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Wendy Ryan Receives Honorary Doctorate from Eastern University



Philadelphia, PA-Wendy Ryan, founder and missionary of Evangeline Ministries of South Africa, and former Director of Communications for the Baptist World Alliance, was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters from her alma mater, Eastern University at their winter commencement on Saturday December 12, for her work with HIV positive women in the township of Masiphumelele, Cape Town, South Africa.

Robert.G. Duffett, President of Eastern University described Ryan as, “a passionate and dedicated worker who has devoted the last 35 years of her life to work as a journalist, speaker and servant in the church.”

Ryan who founded Evangeline Ministries in 2006 runs a Christian based Life Skills Program for HIV positive and other disadvantaged women from the township of Masiphumelele in Cape Town, South Africa. Women are taught the basics of Sewing as well as computer and English skills. Upon successful completion each person is awarded a new sewing machine. Over the past nine years more than 500 women have benefitted from this ministry.

In her remarks to students who graduated from Eastern University, Ryan described her call to South Africa, the work she does and the impact on the lives of the women. She urged the graduates to be courageous in life and to follow where God leads them as they pursue lives that bring life and hope and justice to others. “Each one of us,” Ryan said, “has the opportunity to bring hope, life, love and justice to another person. What greater life’s work can we have than that!”

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