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President's Corner!



nature for our part of the world. Trees are bringing forth new leaves, flowers are blooming, the grass is a beautiful color of green (even though it means mowing and working in the yard) and there's no more snow for awhile.

Just as this is a time of refreshing for our immediate world, it is a time to stop and think about our personal need to be refreshed in the Lord's work. Are we doing all we can for His Kingdom? Are we busy doing His work or are we only concerned about our own little world? Are we content to sit back and let others bear the

SPRING— what a wonderful time of the year. My favorite! A time of rebirth in

burdens we should be helping carry? Our Lord and Savior gave His all for us! Let's be up and about His business, spreading the gospel and winning the lost. I encourage you to be active in your local, your district and state auxiliaries. Begin now to work on the 2010 Provision Closet items for our missionaries who are sacrificing so much to tell others the "Good News of our Lord."

Also, plan to attend the 2009 State Retreat, September 18 and 19 in Perrysburg, Ohio for a wonderful time of "refreshing." See old friends, make new friends, fellowship with other Christian women and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

Mona Dukes is returning by popular demand. She is a wonderful speaker and servant of

the Lord. You will be blessed.

See you in September!

Love and prayers,

Mattie

State Retreat!

Ladies, applications are out for the retreat! The deadline for submission is August 10th. Don't forget you must send in the \$35.00 deposit and if applicable, Thursday's lodging. We are in hard times, but if you can send the full amount in with the application, it would sure be easier on our sister, Pauline.

Remember, if your local WAC plans on taking gift items for the ladies, you need to let Sis. Mattie know. She likes to recognize those who do that. Also, plan to give gifts out after a meeting, rather than placing on the table the night of the banquet.

From the Editor Sherry McBroom

I appreciate the kind comments I have received regarding the newsletter publication. I am so glad you are finding it to be informative! I give God the "glory" and thank Him for placing the desire to do this on my heart.

This is the third publication and has really been a "pilot" so far. As you may have noticed, there really has been no rhyme or reason to the date the newsletter goes out. But I would like to change that! Starting July, I will be sending out the newsletter

the first week of the month. Since this edition is so late in May, there will not be another until July.

I would appreciate getting all articles by the 25th of the month in order to get the newsletter out by the 1st of the following month. Please mark that down on your calendar. So, if you have something for the next edition, please have it to me by the 25th of June. If for some reason, it will be later, please let me know so I can plan on it. I have been e-

mailing our missionaries and others asking for articles, and hopefully, I will not have to continue to do that.

I appreciate your help in making this a valuable publication. If I have nothing to put in the newsletter, there will be no need to keep it up.

Please send me your District info and other information that will be of benefit to our sisters. You can call me, e-mail or snail mail articles. Slmcbroom@comcast.net

Thanks and God bless you!

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tab and find updates
and our newsletter.

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WNAC for all
they do for
FWB women
and missions.
Thank you!**



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From WNAC website!

Faith Promise introduced this year!

WNAC now offers individuals and groups greater opportunity to partner in its ministry through a faith promise financial and/or prayer commitment. These partnerships will allow WNAC a much-needed consistent cash base and vital prayer support necessary to continue its office operations.

Financial commitments can be made for any amount and given monthly, quarterly or yearly. For convenience, an automatic

bank draft is available or you may mail your gift directly to WNAC. The card can be downloaded from the website. Prayerfully consider what commitment God would have you make, by faith, to Women Nationally Active for Christ.

Please take survey!

We'd like your input and opinions concerning the National retreat and other future events. Please take a minute or two and complete our short online survey (or download the Word or PDF file and complete and

mail it to WNAC, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002).

What does WNAC mean to you?

In celebration of this year's WNAC Emphasis, we're looking for women who will share personal accounts concerning what WNAC means to them. We will be posting these testimonials on our TWG blog throughout the month of May. Send your story to blog@wnac.org.

Please make note that the WNAC website address is located in the lower left hand corner of this page.

A lesson learned. . . By Sherry McBroom

I was asked to be the alternate speaker for the State meeting and of course, I had to be prepared in the event I was needed. As you know, the subject was "Shaped to Serve". I was blessed as I studied and prepared my "message", and did not feel at all that it was done in vain. As a matter of fact, I felt quite the opposite! I believed it was "just for me". But, if you don't mind, I'd like to share with you some very important lessons I learned!

You see, I'm one of those "busy" people, always in the middle of everything at church. And the fact that I've been there even longer than our Pastor, seems to make sure I'm in the "middle" of it! I guess that's because I'm suppose to remember everything since the "beginning of time" which is becoming more and more difficult as I get older.

So, I can give you a list of things I do to "serve the Lord". Many of you can do the same. And, I I often find myself frustrated when others do not get involved

like I do. I'm just being honest! (I know some of you feel the same. . go ahead and admit it.) I thought if "I'm working for the Lord, what are they doing?" So, I started to really think about it and here's what I realized!

First, what makes me think that the Lord's service is only "in church?" Matter of fact, I have come to believe that a better service for the Lord is "outside the church." So many people are hurting today and are in need both physically, financially and most of all spiritually. So, many of those who appear to be doing nothing, are actually helping those in need, fixing or buying food, giving money, witnessing. They do it QUIETLY, behind the scenes. They need no recognition!

We have a brother in our church who is limited in what he can do physically, but he sends cards to **everyone** for their birthday, anniversary, and when they are sick or need to be encouraged. He and another brother and a few of our Sisters at church (listening to

the Holy Spirit) know just when someone needs prayer and will often stop them in the aisle to pray for them. I have been one of those "someone's".

Some others are so good at encouraging me! Wow, do I need that at times. They are the ones who say "thank you" and "Keep on going".

So, I realized, that while everyone is not working in the kitchen, filling an office, teaching a SS class, cleaning the church, preparing a special song, or whatever else may need to be done, they may be doing a far more important service. One that truly touches the soul of another. One that may truly make a difference in the heart of a person and at just the right time.

And I no longer say "I'm working for the Lord". Somehow it just seems to place too much emphasis on ME! I now want to say "The Lord is working **through** me". My prayer is, "Lord, use me to accomplish what You want me to do."

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A Message from Spain . . . Kristi Johnson, Missionary!

Dear Michigan ladies,

The Alpedrete Church is in the middle of a special emphasis month on "FAMILIES". We've had a family share via video about their lives. We've had a family read our Scriptures. One family even sang a song together. It's been great to get to know more about the families who attend our church. Each Sunday the sermons have also focused on themes to help families and marriages. Next Sunday afternoon, we will be showing the film "Fireproof" (in Spanish, "A Prueba de Fuego"). Please help us pray that God will use this time to speak to hearts and strengthen the families within our church

who are facing problems.

Speaking of family, we wanted to update you on how our family is doing these days. Tim plays basketball each week with several unsaved men from town. He likes being able to use something he enjoys (basketball) as he models Christ to them. I (Kristi) have been spending a lot of time lately with a special friend named Rosario. She and I often have coffee or just spend time talking while our children are at after-school activities. Alejandro will soon finish Third Grade and has participated in both swimming and soccer this year. Ana not only

has gymnastics classes, but she (along with Alejandro) is studying French this year. She loves to walk around the house saying her newly-learned phrases like "Bonjour" and "Merci".

We are looking forward to the summer's events, which include helping with an E-team group, church camp for the kids, and a Vacation Bible School in the Alpedrete Church.

Thanks for your prayers for our family and for the families in our church. For all of us,

Kristi

From Becky Riggs, Missionary to France

Dear Michigan ladies,

This is hard for me to jump right in because I don't know where to start. I don't want this to be too long. The group meeting in Chateaubriant is doing well. Slowly but surely, everyone is meeting people and making contacts. We are presently looking to perhaps rent a building. We have been meeting in the home of a French family in our church but if we want people to know that we exist as a church and not be distrustful of us, we will have to get into our own room or building.

This year I have been involved two afternoons a week in a group that helps junior high school kids with their homework after school. Of course, I help with the English part but I have come to realize how little I know the rules of grammar of the English language. It has been a wonderful opportunity to meet other adults who are helping out, too. They all know

that my husband is a pastor and they still consider me one of the group! Steve has had the opportunity to spend time with Jean-Louis, one of the guys who helps out. I have a good relationship with Maryvonne who works with us. Please pray for occasions to share our faith. I have to be very careful about what I say because the setting is a public school, and French law strictly forbids religious influence in this context. Therefore, in school kids can't wear anything with a religious signification (like a cross, head covered with a scarf, etc.). Some of the kids come from pretty rough backgrounds. Adrien has been placed in foster care because of his home situation. He came in and told us that he wouldn't be back for awhile because he was being put in a foster home and didn't know where it was, what school he would be going to and for how long it was going to be for. This happened to him right in the middle of the school

year. One little girl has such anger at her Dad for leaving her mother and going with another woman. I've had the opportunity to sit and listen to her talk and the anger just comes bursting out. I have no counseling background whatsoever, so I am very careful in what I say. But I did tell her that it was OK to be angry and that it wasn't her fault. I told her that the responsibility lies squarely on the shoulders of us adults not on our kids. She got tears in her eyes. She tries to be flippant and says that she doesn't care about the situation but it is tearing her up inside. So these are just two examples of the kids I see each week. Please pray that I can be used of God to be a witness for Him even though I have to be careful what I say.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. We appreciate you.

Becky

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The Mousetrap!

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a

mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey! The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors

came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

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EACH OF US IS A VITAL THREAD
IN ANOTHER PERSON'S TAPES-
TRY; OUR LIVES ARE WOVEN
TOGETHER FOR A REASON.

Provision Closet Total!

The April newsletter published a total of \$17, 664.25 as the amount for the items sent to the provision closet from Michigan. Well, great news! Katy found another list and our revised total is **\$19,948.75**. Almost \$20,000! Praise the Lord and thank you all for what you have done!

State Support for WNAC!

At the State meeting in April the Resolutions committee moved that we retain our suggested quota of \$100.00 per local WAC auxiliary for the State project and that the money be sent to our National Office (WNAC) to help with expenses. It was also moved that the money collected from our Used Book Sales go to WNAC. Both motions were carried.

Start a Local WAC!

Interested in starting a local WAC? If so, let us know at the District level and we will help you get started.

We have reports of just one woman keeping a local auxiliary alive until more women became interested. Sometimes it seems no one is interested, but prayer and faithfulness can change that.

We encourage all auxiliaries to send your support monthly through your District with your report. If you have questions about this, you can direct them to Pauline. As State Treasurer, she can direct you if you need help. It's important for all of us to contribute, particularly since it was approved by the delegates at the meeting.

Also, if your church does not have a local WAC and you would like to attend, you would be welcome at a sister church with an active WAC. Please do not feel like you cannot attend meetings. You can also tag on to a group of ladies going to the retreat if you are the only one interested in going from your church. WE NEED YOU!

Have a Blessed Memorial Day!

