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I've been describing the past couple years of my life as the "busiest I have ever been." For me, 2014 was a very full year, and though it asked a lot of me, I am grateful and excited about the work I am privileged to do. The interweaving and collaboration with Beyond Boundaries have been even richer this year in many ways. A few of those threads are described below.

#### **Weaving Earth ~ California**

Last year, 2014, marked the second year of operations for the Weaving Earth Center for Relational Education, which I helped to co-found in 2012/13 with my colleagues and collaborators from the Regenerative Design Institute. Weaving Earth (WE) offers a nature-based learning process that aims first and foremost at connection, to self, others and earth; equipping participants with some best practices for cultivating a resilient and regenerative future. This education "for our times" is deeply influenced by the original Beyond Boundaries Pilgrimage, and is gaining momentum (hence the busyness). In 2014 Weaving Earth filled it's youth programs as well as it's 9-month adult immersion program. WE collaborated with the Bioneers Conference alongside fellow BB pilgrim Shay Sloan, helping to organize and run the youth orientation and to hold the "Community of Mentors" program, which pairs Bioneers speakers with youth in intimate council-based sessions. The founders of WE held their winter retreat and organizational renewal time at Three Creeks in January of 2014 with Gigi and Win as guides, supports, "yelders" (young elders) and hosts. This special time allowed for reflection and visioning about the path Weaving Earth is traveling in the world, and also allowed us as to tap into the broader, global story WE is a part of -- Beyond Boundaries. WE also brought it's 2nd and 3rd year participants to the Owens Valley and Three Creeks as part of their preparation training for the upcoming Immersion year, steeping them in the "field" of Beyond Boundaries as a foundational component to the work ahead.

#### **New Story Summit ~ Scotland**

For the first time since the Beyond Boundaries Pilgrimage, I traveled over seas in 2014 on a BB project. It was my honor and calling to be part of the BB team collaborating as organizers and attendees at the "New Story Summit," hosted by the Findhorn Foundation in Scotland -- one of the communities we stayed with for a

month during the 2009/10 global pilgrimage. The summit was invitational, bringing together hundreds from around the world "...to support the emergence of a coherent new story for humanity and to produce practical, collaborative ways to live this new story." The goals and intentions of the Summit are deeply aligned with those of Beyond Boundaries, as well as Weaving Earth. The Summit was important and rich in ways that are still uncovering themselves to me, an "acupressure" point in the unfolding of the collective global response to the times we are in. It was deeply collaborative time, influencing all aspects of the big and little stories I am living into in my life.

### **School of All Relations ~ Greece**

The second component of this trip over the Atlantic was to join Gigi and Win in a visit with "The School of All Relations" (SOAR) on the island of Aegina near Athens. Gigi and Win were asked to consult with the development of the emerging educational project in Greece during the same time that Weaving Earth was launching here in California. With nearly the same mission and vision, the two schools found each other through Gigi. I went with excitement to support the emergence of this new project for young global leaders, and to explore the development of a working relationship between WE and SOAR.

### **Looking Ahead ~**

In true BB fashion, it seems the call to a partnership paradigm is growing ever more clear. In 2015, I plan to continue with all of these cross-pollinations and collaborations in a variety of ways. Weaving Earth will continue working closely with Beyond Boundaries, Gigi and Win, Three Creeks, Bioneers, and other affiliates such as the School of Lost Borders, SOAR, the 8 Shields Institute, the Ojai Foundation and more. WE plans to co-host a Nature of Council program in the Bay Area in 2016 and is already working on the necessary collaborations to make this happen. It feels as though 2014 was a year to set down patterns and foundations for the future, and 2015 will be a year to live into those rhythms more fully.