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**MRS. INTERNATIONAL 2012, SARAH BAZEY, FOCUSED HER  
REIGN ON CONNECTING THE BURN COMMUNITY  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**  
*100,000+ miles, 200 appearances, 17 countries, 1 HUGE impact*

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(Minneapolis, MN) Mrs. International 2012, Sarah Bazey, has dedicated her reign to connecting burn survivors throughout the world and raising awareness for the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, an organization in which she is a volunteer and board member. A burn survivor herself, Bazey knows the importance of peer support and has been able to transcend border and language barriers through the power of personal connection. Please see a below list of highlights:

- March 11, 2012: Crowned Mrs. Minnesota International 2012. *Minnesota.*
- April 2012: Met with burn survivors and physicians. *Argentina.*
- May 2012: Visited New York Presbyterian Hospital Burn Center. *New York*
- July 21, 2012: Crowned Mrs. International 2012 in Skokie, IL. Bazey competed with over 60 women from around the world to win this prestigious title. *Illinois.*
- September 2012: Featured in the Regions Hospital Burn Center video depicting her journey as a survivor. *Minnesota.*
- September 2012: Attended Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress and met with fellow burn survivors, J.R. Martinez and Phoenix Society founder, Alan Breslau. *Wisconsin.*

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- October 2012: Delivered a keynote address at a fundraiser for a newly burned woman. *Minnesota.*
- October 2012: Celebrated 18 years as a burn survivor. *Minnesota.*
- October 2012: Shared burn awareness messaging at reception. *Bahamas.*
- November 2012: Interviewed with WDAY 6 News, Television: *North Dakota.*
- December 2012: Spoke at the Regions Hospital Christmas Party. *Minnesota*
- December 2012: Starred in Fuji TV's Amazing Stories Series. *Japan.*
- December 2012: Featured in Harvard Alumni Magazine. *Maryland.*
- January 2013: Delivered a keynote address at the Phoenix Society of Japan meeting. *Japan.*
- January 2013: Met with burn survivors and the Hong Kong Burn Association. *Hong Kong.*
- January 2013: Traveled with pop celebrity Erik Santos to the East Avenue Medical Center Burn Unit. *Philippines.*
- January 2013: Met with Phoenix Society Founder Alan Breslau, and fellow survivors. *Australia.*
- January 2013: Visited University of North Carolina Burn Unit and Chapel Hill Fire Station. *North Carolina.*
- April 2012: Participated in an American Burn Association meeting. *California.*
- May 2013: Toured Children's Burn Unit, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. *England.*
- May 2013: Shared the mission of the Phoenix Society at a dinner. *France.*
- May 2013: Spoke on the importance of connecting the burn community at a dinner gathering. *Germany.*
- May 2013: Shared information on burn awareness and connection with royalty at Villa Aurora. *Italy.*

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Mrs. International/Add 2

- June 2013: Featured guest at Fairmont Raceway's Burn Awareness Night.  
*Minnesota.*
- June 2013: Attended Regions Hospital Burn Unit 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.  
*Minnesota.*
- June 2013: Toured University Medical Center Burn Unit Las Vegas. *Nevada.*

**About Sarah Bazey:**

A Harvard Business School graduate and an accomplished business professional, Bazey is the owner and president of Minneapolis-based Simplex Construction Supplies. In 1994, Bazey chartered a helicopter to survey a concrete paving project for which her company supplied construction materials; the flight ended in a horrific crash. Belted inside the helicopter and dowsed in jet fuel, Bazey suffered third-degree burns over 40 percent of her body when the helicopter exploded. She went on to endure 15 surgeries, 18 months of therapy and countless medical procedures. Today, she proudly serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering burn victims through support programs, education and advocacy. Bazey resides in downtown Minneapolis with her husband of nine years, Joseph, and their beloved Maltese, Tonka. For more information please visit: [www.sarahbazey.com](http://www.sarahbazey.com) or [www.mrsinternational.com](http://www.mrsinternational.com).

**About Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors:**

People who suffer burn injuries often have a challenging time getting back to living. The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors helps them do exactly that. For more than 35 years, the Phoenix Society has worked with survivors, families, healthcare professionals, the fire industry and donors to support burn recovery, improve the quality of burn care, and prevent burn injuries. We are the only national non-profit organization helping survivors meet their challenges with the community support and the tools they need to thrive again. The Phoenix Society, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, takes its name from the legendary bird that is consumed by flame but rises again, more vibrant than before. To learn more, visit [www.phoenix-society.org](http://www.phoenix-society.org).

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