



## NEWSLETTER

April, 2010

Michigan State WAC

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### President's Corner!



"April Showers Bring May Flowers" is a saying I have heard all of my life..It seems to be

true as we normally have alot of rain in April. But April is also the beginning many times of storms including tornados which wreck havoc across the land. When we experience troubles and trials in our own lives our Lord is in control if we place our faith and trust in Him. He is always present and He loves and cares for us.

Like the month of May and the promise of flowers, green grass and leaves on our trees we can look forward to our Lord's promise of hearing and answering prayer. What a joy to know we have our heavenly Father who loves and cares for us.

### State Meeting this month!

The MI WAC state meeting is just around the corner. North Warren FWB will be hosting the meeting on April 17th. The church is located at 3003 Chicago Road, Warren. Phone number is 586-264-6720.

If you have any Christian books that you would like to donate, you can bring them along. They will be sold at the Retreat.

Also, this is the last reminder that the Provision Closet items will be collected. Men from North Warren will be present to help transport the items from your vehicles to the trailer

I'm Looking forward to seeing each of you at the Michigan State WAC meeting April 17th at the North Warren FWB Church.

Mattie

### Retreat coming soon!

Applications for our annual Fall retreat will be available at the State meeting on April 17th. They will be given to the Local WAC President's so they can be taken back to the churches.

We hope you are already making plans to attend. We have such a wonderful time in the Lord. Try to encourage as many ladies as you can to join us. Many are facing challenging times right now and need to be uplifted. Our retreat provides a time to laugh, cry, worship, pray, sing and praise. If you know of a lady from your church who would like to attend by cannot afford to, perhaps someone would sponsor

her. That would offer a double blessing!

More information will be forthcoming as plans for the retreat are firmed up.

Looking forward to September!

### From the Editor . . .

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

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that will be heading to Nashville.

Remember to bring a sampling of items in a separate container for the display. That way those items can be readily packed after the meeting and placed in the trailer.

We will be having election of officers at this meeting. Offices are held for two years. If you have been elected to be a delegate, please be present to vote on the officers and all other business that may be presented. Your vote is important and you were selected to represent your local WAC at the State meeting.

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What a great theme we have for the state meeting. "Love out loud". I have no idea where our speakers will go with this, (Sarah Lawson, devotion and Kim Slater, message) but I can only think that sometimes it's important for us to "tell" people we love them not just by saying "I love you", but by the kindness we show them in our every day conversation. Let's be an "encourager" and do more to lift others up with our words. Words can hurt or they can heal!

# 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.

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



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## WNAC update!

### We value your opinion!

We'd like your input and opinions concerning our upcoming 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).

facebook

Yes, WNAC has a fan page on Facebook! If you are a member of Facebook too, search "Women Nationally Active for Christ" to find the page. Or type: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Antioch-TN/Women-Nationally-Active-for-Christ/14427698853>. You can access this page even if you are not on facebook.

## Community FWB WAC hosts Provision Closet Shower!

Community FWB Church in Westland held a Provision Closet Housewarming Shower on Feb 27th. It was an "International/Ethnic" theme.

- with the ladies bringing a dish from their ethnic background (suggested by Pastor's Wife, Sarah Lawson)
- a Power Point Presentation with some of our Missionaries' pictures and information
- a display of our Provision Closet table
- a poster with John 3:16 in different languages along with the attire worn in that country
- a packet made up for each attendee with a list of our Home and International Missionaries, prayer requests for specific needs, a prayer for the missionaries, etc.

## From WNAC Newsletter!

Just a reminder we have three months remaining to raise \$60,000 for the 20/20/20 Project. To date, women have contributed \$40,923.82 toward this goal. Help us to finish well and reach our goal for these ministries: Chame Seminary (Panama), Villalba Church (Spain) and WNAC (Endowment Fund).

International Missions is preparing to give small gift bags to 50 or more International representatives from various mission fields at the National Convention in Oklahoma City in recognition of the 75th anniversary of International Missions. The following list of items and quantities will help provide for the gift bags. If you are willing and able to provide any of these items, please contact Diane Conn at [diane@nawfb.org](mailto:diane@nawfb.org) or 1-877-767-7662. These items must be in

Oklahoma City by July 1. Monies will be accepted for items to be purchased.

Bottled water — 150  
Packaged peanut butter crackers (Lance, etc.) — 150  
Apples — 150  
Pepperidge Farm Cookies (8 cookie package) — 110  
Pens (any kind) — 150  
Small pad of paper (5x8 size) — 150  
Small bag or box of candy (can be hard candy or chocolates) — 110

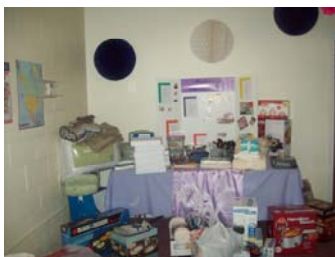
**Immediate need:** 28 twin sheet sets and twin/full blankets for Tajikistan orphanage. Sent to THP, 204 SW 40th Street., Moore, OK, 73160. **Deadline:** April 30, 2010.

Don't forget about the Mother's Day **Diamond Offering** for WNAC. Celebrating 75 years!

There were 25 adults and 8 children at the Shower. The ladies had a wonderful time preparing for this and are happy to be a part of helping our missionaries in this way. Thank you for the opportunity of serving our Lord with these exciting activities.

We look forward to hosting our first Wolverine District Women Active for Christ in August of this year.

WAC ladies of Community Westland



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## Michigan State WAC

### Greetings from Spain—Kristi Johnson

Dear Michigan ladies,

Is it April already? It seems like March came and went quickly for our family. A busy blur of church and Outreach Center activities, along with our Field Council meetings, seemed to make March disappear like the wind. Some things to look forward to in April. . .

. . .On April 5th, the GO10 Walk for the World will begin its historical trek down some of the paths that Laura Belle Barnard

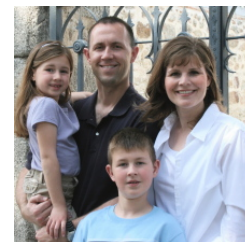
made throughout her missionary career. This exciting endeavor will not only increase mission awareness for young people, but will also be a wonderful way for our people to give to missions..

. . .The World Mission Offering, sponsored by Free Will Baptist International Missions, is scheduled for April 25. This offering supports missionaries throughout the world as they share Christ and plant churches. Please encourage

your church to participate in this once-a-year offering to FWBIM.

Thanks for your prayers for our family!

Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana



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

Dear Michigan Sisters in Christ,

Interruptions. Don't you hate them? I do! Still, many times they turn out to be occasions to share a word for the Lord, or, at the least, give us the opportunity to increase in patience!

Recently, our car broke down about half way to Abidjan (city 7 hours south of our home town). It appeared to be an engine problem, and so we needed to let the engine cool down before trying to continue. Years ago we learned from experience that you don't add water when the engine is hot, because it can warp the casing, causing thousands of dollars of repair.

Verlin managed to pull under a tree for shade in a little village, and he bought gallons of water to add. A crowd quickly gathered in the mid-day sun, as Verlin tinkered under the hood and explained over and over why he wasn't adding water yet. Corbin and I got out to sit on a wooden stair close by. Eventually, Verlin began sharing with two men who were trying to help, and more people ebbed and flowed while he preached a full sermon. Two hours later, Corbin and I got

back in the car to get out of the sun, and little black faces surrounded the car, peeking in to see what we were doing. I picked up a creation magazine called ANSWERS, from Ken Ham's organization Answers in Genesis. More black faces pressed against the car to see the pictures. I rolled down the window fully and began talking to them about the articles I was reading. One was about the growth of the child each month in his mother's womb. I explained to them that God made each of them unique and caused them to grow in their mother's womb, that He had a plan for each of their lives. Another article was about missing links in the fossil record, when scientists try to claim that we came from apes. I mentioned that they would be taught in science class that they came from apes, but that it wasn't true. The Bible teaches that God made every creature after its kind, and human kind is separate from animal kind. And so on it went through the magazine.

After almost 4 hours of waiting, Verlin finally added water to the engine and we began limping along to the next town, stopping to add water every 3 or 4

miles. In the city Abengourou, he was able to get the broken hose repaired (thankfully, it wasn't the engine itself). We visited friends with another mission who also have a ministry in CHE (Community Health Evangelism). These friends treat over 1,400 AIDS patients in their little clinic, using CHE.

All these blessings, because the car broke down. We can't report great conversions that day, but we were allowed to plant seeds of God's truth and the gospel in a remote village.

Interruptions. Maybe they aren't so bad after all!

Thank you for being faithful partners in FWB ministries in Cote d'Ivoire. The part you play matters very much.

Gratefully,  
Verlin, Debbie, and Corbin Anderson



# Free Will Baptists National Home Missions

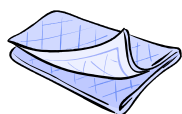
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## A message from Becky- The Riggs in France



Dear  
Friends,  
Steve  
and I  
use to  
have  
this  
weekly

date thing where after we dropped the girls off at school on Monday morning, we would go to the same cafe and have coffee and tea along with a croissant. The owner would not even ask us what we wanted. It was Monday morning and the Americans with the funny accent were faithfully at THEIR table and he knew what they wanted. Talk about creatures of habit. I can remember on one occasion we decided that we would not talk about the kids. All other subjects were open for conversation but not a word about our kids was to pass our lips. Well after sitting and looking at each other for about 10 minutes, we gave in. We also talked about other things, though, and if only our politicians would listen to us, we might have world peace! Over the years our lives have changed - the highs and lows in ministry, worry over kids and their choices, etc., and for a while we didn't seem to have the time to go to the cafe as often. Lately, though, we are getting back into the swing of things.

A couple of days ago, Steve and I were on our "date". Our plan of action is while Steve is up at the front ordering, I'm laying claim to OUR TABLE. It's almost like being in church where everyone has to sit in the same pew each week. While I'm waiting, I'm people watching those who walk by. All of a sudden, I see Sylvie (not her real name). She is the Mom of one of Johanna's closest friends. In fact, they go back to pre-school together. Being the discreet person that I am, I got up and

started banging on the cafe window to get her attention. When she saw me, she came in and I asked her if she wanted to sit down and have a tea with us. So, she sat and we visited together for over an hour.

You know those situations when you feel that you are almost eavesdropping into the really personal lives of people? Well, this was one of them. Sylvie just opened up and started sharing about her life. She had tears in her eyes as she talked about how frustrated she is with her life at this time. She and her husband, Jean-Paul, are not at all on the same wavelength any longer. When her youngest child leaves the nest, how in the world is she going to be able to handle it? Now, we know Jean-Paul, too. They've been in our home as we've been in theirs. They serve the best Moroccan mint tea that I've ever had. Jean-Paul comes from a wealthy family and he became a teacher to try to have an impact on changing the world. The more Sylvie poured out her feelings and hurts in her marriage, the more I was identifying with Jean-Paul. I have to admit that we are what you would familiarly call old fashioned worry warts. We tend to be so caught up in worrying about everything around us (almost all of which we have absolutely no power to change!) that we miss out on the here and now.

Brought up Catholic in a small village on the island of Madagascar, Sylvie told us that she was taught that Protestants were to be avoided at all costs. You would think that we all have one big eye in the middle of our foreheads or something. Ok, some of us are pretty weird, but come on give me a break! She told us that she would like to visit a protestant

church sometime. We also talked about how this life here and now is not the end and how most people totally ignore their spiritual lives.

To me, Sylvie typifies all of those who live around us. There doesn't seem to be any place for God in their lives until things start going wrong. Many are just flat out atheists like Laura's Science teacher. He doesn't believe that man has a free will in choosing or even a say in anything that happens in his life. These choices include falling in love to committing a crime. We react to situations because of our own genetics or hormones (we are truly no different than animals). Many of the French also feel that religion has done nothing but cause wars throughout the history of man, so it is best to steer clear of it. Most are just so busy living their lives that God doesn't cross their minds until a crisis hits. But the Holy Spirit is quietly working and persuading in people's lives.

So, a couple of days ago, I called up Sylvie and invited her to attend the Easter Monday service with us. It's usually pretty laid back and after the service and meal, we are having a time to play games together. Tomorrow I'm to call her back to confirm. So I ask you all to pray for her. Pray that she will be open to the Holy Spirit's leading. Pray that this crack in her hard veneer will be a time for her to fully understand her need for the living Christ in her life.

Following HIM We Will Go,  
Steve and Becky Riggs

P.S. Merci again for all you are to us personally and to the work in Châteaubriant, in France, and around the world.



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'75th' Free Will  
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Committee as  
they make  
decisions  
regarding our  
next WNAC  
Director.

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### **Some Ideas from Rouge FWB WAC!**

*Angela McGinnis, President of the Rouge WAC provided the following information!*

#### **Secret Sisters:**

I believe that others churches may do this but it is a great way to get to know each other and have constant prayer partners. At Rouge we have been doing this program for quite a few years and it has been such a huge success that the Master's Men also started a program of their own and have been participating in a secret brother program for three years now. We welcome all ladies of the church to participate. The particulars of the program are below.

1. Each woman who wishes to participate completes an information sheet, with information such as their hobbies, likes, dislikes, address, birth date, anniversary, favorite restaurant, favorite smell, favorite flower and most importantly her prayer requests.

2. In January of each year, the ladies pull names to see who her secret sister is for the year.

3. During the year, we send cards to one another and we purchase small gifts for one another (whenever we feel led to but usually on special occasions, such as holiday, birthday, anniversary). More specifically and importantly we encourage the ladies to pray for their secret sister and her listed requests daily, as well as to pay attention throughout the year to any requests that she may bring up at church or one of our meetings.

4. We have a mailbox and table located outside of our secretary's office so that individuals can put cards or gifts in the box or on the table and they will be delivered to their secret sisters for them.

5. The Master's Men President coordinates for us so that all ladies can participate. He keeps track of who has who and also keeps copies of the information sheets in case someone loses theirs. He is also the one that passes out the gifts or cards that are placed in the mailbox or on the table. Lastly, he keeps track of how often the secret sister receives encouragement, through a card or gift, etc.

6. We ask that each secret sister is contacted some way either through a card, gift, etc at least once a month just so she knows that she is being thought of and prayed for. The Master's Men President will send out a reminder if a secret sister hasn't received a card within six weeks.

7. In December we plan our big reveal and it is a great time. We have a pot luck dinner and all the ladies bring their secret sister a "final" gift. We then, one by one, stand up and say a little something about our secret sister and our experience throughout the year and then we reveal who we had that year.

This has been a huge success in our church and has also brought some ladies to the auxiliary. We get truly blessed.

#### **Spring Banquet:**

We host a spring banquet around Mother's Day each year for the ladies of our church and any guests that would like to attend. We usually plan a program that includes special singing, skits and speakers. We then enjoy a wonderful lunch together, which is usually prepared for us by the Master's Men. This is a great time to get the rest of the ladies that may not attend our monthly auxiliary meetings together to fellowship and get to know one

another. It is also a great time for families that may attend different churches to come together and enjoy a time of Christian fellowship.

#### **Monthly Missionary Support:**

This may also be something that other auxiliaries are already doing but thought I would share it anyway. Each year, our auxiliary chooses a missionary to support monthly. This would be beyond anything that each lady does personally or what the group may do for the provision closet, etc. This also does not include the change we collect and send quarterly for missions (alternate between international and home and send to whoever is in the most need).

We started this in September 2007 and it has worked out great. We now choose a missionary each January and send a monthly support gift of \$25.00 per month from our auxiliary. We support those missionaries with a Michigan connection and we alternate between home and international missions. Last year we supported an international missionary so for 2010 we are supporting a home missionary. I believe that this is a good reminder to our ladies each month that missions are important and any little bit can help.

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Thank you Angela for sharing this information. Next month some ideas from other churches will be shared. I encourage each of the local WAC's to send information to me so it can be published. It is encouraging to see what other WAC's are doing and sharing ideas so that we all can be successful is so very important!

Thanks, Sherry

## Living Bible!



His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college.

He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it. One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has

already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat. The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet.

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill.

Now the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background

to understand some college kid on the floor? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy.

The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do.

And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won't be alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion.

When the minister gains control, he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget!"

"Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible that many people will ever read!"



## Friends!

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, **Today my best friend slapped me in the face.** They kept walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After

he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone **Today my best friend saved my life.** The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone. Why? The friend replied, when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your blessings in stone. They say it take a minute to find a special person, and hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Take the time to live! Do not value the **things** you have in your life, but value **who** you have in your life.

