziness began. I was joined by nineteen others from six

different nations, and for ten days we learned what it means to respond on the ground in a disaster situation. The incredible design team simulated real-life situations for us to respond to with no wi-fi, limited currency, language limitations, and even sleeping in tents! It's hard to describe the range of emotions experienced over these days, but all I can say is that the experience is amazing... hard... challenging... unbelievable... and just so great overall. I am unable to share the specifics of the different situations with you in case one of you decides to pursue this awesome opportunity in the future, but I am happy to talk with you more about it if you are interested!

As part of this trip, my colleague and I were also able to make a quick stop at the GAiN Germany office. It was wonderful to meet the GAiN family around the world, and put a face to a name for our future interactions.



Short-Term Trips

Some of you have asked if GAiN offers short-term service or mission trips for volunteers to visit project sites around the world. The answer is YES! If this is something you have thought about, I would highly encourage you to be part of a trip. Whether it's construction, community health education, medical clinics, or caring for women/children, your life will never be the same. There are three trips coming up this summer, all of which I would highly recommend! They are:

[Haiti Summer Project](#): June 30 - July 16, 2017

[Benin Summer Project](#): July 28 - August 13, 2017

[India Summer Project](#): various dates available

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of these opportunities, I would love to discuss it further with you!



Praise/Prayer Requests

- Please continue to pray for God's protection and guidance for GAIN's partners in Syria and Iraq as they face daily unrest and uncertainty
- Please pray for the DART training members as they debrief from their trip, figure out how to best share their experiences, and discern what it means for the future
- Please pray for a bit of relaxation after a busy spring season

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