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It is hard to believe another year has passed and it is National meeting time. Where does the time go? I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as President the last two years. Although they have been trying, the Lord has been with me and given me great officers to help me along the way. As most of you know, I was diagnosed with breast cancer in August. The journey has been difficult, but the Lord knows best. He knew I would need His people all over the world praying for me. You did not necessarily need me as president, but I sure needed each of you on my team. Words cannot express my gratitude for all the cards, phone

calls, e-mails, prayer grams, words of encouragement, love offerings, but most of all your prayers on my behalf. Thank you for being part of "Team Lisa" and going through this difficult journey with me. Please continue to pray for me. I look forward to seeing you on April 20, at the National Meeting in Fort Smith, AR.

Lisa Hudson
National WMA President

First Vice President

It has been a privilege to serve again this year as your First Vice President. The Lord has blessed in all phases of the WMA and it has been great to stand back and see what He has done. I have enjoyed serving under President Lisa Hudson for the past two years. Seeing her faith and strength through the health problems she and her family have faced has been an inspiration to me. My

2009- 2010
National WMA Officers

- President - Lisa Hudson
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 - Bettye Wilson - 2010
 - Ginger Jones - 2011
 - Ann Pugh - 2012
- Study Book Committee:
 - Patsy Campbell - 2010
 - Val Blackmore - 2011
 - Sandy Jones - 2012

prayer is that God will continue to strengthen and bless her as she continues to serve Him.

All phases of Our WMA work lost a fantastic prayer warrior this year when Patsy Campbell went home to be with the Lord. I counted her as a personal friend and encourager. May we all strive to serve in WMA with the exuberance that Patsy had for her Lord and the WMA work.

Nine WMA groups from Texas and Mississippi have notified me that they have reached the Standard of Excellence. If your group has also reached it, please send your information to me as soon as possible. Our theme for htis year is "To each one for all...and all for Him...I Corinthians 12:7. May each WMA lady look for the place God has for her and get to work!

Brenda Hornaday
National WMA First Vice President

If your group has reached the Standard of Excellence send your information to the First Vice President:

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Second Vice President

At my grandparent's house, under the bed in the spare bedroom you could always find a piece of plywood with a partially completed puzzle scattered at the center. Whenever one of the siblings came to visit they would pull out the puzzle board and we would spend a few minutes or sometimes hours working on the puzzle. Although we all worked on the puzzle at different occasions and for various amounts of time we all had a part in putting together that puzzle. If the picture were especially pretty then grandpa would apply a layer of glue or something that held it all together permanently. The worst tragedy was when someone lost a piece and after all that time we couldn't finish the puzzle!

First Corinthians chapter 12 talks about the wonderful gifts we each have been given by the Holy Spirit. Each gift is given for the purpose of edifying or building up one another. You have a gift and God gave it to you on purpose! If you do not use your gift then the puzzle will not be complete.

Although our theme verse is in 1 Corinthians 12, there is another part of our theme found in First

Peter 4:11. The reason God wants you to use your gifts is not just to edify one another but so that He will be glorified or made obvious through Jesus Christ. How will the world know how great our God is unless we - as the pieces of His puzzle - work together to show Him to others?

Pray for Mrs. Sabrina Clayton, wife of Disciple Guide director Kevin Clayton, as she prepares to speak for our national meeting in April. I know you will be blessed!

Valarie Fish
Second Vice President

Living on the Battle Front **by Valarie Fish**

Retreat - the word comes from a Latin root which means to withdraw. In a religious context a retreat is a time for a group of people to withdraw for a time of prayer, meditation, study or instruction.

Too often when we have a retreat, it is more often than not life the first definition of
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retreat in the dictionary - the act of withdrawing especially from what is difficult, dangerous or disagreeable.

The BMA of the Philippines has risen to the challenge before them to send missionaries into the parts of Asia where American missionaries are traditionally not welcomed. We have Filipino pastors and their families who live every day in environments which are difficult, dangerous and most definitely disagreeable and they do so without retreat!

Recently I was privileged to travel to the Philippines along with 5 other ladies to put together a 3 day retreat for the women who live and work in these areas of Asia Pacific.

One of our American missionaries had the funds set aside to help pay for the expenses of the retreat. Those expenses include the meeting venue as well as transportation, housing and food for the Filipino workers to be able to attend. Those of us who went to help paid our own expenses. The cost to have this retreat is around \$8000.

Spring and fall are generally the time for churches to plan women's

retreats or church-wide revival services. The next time your church plans a time for prayer, meditation, study or instruction think about those who live on the battle front! If you plan to host a retreat or attend a retreat this year consider setting aside an extra \$5 or \$10 per participant to send to the BMA Department of Missions for the Asia Pacific Women's Conference. For these front-line workers this may be the only chance they have to refuel and refresh themselves for the battles they fight every day.

I would love to come to your church (or your next ladies' retreat) and share about my trip and the work God is doing in Asia Pacific.

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THIRD VICE PRESIDENT BOOKS

There will be WMA study books available at the 2010 meeting of the BMA of America for you to purchase. The 2010 book, "Get Real" by Valarie Fish will be available and Valarie will be available at the WMA table through

out the week autograph your book after you purchase it. DiscipleGuide will also bring extra copies of "Pray, Work, Win!" written by the late Patsy Campbell as well as other study books to sell. So come prepared to purchase books, some will be at a reduced price.

Janet Widger
Third Vice President

Campus Connection Ministry

Ladies,

I simply need more names of graduating GMA girls (2010 and beyond). As always the information I need includes: girl's name, church home, prospective college or university, e-mail and mailing address, telephone number and will the girl relocate or stay with her current church home. The more information collected from each girl the better.

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National GMA News

From the beginning Maiden Step through working as a GMA Counselor, we learn to serve Christ in GMA! What a mighty God we serve! Deuteronomy 10:17 says "The Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords; the Great, the mighty, and the awesome God". We must pray for the Lord to expand our capacity to grasp so much more of God's greatness that we stand in awe of Him! We sometimes use the term "awesome" in a flippant way. We say everything is "awesome" but what we really mean is "cool", or "wow" or something similar. But, we should be convinced and convicted that only God is really awesome and we should reserve that term to describe Him!

Around 380 campers attended a wonderful National GMA Retreat in 2009. Our theme was "The Search in On" from Psalm 139:23-24. Our camp pastor and missionary was Brother Collin Jones, pastor of Fairview, Blytheville, Arkansas and former missionary to Honduras. His wife, Ginger, spoke to our girls and ladies as well. The year was dedicated to the ladies of the WMA who work diligently to support our GMA girls and Sunbeams. Girls serving as National GMA Officers for the 2009 retreat were: President, Molly Bowman; 1st Vice President, Courtney Luck; 2nd

Vice President, Keely Naden; Recording Secretary, Brianna Perkins; Song Leader, Kelsey Fagala; Historian, Amber Atkinson; Corresponding Secretary, Carli Reeder; Miss GMA, Megan Brewer; Alternate Miss GMA, Kelsey Fagala; Jr. Miss GMA, Lauren Eyre; and Alternate Jr. Miss GMA, Kaylen Fagala. The project was 90% Safe Haven for Girls Home in Beirut, Lebanon and 10% National GMA General Fund. Over \$12,000 was raised for our project! We praise God that 11 precious souls were saved at retreat in 2009! National GMA Retreat 2010 will be held June 15-18 at Daniel Springs Encampment in Gary, TX. The theme is "How Great is our God!" The theme verse is 1 Chronicles 16:25 "For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. He also is to be feared above all gods." Our project is 90% Philippine Bible College and 10% National GMA General Fund. The officers have set a goal of raising \$25,000 for this project! Our camp pastor will be Brother Luis Ortega, Director of Programming for LifeWord Media Ministries. Please pray diligently for GMA Retreat 2010.

God reveals His greatness to us in many ways and on many occasions. He prepares our hearts so that when trials come our way, we can cling to our faith and trust Him as Sovereign God. There are no surprises to God! Through every storm, we learn to praise Him because He is in control. Through

every triumph, we praise Him because He is "...the great, the mighty, the awesome God." What a mighty God we serve!

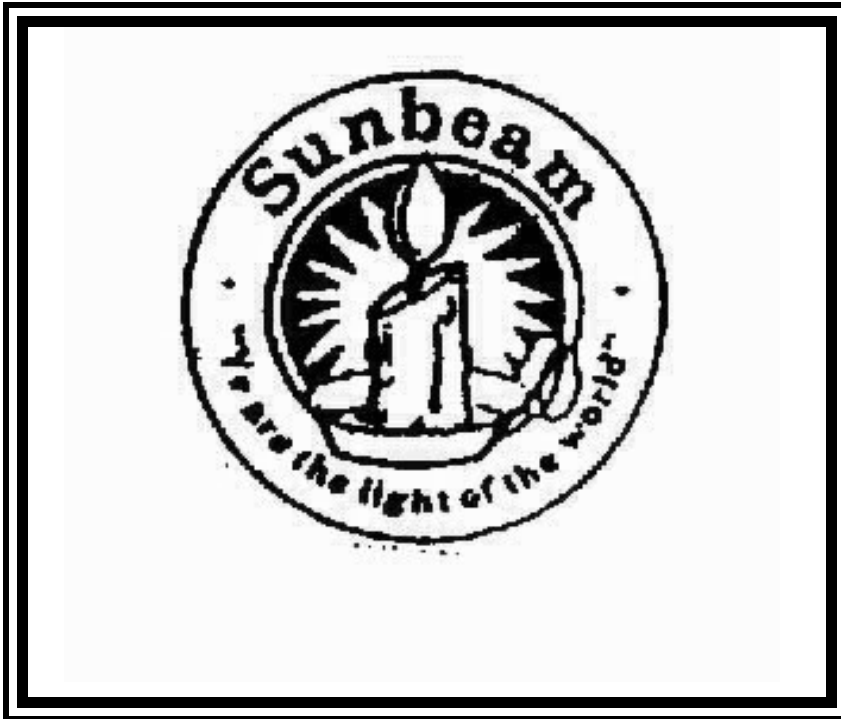
Robin Clark

National Director of Youth
Auxiliaries

More GMA news

The National GMA officers have planned a great retreat for this June. The dates for GMA Retreat 2010 are June 15-18. Anyone interested in registering for retreat should go to www.discipleguide.org and click on "Camps." And then click on "Sponsor Background Check & Training Video." Any new counselor that will be attending camp should complete the training, which must be done every two years and there is a \$10 online fee. The theme for camp this year is "How Great is Our God." The theme verse is 1 Chronicles 16:25.

Each State Promoter should send me their Jr. Miss GMA and Miss GMA folders as soon as possible. As soon as I receive the folders I will be in contact with the girls. The state of Mississippi will host the Tuesday night reception at camp this year. Please pray for our officers as they continue to
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work in Sunbeams.
Looking forward to seeing you in June.

Claudie Thompson
National Sunbeam Promoter
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make plans for camp. If your church does not have GMAs and would like information on this auxiliary please call or e-mail me and I would be happy to share information with you. Serving Christ through GMAs has always been a blessing for me and I wish every girl had the opportunity to participate in this auxiliary.

Beth Caldwell
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Attention All Queens

Counselors, if you have girls to participate in the Queen's Coronation on Wednesday evening at the National GMA Retreat, please get your girls information sent to:

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National Sunbeam News

This has been a difficult year for us as Sunbeam workers, please continue to remember Linda and I in prayer.

Our National Sunbeam Project is "Children Helping Children". For \$20.00 you can help Bro. Izard and the BMMI team to supply children who have so little to receive a pair of shoes, medicine, and food. We take all this for granted here in the United States, but in many countries children go without food, medical help, shoes, and clothes. I've learned that you can buy shoes, caps, and gloves at the end of the

season at Wal-Mart for \$1.00 or less. I bought gloves and hats for 50 cents last week. These are items that Bro. Izard needs to help with this ministry. For every Sunbeam or Sunbeam Sponsor who gives twenty dollars to the project I will have a little gift for them at the June National Sunbeam Meeting at Gary, TX. A beautiful plaque will be given to each church who gives \$500.00 or more. We are looking forward to the June meeting. Please remind your Sunbeam Workers to come be a part of the National Sunbeam workshops. We try to have helps that will enhance your

National WMA Retreat

Your retreat committee has some information to share with you for the 2011 National WMA Retreat. All plans are not complete but please be planning and saving for the 2011 retreat.

2011 WMA Retreat
Radisson Hotel
Branson, Missouri
February 25-26, 2011

Registration fee is \$75.00
Registration time is 2:00 pm on
Friday and will be over around
10:00 am Saturday

Guest Speaker - Judy Wallace
Theme: Living in the Light

Sandra Kizer, Chairperson
Connie Reifsteck
Brenda Hornaday
Martha Langley
Ginger Jones

Dedication of the Roy L. Grimsley Building

Sunday evening, March 7, 2010 my sister Tracy Goede and I boarded the Amtrak train in St. Louis, MO for an overnight ride to Longview, TX. The reason for this adventure was to attend the dedication of the Roy L. Grimsley Building at the BMA Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, TX. The second reason was that it allowed

us a chance to have a short visit with our brother, Van Widger.

Why would we want to attend this dedication service? If you think back a few years to April 2007 as President I presided over what might later be termed as a historical meeting of the National Women's Missionary Auxiliary. You ladies had two worthy projects to vote for and after two votes were taken with such a close outcome, an alternate project was allowed to be presented. Forty percent of the 2007-2008 project was to finance the Video Conference Classroom in a new building to be built at the BMA Seminary. With blessings from God, the project that year raised over \$80,000! With 40% going to the BMA Seminary to equip the classroom. This could only be explained as a "God thing."

As President that year, I cannot take credit for this accomplishment. The credit goes to each and everyone of you who promoted and contributed to the project. Ladies, you responded from all over the country.

It was indeed a very moving moment for me to walk into the finished classroom on Monday, March 8, 2010 and see the fruits of our labor. It was exciting to be able to see how our instructors at the BMA Seminary will be able to teach other students clear around the world. This room has a beautiful plaque which will be placed on the wall naming it the **National**

WMA Room.

With the wise leadership of Dr. Holmes and others, this class room can also be used for other purposes such as Board meetings or small dinners for the Seminary Staff. In one section, there are cabinets stocked with limited dishes and silverware and a small sink that they can use without disrupting the routine of the students. One visitor has already commented that they need to install a dishwasher to complete the room when she observed the staff ladies carting dishes back to the Administration Building after a meeting that included a meal being served.

Also in the building is a very large room which houses all of the archives equipped with rolling shelves. You will have to see it to understand it. This room is also equipped with a few study desks that students who are working on their doctorates can use while doing needed research in the archive area.

The Dedication Service which was held in the Dorman Memorial Chapel on March 9, 2010 was wonderful. The National WMA officers that were present (Pat Duncan, Glenda Tipton, former officer Marie Darst and myself) were privileged to sit in a special reserved section along with the Grimsley Family, the Seminary

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Board of Directors, Jacksonville city representatives and the various contractors involved in the building process. There were ladies from the Texas WMA present, but the only names that I can recall are former Texas President, Jackie Ricks and National WMA Study Book Committee member, Sandy Jones and Seminary staff ladies who participate in the WMA in the audience. It was a great honor for me to represent all of you while holding the ribbon for the ribbon cutting ceremony along with Dr. Mike Harmon, Board President. God provided beautiful weather for this momentous occasion outside the building I encourage you to visit the BMA Seminary and check out the room that you invested your offerings in.

Visiting with some of the instructors after the ceremony, they are excited and anxious to learn the technical aspect of this new room. This room is a gift to many people as it is used to educate others at the BMA Seminary and around the world. Our time of visiting ended too soon as we had to return to Longview for the overnight train ride back to St. Louis. I thank each of you who have supported all of the WMA projects through the years. I know that God will bless each of you. It was a real blessing and honor for me to attend this service on your behalf. Thank you.

Janet Widger

Enjoy Fellowship with God

I John 1:1-10, 2:1-6, 15-17, 29, 3:1

Key Verse: "If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." I John 1:7
1. WALK IN THE LIGHT. God radiates glory, purity and truth into the lives of his spiritual children. We need to live our lives in God's light and allow His light to transform us. If we avoid His light in favor of the darkness of the world, our fellowship with the Father and His Son will be interrupted. If we open our lives every day to God's light, it will expose our sins and we will experience the daily cleansing from our sins by Christ's blood.

2. CONFESS YOUR SINS. God's light will make our sins hateful to us, but we will sin. When we do, Jesus Christ defends us to the Father on the basis of His blood shed to appease God's wrath and wash away our guilt. We acknowledge the reality of our sins and our responsibility for them through the act of confession to God and the people we hurt. If we conceal our sins, deny our sins, or ignore our sins, we walk out of God's light into the darkness of the world. This breaks our fellowship with the Father and His Son.

3. OBEY GOD'S WORD. In the theology of the apostle John, to know God, to abide in God, and to love God are all synonymous expressions for obeying God. We who say we know and love the Father and the Son *ought to walk just as*

he walked (I John 2:6). We know the Father because the Son has shown Him to us (John 1:18; 14:8-11). The example and commands of Jesus provide the blueprint for our obedience of God (14:21).

4. LOVE NOT THE WORLD. No one can serve two masters (Matt. 6:24). The devil works through the allures of the world (I John 5:19) to draw believers away from fellowship with God into fellowship with the world. We are not ignorant of the devil's scheme (2 Corinthians 2:11). He uses selfishness, greed, and vain status seeking to appeal to our sinful natures and seduce us from fellowship with the Father and His Son.

We have to recognize the incompatibility of the darkness of the world and God's light. We need to remind ourselves that fellowship with the world leads to judgment, while fellowship with the Father and His Son leads to eternal life. We also need to remind ourselves that, when we live as children of God, we will receive the same treatment from the children of the world that Jesus did.

Note: This lesson was "borrowed" and presented at one of our WMA meetings by our Bible teacher several months ago.

Editor