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Retreat!

We are looking forward to our 2009 Retreat at Perrysburg,

Ohio this month. The time is fast approaching and we are anticipating a wonderful time in the Lord. Our ladies are all excited and are looking forward to a "time of refreshing in the Lord", fun and fellowship. It is always good to be with old friends and make new friends. This year we invited our teen girls to join us and are thankful for those that have accepted the invitation.

For the ladies arriving early on Thursday we will again have a "Prayer Room." Last year was the first time we provided an organized time of prayer for the "early arrivals." It was a huge

success with each one leaving the room knowing the Lord had been in our presence and blessed those who were there.

"Promises" is our theme throughout the Retreat. We look forward to our three seminar speakers plus Mona Dukes, guest speaker for our banquet and Saturday morning. She has a special program planned for the Banquet with a unique presentation. We have special music planned throughout the meetings.

Saturday morning following Mona and our breakfast buffet we will close our retreat with a time of "Praise and Worship." What a blessed time this is with our ladies praising and worshipping our Lord together.

If you cannot join us this year we hope that you will begin now to plan to join us for the 2010

Retreat, time and place to be announced.



Fly your flag in memory of 9/11!

From the Editor

Have you got news? Please help by providing information.

Newsletter articles requested by the 25th of each month. If you have pictures of events, announcements, devotions, news, please submit to:

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Why go to church?

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday (or Saturday). "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor'

column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. . .they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be

physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing . . . God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

MI WAC Newsletter

Now on State
Association website:

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Look for the WAC
tab and find updates
and our newsletter.

**We appreciate
WNAC for all
they do for
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Thank you!**



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How You have Grown Me! by Barb Osborne

I was thinking back, the other day, about how I have grown as a Christian. I remember the first time I attended a Michigan WAC Retreat it was in Traverse City. We were holding a State meeting in one of the rooms and we were nominating ladies to serve on committees. Donna Locklear was sitting next to me and she leaned over and whispered, "You should volunteer for that. I think you would do a great job." At the time, I had been a Christian for about seven months so I was terrified at the thought of stepping out of my comfort zone. I had never spoken in front of a group before and I usually am the quiet one in a room full of people. I very politely nodded my "No, thank you" to her and she graciously accepted one of the nominations. Afterward, that bothered me that I didn't volunteer. I believe that was God's way of letting me know that I could have done it with His help.

One of my close friends and I began doing a bible study in my home and one of the ladies from our church found out we were doing it and asked if she could join us. "Sure", I said thinking it would only be the three of us, so, that wouldn't be so scary, would it? Well, after we finished that one we wanted to do another and then other ladies wanted to join so it began to grow. Once again, Donna said to me, "I think you should lead the bible study." and I thought to myself, "I don't know about this." I decided I would pray about it and the Lord would not let me stop thinking about it. I remember driving home one night talking to Him and saying, "Alright, I'll try, but, You have to help me do this." Of course, He would have to help me do it! I did lead bible study at that time and after ten

studies or so, (there have been so many I lost count) I still lead "question and answer time." We have anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five ladies who attend regularly.

A few years ago I was asked if I would consider the position of Prayer Chairman at our District WAC meetings. "What do I have to do?" I asked. "Give a small devotion and ask for prayer needs." Whoa, hold on a minute. Now we're talking about standing up in front of a group of ladies and yes, speaking into a microphone? I don't think so. After I thought of all the reasons and excuses why I couldn't do it, Pauline told me that we only have two meetings a year. How could I say "No" to two meetings a year? "Remember God? You're going to help me, right?" "Right." And He has.

Last year our church was planning it's annual VBS and there was a shortage of teachers for some of the classes. What was I thinking? I've never taught a Sunday school class let alone VBS. Still yet, I felt the draw to the need at hand. I ended up being an assistant to the 3rd and 4th grade class. I figured I would watch and learn from one of the regular teachers. This year I wanted to teach so I was able to share the responsibility with another first time teacher. We each taught two days and I absolutely loved it. I was asked to teach Junior Church one Sunday right before VBS. I believe this was God's way of showing me that "it's not so scary" to teach.

Stepping out of your comfort zone isn't as bad as you may think it is. Especially when you have God on your side to prepare you. I never dreamed I would ever be able to do any of the things I have done to serve the Lord. Jesus promises to

give us strength and courage to battle through the strongholds that are keeping us from serving Him. He has left us with an Encourager, the Holy Spirit. He is here to help guide us when we feel so unsure of what to do. And to comfort us when we feel afraid to try something new. Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world.

Oh, and by the way, this year I was asked to be on the Nominating Committee. I graciously accepted.

Just like all of the other times, it is with God's help. All of the praise and honor are His. Bless His Holy Name!

Barb Osborne attends Woodhaven FWB church.



Fellowship District

Mission Banquet

Saturday,
November 7th

6:30 PM

West Wayne FWB

\$15.00 per person

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When You Thought I Wasn't Looking!



A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I

learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

A report from Steve and Becky Riggs – France

Dear Ladies,

This will sound a little repetitious, but believe me, it is with a sincere heart that we want to say thank you to all of you for your faithful and generous work to help the cause of Christ around the world. Our lives as missionaries have been made easier in so many ways because of you. Thank you so much.

This, too, will sound repetitious, but may we ask you to pray as we continue to look for a public meeting place in Châteaubri-

ant. That is one of our most pressing needs at this time. So far, nothing has opened up that meets the criteria we have set (budget, visibility, etc.) Our team has made many contacts and a number of people have indicated interest in visiting once we have a public meeting place. So please pray with us about that.

Also, please pray for Magali & Jean-Charles. They are the couple who just recently gave birth to their third child, Reuben. Jean-Charles' work schedule right now involves close to

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

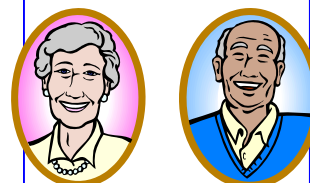
Many of you do so much for others and think no one ever sees, but little eyes see a lot.

Each of us (parent, grandparent, aunt, teacher, friend) influences the life of a child.

How will you touch the life of someone today?

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

**Happy
Grandparents Day!**
September 13, 2009



60 hours a week, and Magali is extremely tired with the newborn and taking care of Jarod, who is unable to walk. So please remember them in your prayers.

Thank you again.

Our love & prayers,

Steve & Becky Riggs France



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A Message from Tim and Kristi Johnson – Spain



Dear Michigan friends, show how Moses' life can teach us to not be afraid.

We wish you could have been in Alpedrete for our "Crocodile Dock" VBS this year! You would have seen. . .

. . .our church transformed into an authentic swamp, complete with shack, dock, and hover boat

. . .local workers who were excited about their roles as music teachers, group leaders, helpers, and snack time organizers.

. . .Bible stories each night to

show how Moses' life can teach us to not be afraid.

. . .Pharaoh, who endured the plagues, which were portrayed by the children.

. . .surprised faces as they walked through the parted waters of the Red Sea (while being sprayed with drops of water).

. . .snacks that went with Bible lessons each night. Have YOU ever eaten a burning bush?

. . .mini flashlights with wings that the children made into

their very own fireflies.

. . .a heat wave pass through the unair-conditioned church filled with an average of 30 kids (plus parents) each evening.

. . .children from at least 12 different unsaved families who had fun learning about the Bible.

Please pray that their experience in our "swamp" will change their lives forever!

Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana

From the Andersons : Verlin and Debbie – Cote D'Ivoire

Dear Ladies in Michigan,

Many of you will have a long update from us through the Ladies Retreat information packet in September, so we will keep this short.

We want to thank the Lord for His many blessings in our lives:

*Debbie and Corbin made it safely to Cote d'Ivoire on July 14 with all their luggage. Verlin arrived two weeks earlier, and had much prepared to make their arrival easier.

*Four people were saved in mid-August when Verlin preached at a very remote village. One of those who trusted Christ was a village leader, and might even be a fetish priest.

*Verlin's mother, Elsie Anderson, had a successful knee surgery on July 13. We are so grateful to the Lord for both sides of our family who graciously allow us to be overseas most of the time, without ever complaining about our being absent for weddings, funerals, surgeries, etc. That makes it so much easier on us, even though we would like to be present on those occasions. The Lord sees their reactions and He will reward their sacrifices for the gospel some day. It is a wonderful thing to have a godly heritage.

*We are thankful for chicken. That may sound strange, but for weeks we ate beef from the market, and could not find chicken. Recently we found a

local supplier of frozen poultry, so that allows Debbie much more variety in cooking. Hurrah for dumplings and pot pie!

May the Lord use us here, and you there, for His glory. It is a wonderful thing to be a part of what He is doing, isn't it? We would love to hear news from Michigan over the next four years as we live in Cote d'Ivoire. Write us when you have a moment at verlinanderson@hotmail.com.

Blessings,
Verlin, Debbie, and Corbin Anderson
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Thank you ! Sherry McBroom

So much work has been done behind the scenes and I want to say "thank you" on behalf of all our Michigan sisters. Pauline Penix has been busy taking reservations and working with Holiday Inn. Mattie Riley and Wendy Shelton have

been putting together the agenda and packets for all the ladies. Those in charge of the Used Book Sale are getting things together. Rebekkah Seymour has been working on our music; Donna Locklear is planning the Praise and Wor-

ship Service; and the speakers and prayer room captains are prayerfully preparing their presentations. I don't mean to miss anyone, and I know there are many more. Your efforts are appreciated. **Thank you from all of us!**