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WV WMU: The Color of Water

Dear Missions Leader



How does one say good bye to a dear friend? A mentor? A leader? A godly saint? Martha Goings was all these and more. I dedicate this issue of Mountain Peak Vision to her memory. Martha was killed in a car accident in June.

Martha served as the associational WMU director for Mountain State Association many years. Through her capable leadership and mentoring skills, that association has remained a strong leader in missions education in our state. She endeared herself to the members of her church as well.

Martha always wanted

others to love missions as she did. Even when she faced difficult situations with other leaders, she sweetly supported them, and quietly loved missions into the hearts of women, children, youth and yes, men. She just would not give up in good or bad times!

She was first on board to support the effort to pray that the closed doors of Mongolia would become open to the gospel. As a result she led her association to pray for the Persian speaking people of Iran.

Her family honored her missions heart during the funeral.

Prayer Patterns were read, each person who spoke, highlighted **Martha's love and involvement in missions**. They even asked that instead of flowers that friends and family make contributions to MITME. By honoring her memory in this way, Martha will continue her mission **legacy among us until our Savior's return!** This is one way you and I can extend our missions legacy beyond our physical lives. All we have to do is ask our families to honor our memories through MITME. We may even want to consider including MITME in our wills!

Lovingly in Christ, Maxine

Passing the Torch

In a relay race, passing the torch (baton), is the most critical time of the race. Failing to pass the torch (baton) ends the race for the team, dropping the torch (baton) ends the race for the team, but a well trained runner will pass the torch (baton) at the appropriate time into the open hand of his teammate and then fade out of the race as his or her teammate races for the mark.

In the past year WMU has lost some great women, but not before they were successful in passing the torch of missions education into the open hearts and minds of those they led.

West Virginia Woman's Missionary Union lost a leader in June. I never had the opportunity to meet Martha Goings, but as I have travelled in WV, meeting women who love WMU, I kept hearing her name. I am sorry I did not get to know her. The evidence of Mrs.

Goings' passion for missions and missions education is evident in her association and

her church. As I work with women in Mountain State Association, I see that Mrs. **Goings has "passed the torch"**. There is a passion and excitement about equipping young women and girls to be the missions leaders of the future. They are teaching them the responsibilities we have as Southern Baptists to not only give and go, but to pray for our missionaries on the field every day using the materials provided by WMU. Mrs. Goings knew that not passing the torch successfully to those who would carry on after she was gone would surely cause them to falter in the quest for the mark. Mrs. Goings successfully passed the torch.

We, as Woman's Missionary Union, must rise now more than ever to provide missions education to our children, youth and adults. Like Mrs. Goings, God will call us home sooner or later. In these days we must challenge our churches and teach our children about sacrificial giving of our offer-

ings and our time. We cannot be too **busy to be about our Father's business**. There will come a time when I will pass the torch of missions education to my children and to those who I have taught as an Acteens leader. I know my children are prepared because they were raised at the feet of godly women who gave them the same passion for missions they gave me. I am deeply thankful for those women. Will the churches in West Virginia be prepared to pass the torch in the blink of **an eye as Mrs. Goings' torch was passed?** Do we have missions torches to pass? Are we training our children to be mission leaders and missionaries? Are we praying our children are called to the nations? It is more than a mission trip.

Sara Murray, president, WV WMU



Mission Friends

I enjoy seeing preschoolers learn about missions. I have two preschoolers myself and I have enjoyed hearing them talk about the missionaries that they learn about in class. One reason that we are able to have some of these conversations is because I teach mission friends and know which missionary is currently being studied. As I was planning for the summer, I realized how important it is for parents to know what their preschoolers are studying in class. This will enable the parent to pray with their child for the missionary of the month. Some parents may even want to do further exploration of the mission area with their child. It may also teach the par-

ents more about Southern Baptist missionaries. SHARE is a resource that provides a handout to each child each month. It has activities for the parents to do with the preschooler. I would recommend that teachers hand this to each parent and explain how to use it. Some other ways to encourage parental involvement may include:

- Making a special snack for the month and inviting parents to join you to eat as they pick up their child.
- Allow the preschooler to show the parents the teaching pictures for each month and discuss them with

their parents.

- Speak with each parent about what you are studying for the month and ask if they have any information/experience about the area that they would like to share. You may have a parent who has visited the area of study.

Make Mission Friends an exciting time for preschoolers and their parents!

Shanna Carter, Mission Friends' Consultant



Acteens/Youth on Mission

As your new Acteens Consultant I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Patricia Vest. I currently live in Camp Creek, West Virginia with my wonderful husband, (Jessie) and two great kids; Noah 10, and Haley 15. I was raised a Southern Baptist, my father was in the Air Force, which meant that we moved every four years. This gave me a lot of exposure to different areas and churches. My mother was always very active in WMU. She was either the WMU Leader or Director, I think at every church we were in. She was very passionate about missions and the need for missions education within the church. This sparked my passion for missions. I can remember sitting at her feet in her WMU meetings listening to the stories of the missionaries. I learned how important it was to pray for the missionaries around the world. My love for missions was further inspired by my active attendance through my childhood years in Missions

Friends, GA's and Acteens. I am still active in missions today, and for that I thank my mother and all of the leaders through the years that provided the opportunity for me to experience and learn about missions.

I am very excited about being your new Acteens consultant. I feel that an Acteens program is imperative within every church. Missions Education is what brings forth missionaries and people who will support missions in their prayers and in their givings. You want to see things happen within your church, and your community, get your youth girls involved in Acteens. They are the spark that will ignite the fire with their creativity and energy. Acteens continues the missions education from childhood, to young adulthood, by giving them a sense of confidence and boldness, leadership skills and knowledge. These girls are more apt to be active in WMU later in their adult life and continue in a missions lifestyle.

I have set two goals for this year. 1. To start an Acteens program in my home church. 2. To build a panel of Acteens from various churches to be the FACE of Acteens in West Virginia.

To give you an update, we had our first meeting on May 31, 2009, with 12 girls in **attendance. The girls' responses were** very encouraging. So, if you are interested in obtaining information on Acteens, would like to start* an Acteens program in your church or if you have any girls within your church grades 7th-12th that would be interested in being on the State Acteens panel, you may contact me at priorityonehomecare@yahoo.com or call 304-922-1477 (cell). I look forward to hearing from you, soon.

Patricia Vest.

(*You may request an Acteens Starter Kit from WMU, PO Box 830010, Birmingham, AL 35283-0010)



Challengers

Challengers is the missions education group for male students. It is an excellent way to accomplish mission training while providing accountability for missions involvement.

Challengers lead young men to new faith in growth in Christ, give a wide range of ministry and mission experiences while develop-

ing leadership skills. The training opportunities allows Challengers to be transformed from just an average Christian guy into an on-mission Christian!

All the tools and resources you need to begin and sustain Challengers in your church are free downloads from [http://](http://www.challengerscentral.com/)

www.challengerscentral.com/. You will find *Leading Challengers, Challengers Plan Book, Newsletter*, clip art and much, much more. If you need help accessing any of these downloads, just call the state convention office, 800/411-5758 and ask for Maxine, Greg or Florence Ann.



It's All About Children: Girls in Action, Children in Action



Fall is coming – that means the beginning of a new church year. **I don't know about you, but that's exciting for me!** A new challenge. A clean slate. A chance to start over. This year **the theme for children's mission organizations is "Fit 4 God's Mission."** They will learn the importance of getting fit for missions work: mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. The theme verse for the year appropriately will be Luke 2:52 which shows how Jesus himself grew in each

of those areas. Each month will focus on a different form of fitness and will challenge children to be on mission. WMU has a promotion kit which includes posters and a booklet with bulletin board ideas, clip art, letter to parents, promotion skit, kickoff party, end-of-the-year recognition event, postcards, and more! The website (www.childrensmissions.com) also has ideas and information to help you plan. Its going to be an exciting year – one that will chal-

lenge all of us to get **"Fit 4 God's Mission."** Where do you need to shape up?

Don't forget our Week of Prayer for State Missions, Sept. 9-13. The theme this year is "Love West Virginia." There's a lesson just for children, challenging them to think what it really means to love and what we would do if we truly loved others. Try it with your group!

Jerilyn Smith,
Children's Consultant

Focus on The Church.....



One of the hardest things to do is to get people interested in coming to meetings. When my husband and I moved to a new pastorate, one of the first things the ladies told me was that they did not want to come to any kind of a WMU meeting. When we began to have meetings I realized it was going to take a lot of creativity to get them interested in coming. Our first meeting was in the spring and we had a Garden Party for the ladies of the church at one of the **member's homes where they had a real nice deck on the back of their house and our Lord gave us a very pleasant evening.** Each lady came with a plant to exchange with someone. Then the next thing on the agenda was to get a good missionary story that would keep their

interest. The one I chose to tell was about a missionary that went on the field in a country that was saturated with Muslims. It took him and his wife over ten years to see any fruit of their labors and it took another year to see someone else accept the Lord. Missions work is not an easy job and that is the message we need to get across to the people of our churches so they can pray for them.

Make a commitment to our Lord to make an effort in your church to get more people to pray for our missionaries each day, not only on their birthdays but make an effort to pray for them in cycles so they will have prayer being lifted up for them continuously.

If you need help in finding stories to tell about mission work at your meetings, subscribe to the very best mission resource, *Missions Mosaic*. (The On Mission Magazine (NAMB) and the Commission Magazine (International Missions) are also available resources. The Commission Magazine is now online for your convenience.) Encourage each family in your church to subscribe to *Missions Mosaic* so they can use **"Prayer Patterns"** to pray for the missionaries on their birthdays. By doing this they will pray around the world almost every day! **Let's get more serious about getting** involved in missions.

Judy Virgin, First Vice President/
Churchwide Consultant



Royal Ambassadors

Just look at the downloadable resources for RA's. Just go to http://www.royalambassadors.org/site/c.9o1DLOOyGrF/b.4674591/k.BFDC/Resource_Downloads.htm and take a look.

2008-2009 RA Planbook: Guide for organizing your RA chapter; includes planning information, charts,

and forms.

RA Campcraft: Lad Campcraft, Crusader Campcraft and the newly-revised Campcraft—Outdoor Living Skills.

RA Posters: Emblem posters, virtues posters, and rules posters previously available in the annual RA Resource Kit.

Missions Games and Activities: Use with your Royal Ambassadors or

Children's ministry.

Activity Ideas for Lads: Meeting ideas for your Lad chapter.

Activity Ideas for Crusaders: Meeting ideas for your Crusader chapter.

Sons of Virtue: Created to turn fathers' hearts toward their sons.

Note: All downloadable resources are available at no cost. Distribution is allowed with a price for cost recovery. Not for profit.



WITH CWJC/CMJC YOU CAN FLY SOLO

In these harsh economic times more jobs are ending than beginning. So there is one woman in your community who would like some help getting her life back together. However, you are the only woman in your church that sees her need and is willing to help with the transitions. Pray. Ask the Father if this is the program which will meet her needs. If the answer or leading He gives is positive, you can do the job. Find a prayer partner for yourself as you develop the program for your new mentee or Morena, and if possible

find someone who will pray for the program which you will develop. It would be helpful if you could find someone who will pray for your Morena*, as well.

When your prayer team is in place, contact Maxine Bumgarner at the WV Convention of Southern Baptists 1-800-411-5758. Or, you can call Lynn Talley at 1-866-776-1676. At the very least, Maxine and I will be delighted to be your prayer partners at the points we are need.

*A Morena is a person being mentored.

MITME — What does it Mean?

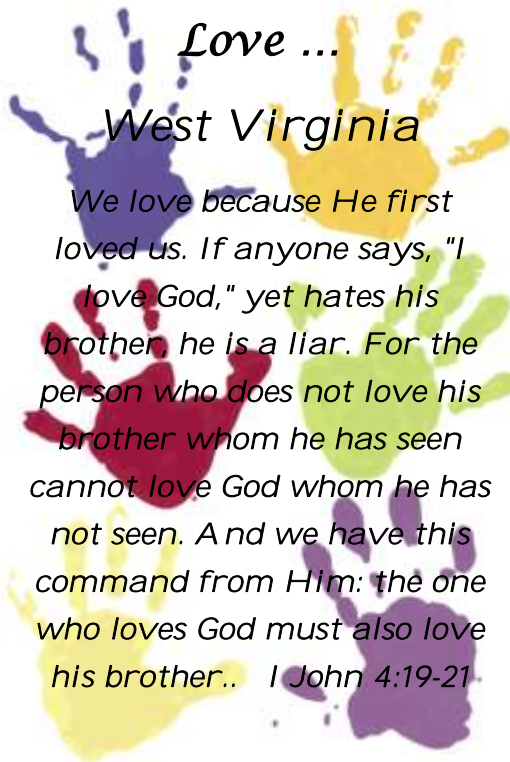


Mary Ida Tidsworth Missions Endowment means commitment to missions education in West Virginia. Well, who was Mary Ida Tidsworth and why is missions education important?

Mary Ida Tidsworth and her husband Floyd, served as associational missionaries in the central part of our state when there were only 3 associations. They were part of starting many churches including Fairlawn in Parkersburg. He became the state missions director for WVCBSB. Mary Ida served as interim WMU director 1978-1979, and later as WMU president, 1981-1983. She did not complete the four-year term because she moved with her husband to Arkansas where he became the church planting director. She is the only person in our history who served both as state director and state president of WV WMU.

The greatest reason, for the endowment to be named in her memory is her heart for prayer and love for missions. She loved WV and prayed for us even after she left the state. She always wanted WV WMU to grow, not for numbers, but so there would be more preschoolers, children, students and adults involved in a growing understanding of the scope of missions and meaningful experiences that nurture a missions lifestyle of praying, giving, doing and going.

LOVE West Virginia:
Nearly 75% of West Virginia is covered by forests.
75% of West Virginians do not have a personal relationship with Jesus.



Season of Prayer and the Ola Cox State Missions Offering.

Goal:
\$115,00

Challenge Goal:
\$120,000