



### **Student Spotlight: Mary Bullis**

Mary recently finalized her Master's degree in Nursing with a concentration in Community Health at a local Christian University. She felt well trained academically to reach out to diverse multicultural communities and felt a leading from the Lord to pursue her options outside of her previous skill set. Her introduction to the *MissionShift* class came from her daughter Natalie, who was eagerly anticipating her internship year with the U4C Program in the fall of 2013. Having taken the *MissionShift* course the previous year, Natalie encouraged her mother to participate in the 2013-14 programs for a life changing experience. Mary had met the executive director, Pastor Roland Wells, many times and his manner and expertise impressed her. She agreed to sign up and the year went by quickly as Pastor Wells interjected humor and Christianity into each class experience in a way that brought the material alive and made it relevant. Mary was most impressed by the caliber of speakers each week. She felt she grew each week through her exposure to their Christ centered solutions to current multicultural issues within the city. After attending the yearlong program, Mary had to agree that the courses were not only life changing, but prepared her in a new and unique way to view culture. The course strengthened Mary's perspective on the importance of relationship building to reach out to and provide for the needs of diverse cultures within a community. She bought a DVD set to share with her community, church, and family and would encourage anyone to take this course.