

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ALLIANCE WOMEN

Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus!

July, 2006

This is my first letter to you as your new AWM District Director, and before going any further, I do want to thank our outgoing Director, Marilyn Rurup, for her faithful, loving service to Alliance Women throughout the past nearly six years. It has been a privilege to work with her on the District AWM Committee, and her sweet spirit will long be an example to us. Though Marilyn is no longer our Director, she continues to serve on our Committee as member-at-large. It is good to have her with us!



Just a word of introduction for those who do not know me: My husband Lee is pastor at the First Alliance Church in Chattanooga; prior to our ministry here, we had the privilege of serving Him in the Philippines for 32 years where God grew His Church in marvelous ways! The Lord has given us three special children and six WONDERFUL grandchildren! I am humbled at the opportunity He has given me to serve you and this District through the ministry of our Alliance Women. Please pray for me!



Our theme "Life in Living Color," the year, and the project it covered, are all about to conclude. We rejoice in the Lord's provision of funds for the National Project, "Member Care," but as of the end of May, we were quite a bit below the goal of \$345,000. I trust you will give generously in these last weeks for this project - such a very important one. Be sure your monies reach our District Treasurer by August 15th so she can forward them to our National Treasurer before the end of August.



With September we will begin our new theme and project - and I believe you will find the theme to be one that is so very easy to work with. The new Resource Guide is well developed, and, in a district where church planting is a high priority, the project of raising funds to help with the purchase of property for overseas church plants is most exciting. Let us all work hard to promote missions and to encourage one another to pray for our missionaries. As well, we must be diligent to reach out to the lost around us while actively encouraging others in our churches to join us. We want to make each moment count for eternity. Jesus is coming soon - let us be busy about His business.

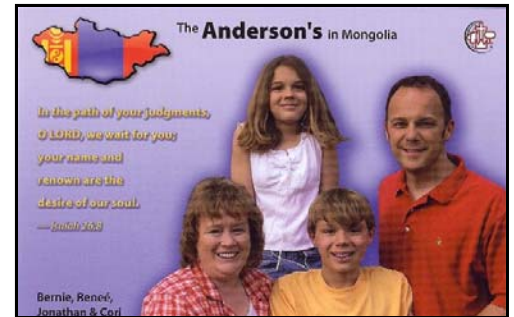
In His service,

Pat Peters, Director
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We need YOU to pray for our District Missionaries!!

On July 24th, Bernie and Renee Anderson and their children, Jonathan (14) and Cori (12), will be transitioning from a pastoral ministry in Franklin, TN to language study in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia! PRAY much for them as they begin their service in the land to which the Lord now leads them. There will be many adjustments and they covet our prayers for His grace, wisdom, and strength. Renee's email is renee@remembermongolia.org. Their website is www.remembermongolia.org.



And then in August, another Southern District pastor family will be in transition: Michael and Sharon Miller, with Luke (16) and Levi (11), are returning to South Korea where they will be teaching at the International Christian School in Uijongbu. They go as members of IFAP (International Fellowship of Alliance Professionals). Though returning to what is familiar to them, they also need our prayers.

And of course, Barry and Terry (Hotalen) Newman are returning to Africa this summer. We all are aware of the unique place of ministry the Lord has prepared for each of them in Mali, and thus, must uphold them in prayer as they learn a new language, and, make the many adjustments before them.



It Is That Time of Year again ...

If you have not already done so, please be sure to send your yearly report to your Area Director immediately! You will find the form on pages 47 and 48 of the "Life in Living Color" Resource Guide. Even if you do not have an organized AW group, we would like to hear that from you and/or of any activities that are a part of your women's ministries. Thanks so much for your help with this. If we do not hear from you, you will be receiving a phone call from me! ☺

MK/EK Adoption

How thankful we are for each AW group that has opened its heart to adopt one of our District missionary kids or extension worker kids! May God bless you for this. For those groups not yet participating in this program, we have two young men available for adoption: Luke Miller (16) and Levi Miller (11). If your group is interested, please contact Mrs. Carol Hall, our District Assistant Director/Adoption Coordinator, who will get you started.

A REMINDER to all Local Treasurers:

JULY

Final Call for National Project,
"Member Care"
DAKAR Dorm Call
AMT Area Expense Fund

AUGUST

DAKAR Dorm Call
National Expense Fund

SEPTEMBER

RETREAT Offering
for DAKAR Dorms

Also, in our last District Executive Committee Meeting, we discussed the lack of funds in our District Expense Fund, and voted to request that as much as possible, each AW group send to our treasurer, at the time of the DEF Call in November, a minimum of two dollars per member. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

AW RETREATS!!

Those of you who were privileged to attend Spring Retreat in Ridgecrest, NC, as we joined with the South Atlantic District, had a wonderful time! God blessed in so many ways, and our hearts were challenged to love and serve Him, to support and to pray for our missionaries.

The good news is that you do not have to wait another year to attend an AW Retreat!! As you recall, we told you then that we would be having a Retreat this Fall, and your District Committee is excited about it! We will be meeting **September 8 - 10 at the Springville Camp and Conference Center in Odenville, AL** - not too far from Birmingham. Mrs. Janice Kropp, a third generation C&MA missionary, newly retired from Japan will be our guest speaker.

Information on all that the Conference Center has to offer is included with this letter, and you can also check out our Southern District AWM website: www.sdaw.org. Just be sure to note that the registration deadline is AUGUST 20. Also, your registration fee of \$20.00, part of the total cost, is not refundable but it is transferable.



Celebrate '08 -

January 17 - 20 in Louisville, KY!!

Be sure to encourage your ladies to begin praying and saving for this special time of fellowship and spiritual encouragement. You should have copies of the brochures to give to them, and, further information can be gained from the web site www.lifeimpactcma.org



* By the time you read this, you will have learned of the new training program available to Alliance women who desire to be better equipped for a more active role in women's ministries. The C&MA now has a Women's Leadership Studies program, four units of study over a period of two years. **Unit 1** of the pilot program will be taught at the Liliburn, GA Alliance Church, **October 7, 2006**. Be sure to note the brochure given to you about this; a registration form is included in it.