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### President's Corner!



What a privilege and honor to be the elected President of such a wonderful group of ladies. Your love and support is truly appreciated. Together we have accomplished much for the Lord. We have seen many miracles in our own lives and also the lives of our families and friends. We have wept together during times of sorrow and we have worshipped and fellowshiped together at our meetings. But most of all, we rejoice together that our Lord is blessing us here in the beautiful State of Michigan.

I look forward to seeing all of you September 18th and 19th at our Annual State Retreat in

Perrysburg, Ohio. Your board has planned a great program and we are praying for the Lord's presence and blessings. Come, bring a friend, and expect a great time.

May the Lord bless you, your family and your church family.

Love and prayers.

Mattie

#### 2009 Retreat Update!

2009 MI State WAC Retreat Friday and Saturday September 18 & 19 Holiday Inn, French Quarters Perrysburg, Ohio.

Applications are now available! Make plans to join us! Come Thursday if you can!

**Theme:** "Promises of" . . . . .

#### Seminars:

Salvation: Angela McGinnis  
Strength: Katy Taylor  
Sustaining: Sandra McGowan

#### Prayer Rooms:

Thursday Night: Leader: Sherry McBroom

Friday Night Prayer Rooms:  
Encouragement: Sue Newton  
Freedom: Amera Vanover  
Energy: Barbara Bratcher  
Peace: Vicki Paul  
Renewal: Patty Ouding  
Wisdom: Rosemary Fairchild  
Forgiveness: Rose Evers  
Pastor's Wife: open  
"Teen Scene" new for our teen girls: Rebekah Seymour

Mona Dukes will return as our guest speaker and we are looking forward to what she has in store for us. Pray that the Lord will direct Mona in her preparation for the retreat. God knows what we need!

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### State Meeting a blessing to all!

"Shaped to Serve" was the theme of our state meeting held at Riverside Fellowship FWB on Saturday, April 18. There were 65 women in attendance (the adjusted number because some were registered twice).



Mary Johnson, President of North Warren WAC, gave the morning devotion entitled "Structured for Purpose". Her message was thought provoking and spoke to our hearts. While she talked about many things, she focused on using our own experiences to help us in our service for the Lord. Especially when something happens in your life that helps you to be more understanding of others. Mary is the wife of Rev. George Johnson, pastor of North Warren FWB.

The business portion of the meeting was conducted by our President, Mattie Riley.



Rebekah Seymour and Lisa Treppa, both from Central FWB, beautifully sang "The Potters Hand" prior to the message. (continued pg 2)

# MI WAC Newsletter

Now on State  
Association website:

[www.mifwb.com](http://www.mifwb.com)

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

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## MI State Meeting Continued



Our guest speaker was Nancy Trimble, wife of Rev. Robert Trimble, pastor of New Covenant FWB. Nancy has been active with our state WAC since it's origination. Her message was "Shaped to Serve", and she quoted our theme verse: *But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.* Isaiah 64:8.

Nancy did a great job of illustrating how God can take nothing, (you and I) and shape it into something special; a servant for Him.

Nancy informed us that she is moving to Florida soon. We will miss her special work in the state of Michigan, but we pray God's blessings on her and Bro. Bob as they start a new chapter in "sunny, hot" Florida. We'll be thinking of you next winter!

The ladies from our host church, Riverside Fellowship, took such good care of us. We had a "yummy" continental breakfast and the luncheon

was excellent. And almost as we exited the building, others were coming in for a wedding at 2:00 PM. They had such a busy day, and we appreciate all they did to make it special for us. Thank you so much, ladies.



Many of you came loaded with books for our Used Book Sales, and many of you went home loaded with books you purchased! You will have an opportunity to shop more at the retreat. Thanks to Karen Humphrey and Peggy Wilds for managing the sales!

And, of course, we can't forget all of the items brought in for the Provision Closet. What a blessing to see the trailer being loaded with items that have been purchased throughout the year. Local auxiliaries used creative ways to have their entire church involved in this effort and we appreciate everyone who contributed in any way.

During the first part of the meeting, while most of us sat inside the church listening to a



devotion on being "shaped to serve" there were others outside who were actually "serving". A special "thank you" goes out to Gary Reach and Carl Lord for their help. They arrived in the North Warren van just as boxes and sterilitite containers were being placed at the back of the trailer to be loaded. They graciously helped Jill Daniels, Debbie Hearod and Debbie's daughter, Deanna, consolidate and pack the items. We appreciate the work these ladies did in bringing the trailer from the Kirby church, who donated it for our use, and for all they did to get it packed up and ready for the Taylor's (Katy and Rudy) to head to Nashville. I know they appreciated Donna Riley for serving them water as they worked.

Thank you "Kirby Church" for allowing us to use the trailer. It saved us the cost of renting one and that is a blessing! And we appreciate the Taylors for their willingness to make the trip to Nashville.

What a blessed day it was!

## "Thank you" from Danita High at WNAC!

The provision closet items have arrived, and we have been rejoicing all day! There are no words to express our gratitude to you wonderful ladies (and gentlemen) who have helped with this project

once again this year. You are a blessing to countless missionary families.

Love and blessings,  
Danita

2009 Michigan  
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## A Message from Spain . . . . Kristi Johnson, Missionary!

Dear Michigan ladies,

Today I found myself in the chocolate aisle of our local grocery store. Yes, there is actually a huge amount of shelf space dedicated only to the delicious, rich taste that we all crave. There's praline chocolate, white chocolate, dark chocolate, and even chocolates shaped like cat tongues. I could feel myself gaining weight just standing there.

And then I looked up to see a lady standing beside me, looking with delight at the various brands, shapes, and sizes that each box beheld. I could see

that she was mesmerized by the sheer volume of chocolates on the shelf. And she couldn't even read a single word on the labels, because she didn't speak Spanish. You see, it was Mary Johnson, my mother-in-law. She is here in Spain (along with my father-in-law, George) for a short visit. Even though Mary couldn't read the various ingredients, her lack of the Spanish language didn't stop her from knowing that she was looking at some DELICIOUS treats.

This is just one small example of how certain things don't need a translation. Another

example is our recent "Café y Algo Más". The excitement that we felt as we attended also didn't need to be translated to my in-laws. They could sense that wonderful things were happening as they watched our friends and contacts gather together for coffee and a Gospel presentation. Thanks for your prayers for this special event.

We'll be sending "Nana and Papa" home soon, but will always remember the moments we spent with them and the memories we made. And, of course, the chocolates we ate together! Kristi

## Greetings from the Andersons . . . . Cote d'Ivoire Missionaries!

Dear WNAC Sisters of Michigan,

All of us have people that, when they come into our thoughts, bring a smile to our face and thankfulness to our hearts.

That is the way we always feel about you! May the Lord give you a wonderful meeting, full of good reports and refreshment from His Holy Spirit. Thank you for helping faithfully stock the Provision Closet, praying for our ministry, and giving so that we can share the hope of Jesus in Africa.

We have very good news! Our family has been approved to return to Cote d'Ivoire this summer! How eager we are to get

back to work there. Although we can go, our account still needs \$16,000.00 in cash, since it is right now hovering around 0. This is not fluff, but truly necessary for us to carry our ministry. Please pray with us that these remaining financial needs will come in before the end of July.

The Christian teenager converted from the Muslim family has been passing by our house in Bondoukou recently to have a Bible study and pray. Evidently the persecution from her family has lifted a bit, for this to be possible. She still is not attending church, though, so continue to ask the Lord to

sustain her.

As 3 in our family board the airplane this time, we will leave two beloved college students behind. We need His strength to endure separation, and wisdom to arrange for their needs to be met here in the USA. Cason and Cara both are following the Lord's direction in their lives, for which we thank Him.

May the Lord cause us all to be joyful and fruitful in His Harvest in our various places of service!

Gratefully His and yours,  
Verlin, Debbie, and Corbin  
Anderson

## Missionaries to France. . . Steve and Becky Riggs!

Information directly from Steve and Becky had not been received as of this date. That is understandable however, since Steve had to fly home to be at the bedside of his father, Bro.

Raymond Riggs, who passed away on April 13th. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire Riggs family. Many of you will remember Bro. Raymond. He was pastor of Cen-

tral FWB and served as Director of FWB National Foreign Missions. He was a wonderful servant of the Lord. Bro. Riggs lived 93 years on this earth, but will spend eternity in heaven!

# Free Will Baptists National Home Missions

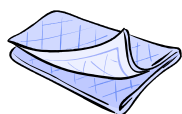
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**Special Need for the Provision Closet this coming year is: Blankets Please keep in mind!**

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## Michigan State WAC

### From the Isaacs . . . Battle Creek!

Dear friends,

I wish that you all could be here to see the exciting things that are happening in Battle Creek. Our youth group seems to grow larger every service. Wednesday evening is surging in numbers and our people are ready to see what the Lord will do next.

Since being in Battle Creek, we have added on to our facility and remodeled several times in order to maximize all the space we could from our current building. Adding classrooms, increasing office space, fellowship area and changing classroom configurations have been

the normal part of church life.

Time has come and God has opened the door for us to move into a building that is 4 times as large as we are currently in, and in a much more visible location. It is a beautiful location. At every step we have been careful to be sensitive to God's leading, never wanting to get ahead of Him. But we do not want to lag behind either and miss such a great opportunity.

We appreciate your faithfulness to the mission work in the past, and count it a privilege to serve Free Will Baptists doing the Lord's work. You have been a

reliable partner and have fruit to show for your labors. Stand with us in this endeavor so we all can watch God work as many souls are claimed for the Kingdom.

Please support the Battle Creek offering on May 3rd, it will make a huge difference if Michigan churches work together. We are eternally grateful for your faithfulness.

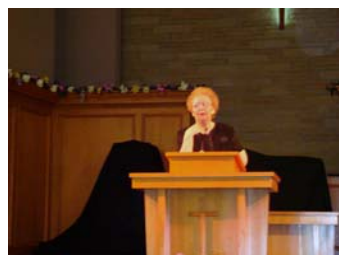
Yours in Christ,

Jeff, Charissa, Clay and Sarah Isaacs

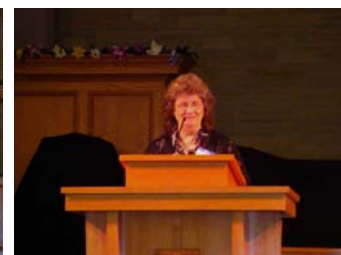
### More pictures from the State Meeting!



Rebekah and Mattie during opening song!



Mattie giving welcome !



Mary Johnson devotional speaker.



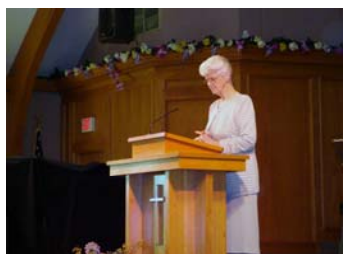
During break!



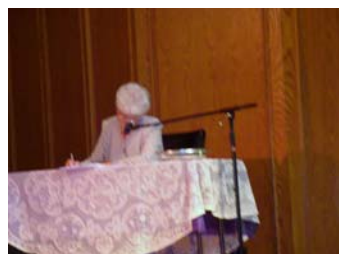
Still on Break!



Getting ready to re-convene.



Secretary/Treasurer, Pauline Penix.



Pauline busy taking minutes!



Mattie gives Nancy Trimble a hug!

### Some easy fundraising ideas!

Looking for some easy fundraising ideas for your local auxiliary or your church? Well, here's a few that are not labor intensive, but will require some up front publicity to get them going.

**EcoPhones:** Just recycle cell phones, ink cartridges, laptops, and video cameras. You can register and get all the FAQ's including prices lists on their website: [www.ecophones.com](http://www.ecophones.com). The shipping is paid for by EcoPhones, so all you have to do is box them up and send them on their way! North Warren FWB earned over \$397.00 the past two years. We have a box for our church members to drop

them in so everyone gets to participate in the program.

**Goodsearch:** You can earn money just by searching the web. Check out this website: [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com).

After the charity has been registered, all you have to do is spread the word so that supporters use GoodSearch when looking things up on the internet. Checks are sent out annually. And, if you shop online through GoodSearch, you'll earn even more.

**Meijers Community Rewards:** You can sign up your church or

auxiliary and then have members and friends link their Meijer charge card or Meijer 1 card and earn points every time you shop. The contact person will receive a kit with applications for those who need just a Meijer 1 card ( it's just an rewards card, not a charge card). You can also use the application to link the cards to the charity.

**Sam's Club rewards:** This is another program much like Meijers where rewards are earned for a charity every time a linked members shops.

These are just a few ideas. I would love to publish your ideas

in an upcoming newsletter. So if you have some tips, or events that have been successful at raising funds, please share them with us. If it works for your local auxiliary, maybe it will work for others.

*Sherry*

### North Warren Fundraiser!

On January 17th, we had a chili cook off and included a "Silent Auction Bake Sale". The ladies donating bake sale items signed up in advance. Bid sheets were done for each goodie with the recipe on the back. At the close of the auction, the highest bidder got the bake sale item, with the recipe.

There was real concern about the success of the evening because there was a bad snow storm. But, it was obviously a great night for chili, because we had a great turn out. We made \$316.43. And it was fun watching some of the chocoholics try to out bid each other, especially when the one minute count down was given!

We will try this event again!

### WAC momentum is building!

Slowly but surely, the level of communication within the state is being increased. It is exciting to have so many ladies adding their e-mail address to the distribution list. It just takes time for the word to get out.

We have several sources now: e-mail, the monthly newsletter and Facebook. Yes, that's right! We have a group on Facebook. To help everyone

find it it has been entitled "MI FWB WAC—Michigan FWB Women Active for Christ". The membership of this group is growing and as of this writing is at 45.

We also have a MI Association of FWB group on Facebook and that has 142 members. In addition, our state WAC has been added to the state association website. The informa-

tion will be expanded, but we are thankful to have our monthly newsletter included. The website address is: [www.mifwb.com](http://www.mifwb.com). Our WAC events are on the calendar also. If you would like to include your District meetings, please get the dates to Sherry McBroom. They will be posted!

Thank you all for your help in spreading the word!

### Directly from WNAC!

For those of you who may not receive the Together With God magazine (formerly known as the CoLaborer magazine), here's a few things published directly from WNAC .

**Emphasis:** May is WNAC emphasis Month. Discuss with your pastor or church leadership ways you can effectively present WNAC as a vital and valuable spiritual growth tool

for women and a ministry worthy of support. Consider sharing the special emphasis skit, "Sparks Into Flames" from the *Program and Plan Book*.

**Information Blast:** WNAC is seeking at least one email address (contact person) for every local group, as well as email addresses of all district and state officers. We want to keep you better informed and offer

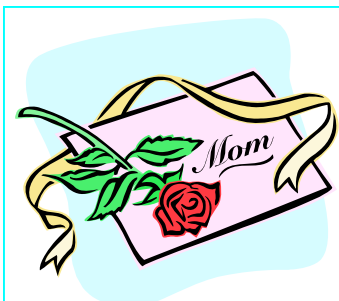
you encouragement. Simply email [info@wnac.org](mailto:info@wnac.org) and ask to receive our e-mail blasts.

#### WNAC Office Needs:

Office Depot® gift cards for printing supplies.

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And don't' forget to pray!



**Happy  
Mother's Day!**