



NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner!



Greetings!!!

Today I read an article that stated "Spring is only three weeks away." I certainly hope they are correct.

Spring is my favorite time of the year. I always look forward to the good weather, etc. Our winter has been difficult for many, but we need to "look up" spring is on the way. Spring brings forth warmer weather, clear blue skies, beautiful flowers, and green grass. Of course this brings on more work, mowing the grass, pulling weeds, edging the lawn, spring cleaning, etc. But spring is a time of renewing and outside activities and not being stuck in the house to avoid unpleasant weather, etc. (We will not think of the bad storms that can

come - we want to remember the good times.)

We all have periods in our lives where we have times of discouragement, times of problems, illnesses, death, etc. This can come our way through our families, our work place, illness, or some other way. Just as we look forward to spring we need to look up to our Lord and Savior. He brings comfort for the tired, the weary, the discouraged and He is always there, in good times or bad times. He loves us and is our source of strength and comfort.

Take the time daily to read His Word, communicate with Him in prayer and also tell others about "His good news." I encourage you to place Him first in your life and to continue working for Him.

Looking forward to seeing you

at the State Meeting at the North Warren FWB Church on April 17th.

Mattie

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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Think
Spring!



Upcoming State Events!

State Meeting—North Warren April 17, 2010

Ladies, don't forget the state meeting which will be held on April 17th at North Warren FWB, 3003 Chicago Road, Warren.

The State Meeting Theme will be "Love Out Loud". Sarah Lawson will give the devotion and Kim Slater will be our speaker.

A sample of Provision Closet Items will be on display (*one table per church is all there will be room for*) and all other boxes will be immediately placed in the trailer loaned to us by Kirby

FWB. The items will be transported to Nashville by Katy and Rudy Taylor.

State Retreat—Perrysburg September 17 & 18, 2010

The next several months issues of the newsletter will contain information regarding the retreat. I'm sure some will think it is very repetitive, but knowing that not everyone reads everything the same way or at the same time, it will serve as a re-enforcement.

Our theme this year will be: "Balancing Life". The theme

Scripture is II Corinthians 9:8. We are delighted that Dianne Worthington will be our guest speaker for this retreat.

There will be three seminars:
Balancing Finances: Rose Evers,
Balancing Time: Sherry McBroom and
Balancing Family: not confirmed.

Prayer room leaders are still being confirmed. Our music director will be Rebekah Seymour and Donna Locklear will lead the "Praise and Worship" on Saturday.

More to come! Stay tuned . . .

MI WAC Newsletter

Now on State
Association website:

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!

WNAC invites you to submit original writings, photography, artwork, recipes or craft ideas for our new **Together Endeavors**. Together Endeavors is not a contest. Rather it is an opportunity for women to utilize God-given gifts and abilities in building up the body of Christ. Submissions will be acknowledged but will not be judged or critiqued.

A TE Participant Profile sheet (available in both PDF or doc. format) should accompany each submission. You can download a form from the WNAC site at www.wnac.org.

In response to a question, regarding the Creative Arts Contest, Sarah Fletcher posted this response: Yes, this will

replace the Creative Arts Contest. For the past several years contest participation has steadily declined, yet the contest continued to consume a sizeable portion of WNAC staff hours as well as finances. These factors, along with the realization that many women have never entered because they found the judging and critiquing aspects so daunting, caused us to rethink the process. We feel the new **Together Endeavors** will allow women to offer the fruits of their creativity.

Calendar of Events:

May is WNAC Emphasis Month!

From The WNAC newsletter:

Hidden Jewels!

Since 2010 marks WNAC's diamond anniversary, this year we want to focus on women you may know who deserves special recognition for their diligent and faithful work to the Lord. Please send the names, pictures, and brief biographies to Rebecca Pugh, 298 Andy Drive, Drummonds, TN 38023 or you may e-mail Rebecca at rccpugh@yahoo.com

WNAC Helpline:
1.877.767.7662

We are here for you. Do you need ideas to bring excitement to your meetings? Do you have a special prayer request or need? Are you in need of encouragement? Call our help line. We are standing by for you.

Provision Closet Update from Katy Taylor, Field Worker

Hello Ladies,
It is time to gather the provision closet items for 2010. Here are some things to take into consideration. Use cardboard boxes that are a size easy to carry. Pack them to a manageable weight. Label them with a list of contents. **If** you use a tote, it should be clear, carrying size and have locking lids. And pack it full at a carrying weight. Think about sending gas cards at national stations. Gift cards should be to stores found nationwide.

You may call the WNAC office at 1-877-767-7662 to get a current list of needs. A recent call cited mattress pads (all sizes), queen sheets (250 thread count or more), microwave ovens (small), and vacuums.

As to display items, please pack them in one box to be loaded in the trailer after the viewing. All other items can be loaded as you arrive and help is available. Kirby's trailer is available again

this year. It will be at North Warren FWB Church on the day of the State meeting. We greatly appreciate those that help load the items. Also make a sign with your church name on it and a list of all your items. You may also post pictures of other items you have gathered. Display a minimal amount, please. Help in the loading, if you can.

You need 4 lists of your items with the full value listed. Give these to the secretary and she will distribute them. May God bless you as you buy or make things for our missionaries. The items will travel all around the world and enable our missionaries to spread the Word.

Katy Taylor

Attention Local WAC's

There will only be one table available per local WAC to display your items at the North Warren FWB Church the day of

the State Meeting. This is due to a limited space and a limited number of tables. Please keep this in consideration when preparing your display. Of course you may set things on the floor in front of your table.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this coming Saturday night before you go to bed. If you don't, you will be late for church services.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 14th**

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Greetings from Spain—Kristi Johnson

Some journeys take us far from home. Some adventures lead us to our destiny. (Tagline from "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe")

Not very far from our home in Alpedrete, there is a place covered in snow, much like the one the four children discover when they open the doors of the wardrobe. The trees are laden with beautiful heavy white snow. It looks like a fairy tale. And that's where we took a group from our church on Saturday. Twenty-eight of us bundled up in warm clothes, hats, and boots, and took off for this winter wonderland (see attached photo). The sixteen children from our group took turns hurdling down the mountain on their sleds. Squeals could be heard as they slid down, but it was nothing but giggles that came from them as they landed at the bottom.

Some journeys take us far from home. Some adventures lead us to our destiny.

The story continues as many from the group improvised a lunch together in the home of one of our church members. Everyone filled the table with foods they'd brought together quickly, and a delicious meal was shared. The fellowship around the table was something that couldn't have been planned or expected. The afternoon ended with the ladies sharing a cup of tea while the men played a game of soccer with the children in the backyard.

Some journeys take us far from home. Some adventures lead us to our destiny.

Tim preached a sermon today about open doors (similar to the one in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe") that lead to

opportunities God has given us to minister to others. The beautiful mountain scene and the day spent together with believers was a perfect example of how God is leading our church on a journey through a wonderful adventure and to our ultimate destiny of reaching those around us for Christ.

We hope your adventures this week will be equally as thrilling!

Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana



GO10 "Walk for the World" From Linda Jones

My sister Mrs. Karen Ferguson is President of the TWAC (Texas Women Active For Christ). I challenged her to do the GO10 "Walk for the World " International Missions. I pledged money for each mile she walked. She decided to walk today 2/15/2010 because she didn't want to walk on April 5th until the National Convention in Oklahoma City in July. She decided she would walk before it got hot there in Houston, Texas. She told me it was 36 degrees out when she started and it is now 45 deg. She called me and I walked in spirit with her from the 5th until the 6th mile marker. She has all the flags of our missionaries in their countries and she walks and drapes a flag over her and prays for the country and missionaries there

while she walks the mile. I got to walk with her in spirit over the Brazilian flag. She will have all her flags displayed and prayed over as she completes her 10 miles. She is walking in Bear Creek Park in Houston Texas. She also said if anyone wants to pledge or take donations she is willing to accept them! "God Bless You Karen For your Burden for Missionaries"

Now isn't that thoughtful of me to encourage her to walk 10 miles!!! Notice I am here sitting at my computer!!! She is a long way away but I am so proud of her. I would be there with her walking if I could.

Love and Prayers to All,
Linda, Friendship FWB

Kid's in Church

A little Humor!

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

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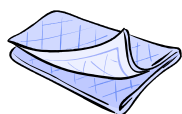
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## A message from Becky- The Riggs in France

Dear Friends,

Hi! Becky here. I wanted to take a moment and tell you a little more about the opportunity I have to help out at our local community center. Two afternoons a week I work with a team of volunteers in an after-school program. I am fortunate to get to help junior high students do their English homework. Well, last week Leo and Rachel, both in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, had the same homework assignment. They had to create a private detective and give him an identity, all in English! Simple enough for you and I, but a difficult challenge for these two 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

I started out with Leo who was having a hard time concentrating because Melanie, his girlfriend, was sitting with her back to him at the next table. Finally, he zeroed in and we started working together. I told him that the first thing he needed to do was decide on the nationality that he wanted to give his detective. He decides on Chinese. From there we think up a name. I wanted something like Ya-Hoo, but I was overruled. Leo goes for Chen. He sees Chen at around 30 years of age. Then Leo goes blank again, and so my imagination kicked in. I pictured our Chinese detective wearing a black leather jacket and traveling on a sleek motorcycle. Leo caught the image of the bike in his mind's eye, but then told me that he would have to change the age of his character, because 30 is too old to ride a motorcycle. So he brought the age down to 27! And to think that I have this secret dream of one day having my own motorcycle. Since my 27th year has come and gone long ago, I guess I'll stick with my bike that has the wire basket on the front!

Well, Rachel comes next and she just sits and stares at me. I start with the nationality thing again. Rachel replies "American". Ok, I say, is it a boy or girl? She decides her detective should be female. Then I tell her the detective needs a last name. She looks dreamily at me and asks me what my last name is. When I tell her, she asks me to spell it for her. So Riggs goes into the last name line. Before I know it, she has filled "Rebecca" into the first name line. Of course, the "age" question comes next and I was soooo tempted to lie but I didn't. Now we have to describe our Rebecca Riggs detective. We decided she would drive a convertible. Then I suggested to Rachel that our detective named "Rebecca" must be slim and very beautiful. Unbeknownst to me, the director and another co-worker were listening in on our creative brain-storming. They both broke out laughing, with Jean (not his real name) actually holding his stomach he was laughing so hard. But being the good Christian I am, of course, I did not take offence!

By sharing some anecdotes about my experiences with the kids, I hope you can visualize just a little the time that I spend each week working with them. It may not seem like much, but I believe it's an opportunity God has given me to make some inroads and let these kids know somebody cares about them. I'm not allowed to openly share my faith with them in this particular context, but it may be planting a seed for something further down the road. So, I ask you to pray. Many of these kids come from broken homes. Some of them are having serious difficulties in school, not only scholastically but disciplinary problems, too. They are good kids, some of whom are going through a very rough period in

life and it's not by their own choosing.

We love and appreciate you all. Thank you for your prayers, concern for our family and ministry, financial support and patience through these years that we have been here in France. We truly thank God for you all.

Love,

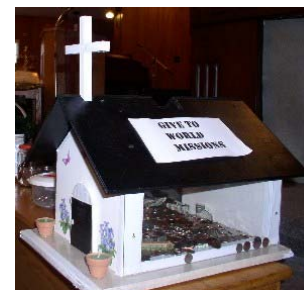
Becky



## North Warren WAC Loose Change Drive, 2009

For the second year in a row, the North Warren WAC sponsored a church wide loose change drive for missions. The small church pictured below was empty at the beginning of 2009 and about half full at the end of the year. A few ladies joined together to count and roll the coin in February and the amount was \$363.50.

This is an ongoing project that everyone participates in! All that loose change just gets heavy in your pockets or purse anyway!



## A Little Something Extra!

### Walk With Me!

Lord, walk through this world with me  
Stay close to me Lord, and hold my hand.  
Lest I stumble an fall or grieve the Holy Spirit  
Or offend my fellow man.

Lord, walk through this world with me  
For I cannot walk alone.  
Walk beside me, Lord.  
Till I reach my heavenly home.

This world is full of troubles and trials  
Satan beckons on every side.  
Lord, walk through this world with me  
From morn till evening tide.

Then when evening shadows fall  
So dark and full of gloom,  
Let me feel your presence, Lord;  
Your glorious light fill my room.

Lord, walk through this world with me  
I need Your strength, Your Grace.  
Guide me through each day, Lord,  
Let no other take Your place.

Lord, walk through this world with me  
May everything I say or do  
Be a blessing to those around me,  
And bring honor and glory to You.

Lord, when You've called me home  
And I won't be here to pray,  
Please walk with my loved ones ,  
To show them the Way.

Provided by Elsie Anderson



### Christian Women!

*'A woman's heart should be so hidden in  
Christ that a man should have to seek Him  
first to find her.'*

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not  
shouting that 'I am clean living. I'm whispering  
'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of  
this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble  
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to  
be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and  
need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging  
of success. I'm admitting I have failed and  
need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming  
to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but  
God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the  
sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches,  
so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier  
than thou, I'm just a simple sinner who re-  
ceived God's good grace, somehow.

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**Live your life in such a way that
when your feet hit the floor in the
morning Satan shudders & says.
'Oh no....she's awake!!'**

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### Jesus Loves Me; Easter Tells Me So



Jesus loves me, this I know;  
The Easter story tells me so.  
He died for me to bear my sin;  
He opened heaven to let me in.

Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Easter tells me so.

Jesus loved me when He died,  
Loved me enough to be crucified.  
But His death didn't last very long,  
Because His power is so strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Easter tells me so.

Jesus' came back from the dead  
I know because the Bible said.  
Jesus is my Lord and King;  
Love and praise to Him I bring.

Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Easter tells me so.

When I die, I'll rise up, too.  
We'll all be in heaven, me and you.  
We'll see Jesus face to face.  
Up in heaven, that happy place.

Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Easter tells me so.

The Easter story brings much joy  
To us all, each girl and boy.  
Jesus is my Savior now;  
Heaven and earth to Him must bow.

Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Yes Jesus loves me;  
Easter tells me so.