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Karen Wilson comes from a strong Christian family. She gave her life to Christ at the age of 7 and has been involved in leadership in the local church and other mission organisations since being a teenager. She has a strong passion to see people lead well and to be equipped and grow into their full potential. Together with Mark, her husband of 34 years and a pastor and Director of Baptist Ministries in Western Australia, she has served in different capacities as teacher, youth leader, local church pastor and in various Christian organizations.

Currently Karen Wilson serves as the Director for Strategic Relations for Baptist World Aid Australia/Transform Aid International. She has always had a love for working with people from all walks of life and feels called to speak up for those who have no voice of their own. She has spent many years working in countries all over the world and is often found in other nations working amongst those in great need. In the past ten years God has grown her love especially for the poor and marginalised.

Karen Wilson enjoys challenging situations and loves helping people achieve all they were meant to be. She has a thorough understanding of change management and the development of strategic vision and planning as well as financial strategies and fundraising. She has had much experience in team and staff leadership, including mentoring and developing new leaders and teams in Australia and beyond. She has led national and local teams to champion empowering women in leadership and ministry. After twelve years of volunteer service in this capacity, Karen Wilson has recently handed over her role as National Director for Australian Baptist Women's Ministry.

A gifted communicator, Karen Wilson speaks in a relational and often humorous way that connects with many different audiences. Her passion is in seeing people grow and live life well. She has written and published a book "The Inside Story", in which she unpacks keys to living authentically, dealing with some of the deepest pains in



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the journey of life, and how to thrive and live life to the fullest (John 10:10). Find out more at [www.karensinsidestory.com](http://www.karensinsidestory.com).

In her own words, Karen Wilson states her vision for BWA Women as follows:  
“I dream of a global ministry where women champion one another and stand together (Zephaniah 3:9); where they understand their responsibility to the family of God and encourage one another forward (1 Thessalonians 5:11); where they meet regularly and are aware that they are not alone (1 Corinthians 14:26); where they come together and await the move of the Spirit of the living God (Acts 2:1); where they stand alongside their brothers in unity (1 Cor 1:10) and where they stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the Gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27).”

Karen Wilson and her husband Mark have two adult children, Daniel and Katherine, and a daughter-in-law. They are soon to add a son-in-law and baby granddaughter.

