

# WPA Alliance Women Ministries

November/December 2009 Newsletter



You are the salt of the earth but what good is salt if it has lost its flavor. Can you make it salty again? It would be thrown out and trampled under-foot as worthless.

Matthew 5:13 (NLT)

## Pass the Salt—Do Intentional Evangelism

But how do we do that? Are you an outspoken person and can talk freely to other people about Jesus; or are you very timid and have a hard time opening up to other people? God made extroverts and introverts and everything in between because society can not function without multiple personality styles. The Psalmist David tells us that we are unique. In Psalms 139, he says we are fearfully and wonderfully made; God made our frame or structure to be what it is. Some of us are tall, some short and some in between; some with a short torso and some with a long torso; some with long arms and fingers and some with shorter ones. We were created and formed in our mother's womb just the way God wanted us to be. Verses 1-4 note that the Lord knows our thoughts from afar and is familiar with all our ways. Before a word is on our tongue, he knows it completely. Verse 10 says he is there to guide us with his hand and he will hold us fast with his hand. So take courage; if you are an extrovert or an introvert and go out into your world and tell others what Jesus has done for you. By his hand he will guide you and hold fast to your hand. Your story is unique only to you and you are the only one that can tell it properly.

We read about two disciples in Acts 9:32-42. One is boisterous and can show a big display. One is timid and goes about working quietly. Tabitha (or Dorcas) was a disciple from Joppa. She was always doing good and helping the poor, making robes and other clothing for them

Peter was a disciple, and as he traveled through Lydda, he saw a man, Aeneas, who was a paralytic and was in his bed for eight years. I can imagine Peter being boisterous as he said to the man, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take up your mat." Immediately he got up. All the people in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. He evangelized that day by a big display.

When Tabitha got sick and died, the people called for Peter. He came and this time he sent everyone out of the room and then quietly got down on his knees and prayed. He then said, "Tabitha get up" not using many words. Peter helped her up and then called the people and presented her alive. The news spread quickly and many people in Joppa believed in the Lord.

In this story, each healing brought many people to the Lord, but Dorcas brought people to the Lord one by one by her helping them and making clothes for them. Each style of evangelism was different, just as each one of us are unique and will have a different style. The most important thing is that; we use our style to win others to the Lord.

Ethel Fennick  
District Director

## Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting/Luncheon  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010  
12 p.m. Four Points Sheraton  
Cranberry

Retreat  
June 18-19, 2010  
University of Pitt, Johnstown  
Speaker- Jane Rubietta

District Rallies  
Thursday, July 22, 2010  
Mahaffey  
Thursday, August 5  
Edinboro

Resource Workshops  
Immediately following both  
Missionary Rallies

A large, stylized, cursive logo for "WPA Alliance Women Ministries". The letters are intertwined and elegant.

MINISTRIES



Did you know that before the practice of canning or the modern invention of refrigeration, salt was used as a primary food preservative?

## Home Assignments

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Gabon H-7/08 R-6/30/10

### Clouser, Stephen & Debbie

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Burkina Faso H-12/21/09

### Froehlich, Tom & Tina

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Uruguay H-4/09 R-6/10

### Hemminger, Jim & Ann

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Brazil H-5/09 to retire 7/10

*International Worker and District*

*Directories can be printed from  
our website:*

*[cmawpa.org](http://cmawpa.org)*

*Look under the Alliance Women's  
section!*

## Small Gift Ministries

Tina Froehlich hosts small groups, pastor's wives retreats and ladies retreats in Uruguay. She is requesting small gift items to place in gift baskets she gives away.

Items are: lipsticks lip gloss blush  
hand sanitizer foot cream body lotion  
body sprays body wash scarves  
compact mirrors earrings perfumes  
manicure sets pedicure sets  
bobby pins bath salts nail polish  
sponges hair items of all kinds

Funds are also appreciated to cover the expense of shipping these items to the field.

Address--Please send to: Tina Froehlich  
4081 W. 30<sup>th</sup> St  
Erie, Pa. 16506

Another lady from our district received a Certificate of Women's Leadership by completing her course studies...Angie Conley. Congratulations, Angie! Great job on all of your hard work!!

## Annual Reports--

They are complete and will be posted on the district website.

Thank you for giving.

The Alliance Women Ministries of Western PA report 24 decisions for Christ over the past year and have given a total of \$195,630.43. Praise the Lord!!

**WPA Alliance Women  
Ministries Executive  
Committee**

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**Questions about  
our update?**

**Contact Rachel at  
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or 724.282.0577**

If you are interested in giving to the ministry in Germany mentioned at the right, you can send donations to the national office made to C&MA with "Project Open Door Berlin-Feinkost" in the memo. Donations can now be made online via credit card at [www.cmalliance.org/give/give.jsp](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/give.jsp)

## Old & New Items to Remember

**New terminology is being encouraged** by the Vice President for International Ministries when working with web or printed material. While the term "missionary" is respected by us, it is a term that has become a title that is more likely to build barriers with unbelieving people than it ever has before. "Rather than using a term that hinders us in many contexts, I invite you to use "international worker" increasingly for the sake of helping Alliance personnel serving cross-culturally, and our overall Great Commission work." R. Fetherlin

**Third Culture Kid (TCK)** will replace the use of Missionary Kid (MK). One of the continuing ministries of Alliance Women Ministries through the districts of the C&MA is the "adoption" of our Third Culture Kids. The word "adopt" can be defined, "to take by choice into a relationship; to take voluntarily as one's own child." It is a privilege to partner with our international workers by expressing love and care for their children. Thank you to the churches whose women have adopted the children of the Western Pa. District's international workers.

**Speaking of protecting our international workers and their kids**...here is a recent email I received from one of our international workers:

"Seems like a couple of days ago there was a 20-year high school reunion and now suddenly I have old friends wanting to become Facebook friends! In some ways this is good, but I also know that means that there will be more people looking at what's written on there. In light of that and also recent field discussions about new laws for religious groups, we need to be cautious about what is published on Facebook, as well as on our blog. It doesn't mean things are dangerous for us here, but just that there's a new awareness on the government's part and laws can change at any time regarding whether groups like ours are allowed to stay and work here. So, we will continue to be guarded in some things we say, not overtly discussing some spiritual realities or activities, not critical of the people or government, and just aware that many eyes could be reading the things there and not all of them attached to people with the same worldview. Thanks for helping us out with this!

You may also find that there are some things on the CAMA website that are now or will soon be password protected. It's not because there is any threat to us, but there are many here who are still tied to former political and religious views, and it's possible that groups can be asked to leave if they are perceived as a threat in some way or if they simply don't follow the laws for outside organizations. So please don't worry, but also please help us to be cautious by being sensitive to these things when you write comments or post things. We feel very safe and glad that the people here are generally very open to Americans. And pray for doors to be open/kept open for the work here."

**New Women's Ministry in Berlin** – Taste and see that the Lord is good.

As we reach out to people here in Berlin, Germany, we are burdened to find ways to "pass the salt" to women who desperately need to know the saving love of Christ. Please pray with us as we launch, "Feinkost," a new Women's Ministry, on November 14, 2009. Our plan is to offer a more elaborate tea for women three times a year where new contacts can be formed. From this low-pressure event we will invite women to join us two other evenings a month. Once a month we will off an in-depth Bible Study, and once a month a more low-key time of fellowship but with intentional spiritual input.

The ministry will be called "FeinKost" meaning something fine, worthwhile and treasured. As we communicate to women how precious they are in God;s eyes, we need your prayers!

**SPECIFIC REQUESTS-** For our team, that God would direct us as we plan; that we would plan an event that women truly find attractive; that we would quickly have a team of German women who will partner with us; that this ministry would continue even without the presence of missionaries; for creativity, insight, and strength as out team plans for the event, there are many details to work out; for the right meeting room; that women would be touched by the invitations and drawn to attend; that we would make contacts through planning this event who will also be open to hearing about the love of Jesus.

**CHALLENGE-**Will you personally commit to praying regularly for this ministry? We know that the forces of this world are working against such an endeavor. The only way to approach this battle is through prayer. We would even challenge those who are able to fast during one meal each week. –Don and Sarah Jones

Directors – Please give a copy of this Outfit Call as soon as possible.

*Alliance Women Ministries*

The Christian & Missionary Alliance

NOTICE FOR THE TREASURER

1. Outfit Call #3	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
2. National Project	_____
3. National (\$8) and District (\$7) Contribution	<u>\$15.00</u>
4. Outfit Assistance Fund	_____
5. Other _____	_____
	Total _____

Make check payable to: Alliance Women of Western PA  
Send to: Mrs. Doris Murphy  
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Indiana, PA 15701  
[dorismurphy@juno.com](mailto:dorismurphy@juno.com)

Please detach and mail lower portion before: **November 30, 2009**

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**CHURCH NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. National Project	_____
3. National (\$8) and District (\$7) Contribution	<u>\$15.00</u>
4. Outfit Assistance Fund	_____
5. Other _____	_____
	Total _____

Complete only if there are changes:  
Treasurer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Alliance Women Ministries  
Annual Report  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

Thirst Quenchers: Theme for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Verse: O God, you are my God, I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. Psalms 63:1

Motif: Beverages, such as coffee, tea, lemonade, smoothies, hot chocolate etc. We are spiritually thirsty.

Colors: Chocolate brown, Bubble Gum pink and Raspberry blue

Project: Missions Critical: Reaching women in crisis and meeting their needs.

Spiritual Emphasis: Sharing with others the truth of who we are in Christ.

Project Goal: National \$345,000 District \$55,000; amount given by district- \$50,637.74

Like the Samaritan women at the well, who was thirsty for the living water that only Jesus could give; our Alliance Women of the district have also drunk in that water and have been able to share it others. As a result, we have seen twenty four women make decisions for Christ. Praise the Lord!!

The ladies meet many times during the year for prayer, discipleship, fellowship, outreach and missions. Giving for the AWM National Project "Women in Crisis" was an increase over last year as we gave \$50,637.74. This will be used for prevention of sexual abuse, prostitution and drug abuse; for parenting skills; for health centers and for holistic evangelism and providing tool to assist in spiritual growth. All this is bathed in prayer by our women of the district. Thank God for women who will spend time in prayer for the work of missions around the world.

#### Annual Meeting and Luncheon

This was held at the Ramada Inn, Altoona, Pa. with 114 in attendance on April 22, 2009. Gail Warner, missionary nurse to Koutiala, Mali was our speaker with the theme, "Never Thirst Again". Two of our district ladies received certificates for completing the Women Leadership Studies Course. They were Linda McKelvey from Chicora and Linda Kurtz from Meadville.

#### Annual Retreat

Our retreat was held again at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown Campus on June 19-20, 2009. The theme was Freshly Brewed 24/7 and our main speaker was Cheri Fuller with three missionary speakers; Cheryl Fugate, Mary Cloutier and Tina Froehlich. Fifteen seminars were offered on Saturday morning. A International Café was held Friday evening with twelve short term and career missionaries participating as well as a Teen Scavenger Hunt for the teens. Are You Smarter than an Alliance Missionary game show was played Saturday afternoon and the two contestants won \$500.00 each, which was applied to two approved specials of the missionaries. Our offering of \$ 8,355.23 was received for Dr. Tim Bartholomew's work in Cameroon, West Africa where he does surgery on individuals with severe injuries and deformities thru CAMA Services. There was an attendance of 459 ladies.

#### Mahaffey Camp AWM Rally July 23, 2009

Our new theme "Pass the Salt" was revealed and the theme for the rally "Across the Sea Salt" was portrayed by the speakers, Ann Hemminger from Brazil and Esther Fetherlin, former worker in Mali and wife of the Vice President of International Ministries, Dr. Robert Fetherlin. The attendance was 475 and our offering was \$1415.48.

Alliance Women Ministries Summer Workshop was held after the rally with 82 in attendance.

#### Edinboro Camp AWM Rally August 6, 2009

The National Project was presented to the 131 ladies in attendance after which Christy Volstad, international Worker to Russia, spoke on God, our Provider. The offering was \$486.98

Alliance Women Ministries Summer Workshop was held after the rally with 22 in attendance.

#### Training Meeting with Susan Bernard March 28, 2009

The Training Meeting was held at First Alliance Church, New Castle, Pa. for all executive committee members plus the area directors. We had 37 in attendance and was encouraged in our leadership role as Susan Bernard, our National AWM Director taught the all day session, 10am to 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ethel Fennick, AWM District Director

# DISTRICT ALLIANCE WOMEN MINISTRIES REPORT

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

## PARTICIPATION

1. Number of churches in District 152
2. Number of church with AWM 110
3. Number of District churches reporting 100
4. Estimated total number of women in local churches 7384
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5. Estimated total number of local women who participated in some/all AWM objective events 3183
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6. Number of special Area events held 24  
Total Attendance 1296  
  
Decisions made for Christ 0
7. Number of Area Training Days 4  
Total Attendance 59
8. Number of special District events held 4  
Total Attendance 1179  
Decisions made for Christ 0
9. Number of District Training Days 3  
Total Attendance 141
10. Decisions made for Christ via local women's ministries 24
11. Total number of events in each objective:  
Prayer 1090  
  
Discipleship 464  
  
Fellowship 643  
  
Outreach 272  
  
Missions 719

## Finances

1. AWM GCF Contribution	<u>\$13774.52</u>
2. Outfit Fund	<u>\$14508.90</u>
3. Other Gifts and Approved Specials	<u>\$23153.96</u>
4. Supply Centers	<u>\$20098.90</u>
5. Adopted MK Gifts	<u>\$4691.05</u>
6. Guest Home/MK School Dorm Gifts	<u>\$762.00</u>
7. National Alliance Women Ministries Project	<u>\$50637.74</u>
8. US International Ministries Support	<u>\$750.00</u>
9. Approved District Projects	<u>\$1211.85</u>
10. Approved Local Projects	<u>\$6553.14</u>
11. Work Day Projects	<u>\$2354.21</u>
12. Speakers' Expenses	<u>\$7975.44</u>
13. Local Operating Expenses	<u>\$7662.69</u>
14. Area Operating Expenses	<u>\$212.43</u>
15. District Operating Expenses	<u>taken from funds</u>
16. Total Area Event Offerings	<u>\$4390.83</u>
17. Total District Event Offerings	<u>\$11642.86</u>
18. National Ministry Fund	<u>\$4637.30</u>
19. District Ministry Fund	<u>\$3614.70</u>
20. Area Ministry Fund	<u>\$186.81</u>
21. Non-Alliance Missionary Offerings, Gifts, etc	<u>\$11207.59</u>
22. Other	<u>\$5603.51</u>
 Grand Total of Items 1-22	 <u>\$195,630.43</u>

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