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dedicated to the
memory of those
affected by the
Amish Schoolhouse
tragedy. Our
thoughts and
prayers go with
their families.*

From the President

Dear Friends,

October brings another season and another milestone for the ministry. We have reached our two year anniversary and are very grateful to God for all His blessings upon us. We continue to be humbled to follow in the servant footsteps of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is amazing what a small group of committed individuals working together can accomplish in His name.

We continue to make progress in our three program areas and have been working hard to solidify short and long term goals. Along the way we have met many interesting people and are constantly called to stretch and grow our faith.

A few board seats are still open and I invite you to contact any board member for more information. Volunteers are also needed to work on specific projects. Please consider sharing your time, talents or treasure with us. If you are reading this, the Lord is calling you. What will you answer?

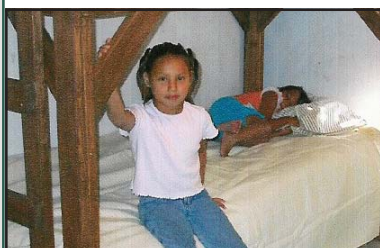


In His peace,

Carol Fanelli
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OPERATION SHARE A SHEET

We are quickly coming to the close of our collection period for twin sheet sets to be sent to the Lakota children on Pine Ridge Reservation. You know how good it feels to lie down on clean sheets in a soft bed. Why not share that feeling with a child? WAGC has been working with Re-Member (an outreach organization to the Lakota) to build bunk beds furnished with clean, new sheets so fewer kids need to sleep on the floor. Please contact us to see where you can drop off your donation



of a new twin sheet set by November 10. Contributions are also being accepted to help offset shipping costs.

THE HUNT IS ON...

For medical personnel, that is! The African Committee is currently planning its second medical mission trip to Kenya, Africa in January 2007. The 12 day visit will bring much needed medical and dental care to several rural villages outside the town of Eldoret.

Due to the overwhelming need for dental care that we witnessed last year we would like to add an oral surgeon to our team in addition to a dentist and dental hygienist. Another problem we identified was the lack of eye and vision care. The International Lions Club is generously providing several boxes of donated eye glasses. We are in need of an optometrist to perform eye exams so

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that we can properly distribute the eyeglasses. We will also do eye screenings to document more serious eye problems to see how we can help in future missions. A variety of support staff is also needed including people willing to teach small classes of villagers regarding topics such as proper sanitation and basic neonatal care. If you or anyone you know would be qualified and interested in any of these positions please contact us as soon as possible.

If traveling to Africa is not appealing to you, your help is needed in many other ways. One option would be to attend or support our upcoming Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 12th. Please see the accompanying article for more information. Another way to help would be to sponsor a suitcase of eyeglasses. The airlines charge \$195 for each additional suitcase we bring. We have the glasses, but we need your help to get them there. We are also accepting donations of certain medical and dental supplies. Please see the accompanying list.

Last year we raised \$7,000 to purchase medicine and because of that we were able to treat over 4,700 villagers. This year our goal is to raise \$10,000. Every dollar that you donate to the African Program will go directly toward that goal. We recognize that we cannot solve the overwhelming problem of poverty in Africa but we made a huge difference to those people whose lives we touched. Won't you join us in our mission?

IT'S BASKET BINGO TIME!

On Sunday, November 12th, WAGC will once again hold a Basket Bingo fundraiser to benefit its Africa Program. The event, which is sponsored by the Manheim Township Sunrise Lions Club, will be held at the Al Starr Fireman's Building behind the Willow Street Fire Company. Doors open at 12 noon, with an Early Bird Special starting at 1:45 p.m. and Bingo beginning at 2:00 p.m.



We will be featuring the new 2006 Christmas line and in addition to regular bingo games there will be beautiful basket items available for raffle. Tickets to this event are \$15.00 each. Buy your ticket in advance and you will receive one free raffle ticket at the door. The Lions Club will provide a variety of food, snacks and drinks. We recommend you order your tickets early by calling 717-291-7244 (day) or 717-509-8605 (evening).

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ACE Bandages

Cotton Swabs

Adhesive Tape

Antiseptic Lotions

Triangular Bandages

Instant Cold Compresses

Please note we cannot take over the counter medications through customs.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

African Program - Purchase and help sell tickets to our Basket Bingo fundraiser. Donate medical or dental supplies. Sponsor a suitcase full of eyeglasses.

Appalachian Program - Spread the word that we need warehouse space to collect and store donations for future visits to Kentucky and other areas.

Native American Program - Donate new twin sheets and/or blankets for shipment to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Join the NA Committee

Pray for a successful fundraiser and that the doctors needed for our 2007 trip will feel led by the Spirit to come forward.

Pray that a door is opened for warehouse space.

Pray that each child who receives a new bed would know the love of the Father and that our efforts will be met with true acceptance and thanks.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO HELP HERE?

The Native American Committee has been hard at work researching program ideas for the upcoming year. The committee has met with people who already have connections to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The needs of the Lakota community are so great it is difficult to decide where we can best help. We thought we would share with you some of the ideas that the committee has been discussing.

Inadequate housing is a major problem. Work camps can be held to perform home repairs and build wheelchair ramps and steps. Teams consisting of both youth and adults can



visit the reservation and work a long side Lakota residents to teach them how to do the work. This will teach their Lakota youth new skills while our youth learn

about another culture. Black mold creates a severe health hazard for these people. Many houses are affected so severely by the mold that people become ill and are no longer able to live in their homes. There is also a great need for children's books on the reservation since the only libraries on the reservation are in the schools. No local libraries exist. Lastly, there are no recreational facilities of any kind for children. There is no place for kids to go after school and play games like baseball, basketball, soccer, etc.

As of right now our biggest challenge is finding financial support and volunteers to plan and implement projects. In addition to monetary donations, your help with fund-raising activities would be greatly appreciated. An initial visit to Pine Ridge is tentatively planned for late August or early September 2007. If you are interested in getting involved with this program please contact us at 717-278-0979.

A SYMBOL OF FAITH FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Another Christmas season will soon be upon us. For many of us, this involves hustling and bustling and last minute shopping. During this busy time, it is important to remember the real meaning of this holiday.



The Disciple's Cross™ necklace is a beautiful symbol and reminder of our faith. Made of three distinct components to symbolize His crucifixion, every necklace serves as a reminder of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. WAGC has Disciple's Cross™ necklaces available for purchase. The cost is just \$10.00 each and they are available in 23 different colors. All proceeds benefit the three focus programs of WAGC.

Whether you choose to give the cross as a gift, or wear it yourself, it will serve as a constant reminder of the people you are helping through the efforts of WAGC. Orders may be placed by calling 717-278-0979 or visiting the following locations:

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Weddings by Paulette

248 Manor Ave., Millersville

Flowers by Paulette

258 N. Queen St., Lancaster

Minuteman Press

2102 Spring Valley Rd., Lancaster

Brogue Farmers Market

Aspen Windows Stand, York

APPALACHIA "ACTS 2"

The early success of our Appalachian ministry has been a blessing to everyone involved, built upon the model of the Acts, chapter 2 church where "...they gave to anyone as he had need" (Acts 2:45). Your generous donation of household articles and goods for the families in Hindman, Kentucky is making a positive difference in the lives of these hard working, less fortunate people.

This ministry is poised for dramatic growth as more and more people step forward to donate goods. But we need your help. We are in need of warehouse space to stage the goods prior to shipment to Kentucky. Ideally, we need 3,000-5,000 sq ft of space, protected from the elements, with a loading dock. While we would prefer year-round access (to collect goods on an ongoing basis), we could get by with a minimum of 8-10 weeks of access in the spring or summer months.

If you have, or know of such space that may be available, please prayerfully consider whether this space should be used to advance the Appalachian ministry. Thank you for helping us make the next step of this ministry "Acts 2".

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To provide needed medical care, educate people in usable life skills and transfer unused resources to areas of essential need both in and out of the United States.

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