

## Southern District AWM Newsletter, February, 2011

As I type this, I am listening to a CD given us by a Filipino family with whom we served in the Philippines. The parents were won to the Lord in the early years of the C&MA's ministry there; they, and all five of their children, became leaders in the national C&MA Church, The CAMACOP! Their testimonies and songs on this CD are centered on the fourfold Gospel - and my heart is thrilled, I am humbled. These are but some of the fruit of workers *On the Move* for Jesus, faithfully sharing His word and discipling believers!

At the same time, I am challenged not to be content with the fruit of the past; we must continually be *On the Move* - reaching the lost, training them in His Word. And while we serve Him locally, more than any time before, we must be faithful in prayer and giving so that our international workers have the tools to touch broken, needy hearts and lives.

### A FEW CURRENT CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

**Mary Crowgey** was home for a little over three months and did gain some of the weight she needed ☺, but is back in Burkina Faso and happy to again be involved with the high school. We are asked to pray "for the seminars on training women in evangelism" which began this week. These seminars are part of the "Pass the Salt" project of AWM!" It is the workers' prayer that the materials produced in the Jula language will be used effectively to equip the believing women in friendship evangelism.



**Jonathan and April Eckman** have asked that we pray for the Indonesian Youth Encounter, YES36, to be held the 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of this month, that hearts will be open to the Holy Spirit's working. Let us pray also for their children and some special concerns they are presently facing.



While **the Greenfield family** is on a seven-month home assignment, Nathan is preparing for his ordination, scheduled to take place in a few weeks. We need to pray for him as he completes the requirements for this step in ministry.



Two **Area rallies** are scheduled for this Spring - East Tennessee will hold its rally on Saturday, March 26, at the North River Alliance Church in Hixson with Renee` Anderson as the speaker. The Central Area will hold its rally on April 2, in Oneonta, AL, with Shari Timberlake, representing the Dakar Academy in Senegal as the speaker. Do pray that God will work in both of these meetings, to prepare the words of the speakers and the hearts of the hearers.

**REMINDERS re GIVING** - all funds to be channeled through our District AWM Treasurer, Mrs. Marilyn Martin, 3532 Clayton Place, Birmingham, AL 35216:

- Please be sure to give at least \$50 a year to the National Ministry Fund. (Among other things, this fund helps provide many of our materials and especially, your *Leadership Link!*)
- We have several on home assignment, and want to help with their outfit needs as they prepare to return to their overseas ministries. Doing this will deplete our funds, and we need your help! During "Outfit Call" months, please give generously.
- This year's National Project is to help our workers in Creative Access Countries have tools to develop avenues of outreach. (Information regarding this is found on the AWM website, [www.alliancewomen.org](http://www.alliancewomen.org).) May giving to this be a priority, for together, across the nation, we can reach the goal of \$350,000.

Faithfulness in prayer and giving brings to mind the words "spiritual disciplines" - the topic of our AWM Bible study this year! Are you using this with your ladies? Do not miss the opportunity to encourage them - and yourself - to walk more closely with the Lord.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

~~March 5 - 19~~ <sup>12 - 26</sup> - **Vision Tour** to the Middle East. Eleven ladies from seven states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, New York, Tennessee, and Texas) compose the group. Two of our District women, Dr. Ellen McLaughlin and Mrs. Claudia Orme are among them, and, Susan Bernard will be the group leader. Let us be much in prayer for them as they prepare for this very special journey.

~ **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** is the nationwide **AWM "Walk for the World"** to raise money for this year's National Project! Have you planned something for your church? If not, you still have time if you move on it right away! Even if you are a small group, you can encourage your ladies to participate in this. And do read Rachel Sproul's article, "Are Your Plans Moving Along?" in the latest *Leadership Link* Supplement; she has some practical ideas and pointers for you.

~ **May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** the yearly **AWM National Team Meeting** will be held in Kansas City, MO, prior to Council. Please be praying even now for the National AWM Executive Team as they care for final preparations and for each of the District Directors and guests who attend this time of training, preparation for the new AWM year, and fellowship. Pray as well for guidance in the election of a new National Director, necessary because Susan Bernard's tenure is completed.

~ **October 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the weekend of our District's annual **Retreat**, again at the Springville Camp and Conference Center. Mark the date on your calendar - and pray about some friends whom the Lord would have you invite to come with you.

~ **September 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>** - **Celebrate 2012** will convene at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, FL. More info is on the **Celebrate 2012** Facebook page - and gift cards are available to purchase, too, for a friend!



February is the month when we focus on love, caring, appreciation. Of course the greatest love any of us can know is that of our Savior, but He has also given us family and friends who love us and show that in many ways. How grateful I am for that!



As well, I am grateful for each of you - local Director and/or Pastor's Wife, a member of our District Team. You are appreciated for your faithful ministry where He has placed you, for your desire to see the women in your church "on the move" in prayer, evangelism, giving, serving. May you, in turn, sense His love in special ways, and be richly blessed.

Be assured of my prayers for you.

In His love,

Patty Peters, Director  
Southern District AWM

