

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT ALLIANCE WOMEN MINISTRIES



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NEWSLETTER

For the past year our District women have been encouraged to faithfully "Pass the Salt," sharing the Good News of His love to those who are thirsty. That has been done in various ways, and I believe we have made an impact on the lives of those around us – and on our international workers as we have prayed for them and given to assist them in their ministries.

Our new 2010-2011 emphasis, "On the Move" is really a continuation of what we began this past year! In order to pass the salt more effectively, we are emphasizing the need for maturity in Christ through the exercise of spiritual disciplines. Once again there is an excellent 12-week Bible study in our AWM magazine, **Leadership LINK**, which will help you and your ladies in this area. Through these studies, we pray your walk with the Lord will be deepened so that, as Shari McRae, the author, wrote, "... you may run with joy and your steps will 'not be hindered.'"

As of this writing, our District giving to the 2009-2010 National Project is \$3,010.11. Though much lower than last year's participation, we are grateful for your gifts that will enable our Alliance workers overseas to have the evangelistic tools they need as they "Pass the Salt."

The goal for this new year is to raise nationwide \$350,000 for projects in Creative Access Countries. These projects include women's ministries, community centers, art/music centers, handicraft/business training, ESL centers, pastor/leadership training, media outreach, medical work, marriage encounters, street children, and new ministry development teams. You can learn more about these projects on our AWM website, [www.alliancewomen.org](http://www.alliancewomen.org).

I have been referring to the **Leadership LINK**. If you or a women's leader in your church are not receiving this excellent magazine, please let me know so that your name and/or hers can be added to our database. Incidentally, beyond the challenging articles and good Bible study, you will find monthly fellowship themes for your local AWM to develop.

May God bless you richly as together, throughout this year, we are "On the Move" to reach the lost – at home, and around the world.

In His love,  
Your District AM Director  
Pat Peters

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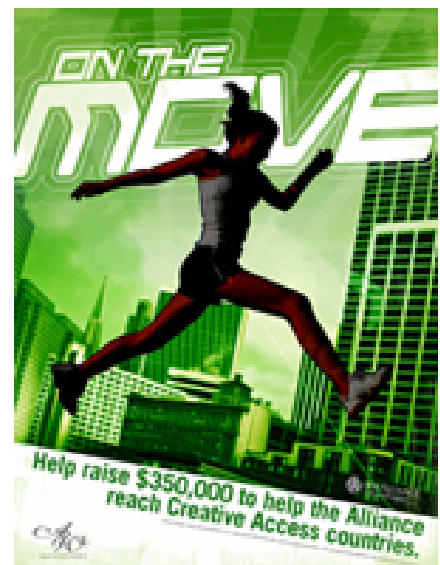
#### WELCOME to our TEAM!!

At our District Conference AWM Luncheon in April, Suzanne Anderson was elected for a two-year term as our District AWM Secretary. She is a nurse, and currently works in Knoxville, TN. She joined us for the first time in our June District Team meeting, and we are delighted to have her with us!

At the same time, I want to thank Marilyn Martin for her ministry as our AWM Secretary over the past six years. I personally am grateful for her patience with me, and help! Marilyn continues as our District AWM Treasurer – for which we are thankful!

#### WELCOME "HOME" TO DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL WORKERS!!

This year we are blessed to have three of our international worker couples on Home Assignment – and available for ministry throughout our District. The Andersons are again in Franklin, TN; the Eckmans and Newmans are living in Toccoa. Do pray for them as they adjust to the USA, and as, throughout the year, they share their hearts re their respective ministries.



# RETREAT

Our Fall **AWM Retreat** is but a couple of months away! Your District AWM Team has been praying about and planning for this weekend, and we are excited about what God is going to do for each one who attends. Please note all of the following information, and plan not only to attend, but also to invite at least one friend!

**October 22 - 24, 2010** we will again meet at the **Springville Camp and Conference Center in Odenville, AL** - easily accessible off I-59. This is a lovely place, set in the hills: the grounds are most pleasant with walking trails, and a lake with boats to use on it. The rooms are motel style, and the food is delicious.

You will have opportunity to hear from three of our District's international workers - **Reneé Anderson, April Eckman, and Terry Newman!** As well, our AWM National Director, **Susan Bernard**, may be with us this year! Our music will be under the leadership of **Kathy Lamb** - who will have her talented daughters with her once again.

A few important things to note:

## Cost:

Adults - \$100, which includes a non-refundable but transferable registration fee of \$50.\*\*

Teens - \$ 70, which includes a non-refundable but transferable registration fee of \$40.

This covers your room and five meals. Each room has a queen, a double, and one bunk bed in it, so can house two to six ladies, depending on your preference.

Saturday only - Adults - \$30    Teens - \$20

This includes the noon meal; any other meals are \$5 each. **Registration and additional meal requests will not be accepted after October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

\*\* Because in September we must pay the Conference Center three-fourths of our total anticipated bill, if **your payment in full reaches our District AWM Treasurer, Marilyn Martin, by September 15 (check in hand!), you will pay only \$95 for the weekend.** Any registrations received after September 15<sup>th</sup> will be for the full \$100 and will not be accepted after October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Rooms will open at 4:00 PM Friday; we are to be off the grounds by 11:00 AM Sunday.

Attached you will find a Sign-up Sheet for Retreat; begin even now to get your ladies registered, and pray with us for a weekend richly blessed of the Lord.

## SPECIAL PROJECT

Each year at Retreat we have a special project to assist either one of our international workers or a ministry within our District. This year we will once again be donating items for the Women's and Children's Hospital in Koutiala, Mali - where our very own Terry works!

Items needed by the hospital are newborn or 0-3 month size undershirts or kimonos, little hats and booties, receiving blankets, and newborn disposable diapers. Before coming to Retreat, it would be helpful if your ladies could package their gifts as follows: one shirt or kimono, one hat and pair of booties, one receiving blanket, and one of those disposable diapers in a one-gallon Zip-loc bag. This makes them ready for immediate use in the hospital where time is always at a premium. (It would be helpful, too, if you would plan to give to me the value of what your ladies are donating. I must have a total value to submit to the shippers, Shelby Alliance Church, for customs purposes. Thank you!) Let's overwhelm Terry with our gifts for these precious little ones!

**Remember**, too, we always take **three offerings** during Retreat - for our Alliance dorms at the Dakar Academy in Senegal, for our District Expense Fund, and as a Love Gift for our speakers. Pray about this as well, and plan to come prepared.

## REMINDERS ....

- \* If you still have on hand any “Pass the Salt” National Project funds, only a few days remain for sending those to our District AWM Treasurer, Marilyn Martin (3532 Clayton Place, Birmingham, AL 35216) so that they will be included in the National giving.
- \* As a District, we have three couples for whom we trust to provide outfit funds as they prepare to return to their ministries in 2011. (Another couple will be coming to HA in January!!). Therefore, I would remind you to give generously to our Outfit Fund in order that we may be able to provide for them.
- \* And, if you, as a local AWM Director, have not yet submitted your Report for the Year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, I trust you will send it to Jan Serena (Central Area) and to me (all others) **IMMEDIATELY!!** Even if little has happened this past year, I do need to hear from you.
- \* AWM has an excellent Women’s Leadership Studies program with classes scheduled in the fall and spring. The purpose of this program is to provide quality leadership training for Alliance women of all ages by developing their confidence and competence, giving them tools for ministry. If you are interested, you will find more information on the AWM website.
- \* A little five-month old girl – **Mercy Elizabeth** - is waiting to be adopted!! If your AWM ladies are interested, please contact both Debby Howen and me. Here is an opportunity to show love through your prayers and gifts not only to one of our District’s little TCK’s, but also to her parents. The latter are great communicators, and will keep you updated monthly if not more often!



## LOOKING AHEAD ....

- \* March 5 – 19, 2011 AWM is again sponsoring a **Vision Tour**, this one to the Middle East. All applications must be received by November 1, 2010, and accompanied by a \$200 non-refundable deposit. For further information you may contact Matt Peace at the Short-Term Missions Office: (610) 564-9696 or [peacem@cmalliance.org](mailto:peacem@cmalliance.org).



- \* Saturday, April 30, 2011 AWM is sponsoring a **national walkathon** called “Walk for the World” to raise funds for the 2010-2011 National Project that benefits ministries in Creative Access Countries. Save the date and look for guidelines to plan this event, posters, and the Sponsor Form on our AWM website, [www.alliancewomen.org](http://www.alliancewomen.org).

- \* September 27 – 30, 2012 is the date for  to be held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, FL. More information will be given later. For now, though, mark this date on your calendar, pray about friends you can invite, and begin saving for this even now.

