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Acteens and Youth on Mission

2009 Year of
ACTEENS



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Missions is a natural part of being a Christian and that is what Acteens is all about: teaching and involving teenage girls in missions. WV WMU realizes the importance of missions education for youth. Research supports the fact there is a great need for gender-specific groups during adolescence. Acteens provides girls a "girl group" with spiritual mentors who teach a missions lifestyle.

The future of Southern Baptists and how we impact the world for Christ lies in the hands of our youth. To ensure we remain a missions entity living out

the call of the Great Commission, we must provide missions education for our children and youth.

Acteens and other WMU programs teach a missions lifestyle, which includes giving, doing ministry and going on mission trips, AND praying daily for all Southern Baptist missionaries by name on their birthdays. It is part of our responsibility as we send them with our offerings....daily prayer support. WV WMU is committed to equip WV Southern Baptists with the tools to lead all Southern Baptists to a missions lifestyle.

We are looking for 6

-8 teen girls to learn about missions and our missions responsibilities to be catalysts for starting Acteens in our WV churches. We will do this by responding to church requests for help in beginning Acteens, as well as just visit churches to show how Acteens can be a missions force in the church.

If there is a teen girl(s) in your church who could represent Acteens in WV (no experience necessary... we will train), with her parent's permission, have her contact us to be a part of WV WMU State Acteens Team. Sararnl@aol.com

We are looking forward to teen girls impacting WV with missions education for all teen girls in our churches.

Mark Your Calendar!

February 14 — Children's Ministry Day

March 27-28 — Annual Missions Celebration, Burke Memorial Church, Princeton

May 2 — Children's **MISSIONS** Day, Chattooy, Beckley, Morgantown

May 16 — Ministry Workshop July 27-31 -Missions Camp 2009

Find inserts with complete details!

Children Involved in Missions



We are by our very nature selfish - concerned about our own wants & needs. So are children! Each of us has to be transformed by the Holy Spirit so that we have the mind of Christ who came "not to be served, but to serve." Children have to be taught to love God foremost and then to love others. Missions is the perfect opportunity to do that!

Hopefully, you are preparing for the national Children's Ministry Day in February. This is a day to involve your children in a "hands-on" mission project that reaches out to people outside your church. The theme this

year is "Loving Hearts", and the focus is health care. You may order a promotional pack from national WMU to provide ideas & planning helps. Other helps are available online at

www.7childrensmisssions.com.

Please report your project by mid-March to both the state & national WMU.

Children's Missions Day (cMd), our annual state mission activity for children, will be held on Saturday, May 2. We are expanding to 3 locations so we can be closer to more people - Chattooy BC, Memorial BC in Beckley & Berean BC in Morgantown! Each location will have missionaries, crafts, games, Bible study, music & mission projects. Our theme

this year is "Be Strong...Be Courageous!" We will focus on where true strength comes from. Please make the effort to bring children from your church - whether you have 1 or 100 - don't miss this exciting opportunity!

Though its cold now, summer will come & with it, Missions Camp! Mark your calendars now for July 27-31 & watch for more information. Please call on me if I can be of service to your church or children's organizations!

Jerilyn Smith
Children's Consultant



Missions Friends and the Christmas Season

What a privilege it is to teach the preschoolers in our church about God, Jesus, the Bible, and missions. As we teach about missionaries in other states and around the world, it is equally important to teach our preschoolers that they can be missionaries for Jesus in their own backyards. The Christmas season provides a multitude of opportuni-

ties to be the hands and feet of Jesus. As a class could you:

- Collect presents for a needy family?
- Collect food for a needy family?
- Deliver cookies to a shut in from your church or local nursing home?
- Make cards for someone who is

sick or hurting?

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas, let's help teach our preschoolers about the real meaning of Christmas. Focus on the birth of Christ and give your class opportunities to go and share with their neighbors this Christ who came as a baby to save the world.

Shana Carter
Mission Friends Consultant



Royal Ambassadors (RA)

Royal Ambassadors (RA's) teaches boys in grades 1-6 about Baptist missions and missionaries. RA's provide mission activities along with Scripture memorization. Leaders seek to accomplish the purpose of RA's by involving boys in learning about missions, doing missions, giving to missions, praying for

missions, and going as missionaries in their neighborhoods and church communities while they support missionaries around the world. They learn to be Acts 1:8 Christians who live their faith daily. Available resources:

- Leading RA's (RA Leader)
- Royal Ambassador Plan

Book (RA Leader, can be downloaded from royalambassadors.org)

- Annual RA Resource Kit (RA's Leader - teaching aids)
- Lad Leader and Crusader Leader (RA Leaders)
- Lad and Crusader (for boys)

President's Notes

Hey! A Little Help Please

Have you ever heard someone say "I really do work better alone!" Some people believe it is easier to do a job themselves than to work at finding someone else to either do the work or at least help with a project!

It is not an easy task to build strong relationships with others. As a mission's leader, you can be more effective if you recruit others to help in your missions tasks. Look for creative volunteers and then let them loose to work on your mission activities. Try to util-

ize the unique skills and gifts each individual possesses.

The number one reason people volunteer is because they are asked! Lack of time and fear are the two reasons people hesitate to become involved. If you ask someone to do something for you, have answers to these two questions they will probably be sure to ask: (1) What exactly will I do? (2) How much time will it take? Empower them to do the job you have asked of them — do not give an assignment and then try to keep full control. Also be sure to say

"thank you" and more than likely this person will volunteer the next time something needs done. The most important quality of a good leader is one who can "delegate" and not try to do everything themselves.

Let's all work towards a more productive wMu in West Virginia in the coming year.

Wanda McConihay
President

WorldCrafts

Contact me if you would like more information about WorldCrafts

Dear Mission Leader

Did you see the mission event opportunities on page 1? Be sure to mark your calendar, enlist others, and participate! You'll be glad you did. Look for the inserts that give more information.

Other mission experiences you will want to plan and provide for your church are (1) Focus on WMU (February 8-14); this is a time when you can share with the church about each missions education group and what they are doing/learning. (2) Children's Ministry Day (February 14) — read about this on page 1. (3) Week of Prayer for North American Missions. Remember you

may order the study materials for each from www.namb.net Your free materials — posters, prayer guides and envelops — are in this packet

The prayer conferences these past years have had a tremendous impact on many people, including your state convention staff. We are praying that a prayer movement will cover our state with people praying "about everything and giving thanks for answers." You are invited to make this movement happen. There are wonderful resources available through Woman's Missionary Union (PO Box 830010, Birmingham

AL 35283-0010; www.wmystore.com; 800/968-7301): *Prayer 101* by Elaine Helms (\$12.99); *Heart's Cry: Principles of Prayer* by Jennifer Kennedy Dean (\$9.99); *Strong Walk: Becoming a Lifestyle Spiritual Warrior* by Randy Sprinkle (\$13.99); *Live a Praying Life* by Jennifer Kennedy Dean (\$12.99); leader kit with CD & DVD (\$59.99). The *Christ Followers: Prayer Path Kit* is an excellent resource with everything you need to guide your church in a unique prayer experience (\$14.99). Another resource is weekly prayer guides from www.namb.net



called to love



Lovingly in
Christ, Maxine

Mary Ida Tidsworth Missions Endowment

Something everyone is facing is the financial situation in our country. You can't escape it. No matter where you are...it's on the news, in the papers, family and friends are always talking about it. It's affecting us all. Now more than ever people are watching where their money goes. What better place to put it than

toward missions. What better way to help secure the future of WV WMU than to put back a few extra dollars for the Mary Ida Tidsworth Missions Endowment (MITME).

This year for our stars program you can make a donation to MITME in honor of our future leadership. This is a great time to honor your children,

grandchildren or the mission friends, GA's or RA's in your church. This will put their name on our Love Light Tree that will be on display at the Mission Celebration in March. I can't think of a better way to encourage a young child, than to invest in their future.

Kerri Johnson
Funds Consultant



Women on Mission

Women on Mission is the perfect fit for a missions heart! Women on Mission is perfect for any woman, anywhere, anytime to express her missions heart. Women on Mission provides the perfect opportunities for mission involvement, just look at a few ideas below:

...Be involved in a missions learning group - learn biblical basis for missions, history and

current mission work, grow, pray, give, DO missions and witness. Annie Armstrong said, "After the study of God's Word, comes study of the fields. Then people pray, then they give."

...**Participate** in the week of prayer for North American missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

...**Learn** about Christian Women's Job Corps and get

involved (see back page for more information).

...**Participate** in Project Help Poverty (www.wmu.com/VolunteerConnectionProjectHelp) ...**Register** for FamilyFest, Mission-Fest, and International Initiatives (www.wmu.com/VolunteerConnectionProjectHelp)

...**Plan** a family missions experience. The book *We Can Do That* is available from www.wmystore.com at \$10.99)



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Missions Camp 2009

July 27-31 Nazarene Camp,
Summersville, WV

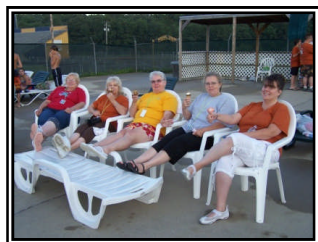
Cost: \$90.00

(Scholarships available, request by May 25) For:

Grades 4-12

(Tracks: Girls, grades 4-6; Boys, grades 4-6; boys and girls grades 7-8;
boys and girls grades 9-12)

Missions Experiences for everyone — campers in grades 4-6 do a mission project on campus; campers in grades 7-12 do mission projects off campus 3 afternoons.



Registration information enclosed.

Registration deadline: July 15

We need Volunteers! Request an application and apply

TODAY — contact Maxine: 304/757-0944; 800/411-5758 or
1 Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560 or
maxinebumgarner@wvcsb.org

CWJC/CMJC

We have just completed the season of giving. As you begin your new year, allow our Lord to deal with your willingness to "give" the opportunity to a woman or man the chance to lay the foundation for a more productive life, more spiritual life. Christian Women/Christian Men's Job Corps can assist you in developing a ministry which can change participants'

lives for good against all the situations which face them, if they are willing. For assistance, call Maxine Bumgarner at 1-800-411-5758 or Lynn Talley at 1-866-776-1676 for more information. PRAY for our Father's leadership. Only He can make this ministry work in your area. However, He needs you to put hands and feet to your prayers.

Lynn Talley, Coordinator



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