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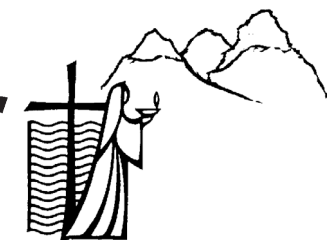


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## President

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1 NIV*

### *Come to the Edge...and Beyond!*

We are called to go beyond. Go beyond? Me? Try something new? Learn something new? God is calling me. God is calling you!

I was privileged to represent Colorado at the National ABWM Conference in August. We were constantly challenged to go beyond the edge. What an awesome blessing it was to have been a part of this conference and National ABWM Board. It was a blessing to fellowship and make new friends with women from all over the U.S., Costa Rica, and Puerto Rico. Missionaries Mylinda Bates of Costa Rica and Karen Smith of the New Life Center in Thailand entreated us to continue to support the "Break the Chains" project as we work to break the chains of human slavery around the world.

The National "Break the Chains" project has touched the hearts of women and men throughout the country. The total received as of July 31st is \$183,988.03. We are well on the way to making the National two year goal of \$250,000. Our Colorado goal is \$2500. Get on board. Pull out all the stops. Go beyond the edge! We can do it!

The 2009 ABWM National Conference will be held at the Lake Williamson Conference Center, Carlinville, Illinois July 25-31. AB GIRLS will be meeting with us again. School starts in early August for many of the girls and teachers who were unable to be with us this year. Cost for 6-9 days with all meals is only \$350 for women in double rooms. Attend National Conference and experience a wonderful mountain top experience, be challenged to new levels, fellowship with your sisters from around the world.

National Support needs you! We need you to become a Vital Partner. Have you checked all the "free stuff" on the ABWM web site? Things like Leader's Reader, Clip Art, Dedication programs, Bulletin inserts, Pod Casts, and much, much more. We support our National staff and they support us. If only 60 women would give \$10 per month to National Support we could eliminate our deficit. That is less than 2 women per state. Go to [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org) to get information on how YOU can give. You can even have it withdrawn automatically from your bank – no checks to remember.

Will you be at our Winter Retreat? I'll be looking for you! We will go to the Franciscan Retreat Center, Colorado Springs January 16-18, 2009. Come and worship, relax, and fellowship. Spend time with Terri Simpkins, our National ABWM President, as we commune with God in this special setting.

Blessings to each of you,

*Yvonne Whisenhunt, President* 303-684-6460  
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Thank yous from Franklin Park

On a pale blue card someone stamped gold lettering in a pink scrollwork heart. "Thank you" was all it said on the front of the card and "Your kindness and generosity has touched so many of our hearts." was stamped again in a pink scrollworked heart was on the inside but the overwhelming part was all of the handwritten signatures with personal messages to us from residents and staff. Here are a few of them for you to share with your AB Women:

Thank you so much. May you get 1000 fold back for what you have given. Love, *Georgina G.*

Thanks, *Wayne, 7H*

You people are so nice. Thanks, *May Castle, 3C*

Bless you for your generosity, *Dixie Canady.*

It was a pleasure to meet all of you and take you on a tour of our building and apartments, *Sandra C.*

I can't express the wonderful reception of the beautiful towel sets. Your kindness is truly appreciated. May God bless you all, *Renee*

Thank you very much, *Rosalie Montgomery*

On behalf of all the residents I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for choosing the Residences at Franklin Park for your White Cross Project this year. The towels are beautiful and will be used often, a new little luxury and something that some residents could not afford to buy on their own. The staff had fun distributing them! Sincerely, *Linda Hilton*

Here are a few of the women who went on the field trip to Franklin Park from the Women's Conference in June 2008.



## Scholarship News

Colorado American Baptist Women gave two Jane Loring Scholarships for 2008-2009.

Brianna Berglund from Calvary Baptist Church in Denver received one of them. She is a senior at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. She will graduate in the spring of 2009 with a double major in elementary education and special education with a minor in Spanish.

Elizabeth "Lizi" Wolfe from Colorado Springs received the other scholarship. She is in her third year of study at the University of Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She has not declared her major yet but it will be either Criminal Justice or Sociology. She is very interested in helping teenagers by listening to their problems.

Jody James from Lafayette was awarded the Student Grant. She will be studying at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. The seminary education will aid her ministry and further equip her for her call to the ministry. She has served as a chaplain intern at Mt. Vista Retirement Community and as a part-time Chaplain at the Residences at Franklin Park. Jody and her husband are members of First Baptist Church in Denver. She has been a part-time associate pastor and leads the worship most Sundays. She was ordained as a regional clergy person by First Baptist Church.

I would encourage you young women finishing your high school career or just beginning your college studies to look into this scholarship. These generous funds were left for our Colorado American Baptist girls, to be used to further their education. Let's take advantage of this gift.

The Student Grant is for you ladies (26 years of age or older), who are wanting to continue your college or seminary study.

The information and application forms have been sent to your Association Presidents to pass on to the local presidents. Please ask your local AB Women's Ministries president for this information, or contact me, phone # 719 775-9336, or E-mail [phyllis\\_hugley@q.com](mailto:phyllis_hugley@q.com)

Phyllis Hugley, Chair of Scholarship Committee

## Mission and Service

### Did you know?

- Approximately 800,000 to 900,000 victims annually are trafficked across international borders worldwide.
- Between 18,000 and 20,000 of those victims are trafficked into the U.S. The majority of those victims are women and girls.

**AB Women's Ministries is sponsoring a national mission project.** The monetary goal is \$250,000, to be raised in 2007-09. Ten percent of the received funds will be used for the project's promotion and administration. The remainder will be used 50% nationally and 50% internationally, distributed by AB Women's Ministries to new American Baptist-related ministries that address the sexual exploitation of women and children. Many region / states are raising funds for the 'Break the Chains' national mission project. Contribute through your region/state AB Women's Ministries, or make donations payable to "AB Women's Ministries Break the Chains" and mail to

American Baptist Women's Ministries,  
PO Box 851,  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

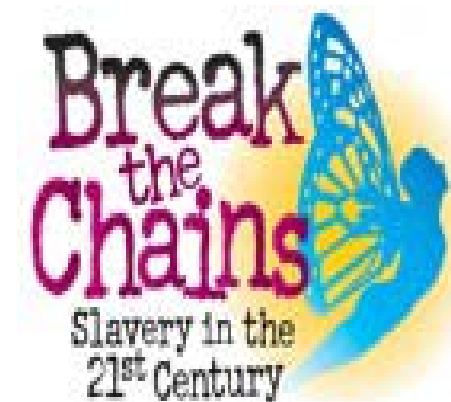
Funds received during the second year of Break the Chains (mid-2008 to mid-2009) will help fund the following ministries:

- In Ghana, the Ghana Baptist Convention will give safe care to women and children rescued from a cultural system in which families will give daughters to witch doctors to be slaves, in false hopes of combating evil spirits and misfortunes.
- In Italy, a destination and transit country for persons trafficked for sex, the Woman to Woman ministry will connect church women with immigrant women for language tutoring and outreach to women in prostitution. Debbie Kelsey will direct this new ministry.
- In Lebanon, foreign women brought into the country to be maids and imprisoned as "illegals" will receive care, advocacy, and freedom through the new Maids in Lebanon ministry, directed by Sarah Chetti.
- In Kansas City, Missouri, the Good Samaritan Project will engage the urban community in education about human trafficking, prevention efforts, and ministry outreach to potential targets of trafficking. Janice Blackmon is project director.
- AB Women's Ministries is seeking two more U.S.A. - based ministries to also receive funding from second year donations to Break the Chains.

Interested American Baptist organizations or individuals may request grant criteria from AB Women's Ministries and submit grant proposals by April 30, 2009 to apply for funds set aside to encourage ministries that emerge in 2009 and beyond.

### Get involved and help make a difference.

- Visit the 'Break the Chains' website at [www.abwmbreakthechains.org](http://www.abwmbreakthechains.org) to learn more about the realities of human trafficking, the mission project, and how you can make a difference.



A National Project  
with Global Impact  
Our Colorado state goal for  
2008-2009 is \$25,000

Please send funds to Association Treasurers  
By March 15, 2009

*Alice Cole, Coordinator of Mission and Service*  
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### Bible Books of the Month

#### 2008

October	I Corinthians
November	II Corinthians
December	Isiah

#### 2009

January	Romans
February	Joel
March	Galations
April	Micah
May	Hebrews
June	I Chronicles

**Website Update E-Newsletter  
American Baptist Women's Ministries  
(www.abwministries.org)  
October 2008**

We have lots of new things on our website! You might want to brew yourself some tea to ward off the autumn chill and cuddle up in front of your computer to check out what we've got waiting for you.

Check out the Upcoming Events page for dates and locations for the 2009 Women's Day, National Women's Conference, and National Gathering for Girls. More information will be available in November.

[http://www.abwministries.org/upcoming\\_events/](http://www.abwministries.org/upcoming_events/)

In September, I sent a letter to many American Baptist women, encouraging them to make a gift to our Leadership Development Fund. The Leadership Development Fund helps women and girls develop their leadership potential. With the help of the Leadership Development Fund, four women received scholarships to our national women's conference this summer, a national officer attended a women's ministry event in Chile, and an AB GIRL received leadership training at our national board meeting. I encourage you to read my letter at

<http://www.abwministries.org/resources/resource.cfm?ResourceID=530>

Looking for a new installation service? Peggy Johnson shares with us the installation service she used at the 2008 National Women's Conference. Her installation service entitled "The Music of Leadership" likens the importance of each position in an organization to an orchestra.

<http://www.abwministries.org/resources/resource.cfm?ResourceID=807>

NEW SALE! The 'Come to the Edge' logo items are now on sale. Buy yours today before they're sold out! Mechanical Pencil Was \$2.50 Now \$1.25

<http://www.abwministries.org/store/product.cfm?PID=185>

Tote Bag Was \$7.00 Now \$3.50

<http://www.abwministries.org/store/product.cfm?PID=186>

Come to the Edge Bulletin Cover (50 per packet) Was \$5.25 Now \$2.75

<http://www.abwministries.org/store/product.cfm?PID=177>

2007-2009 Ministry Resource Was \$16.00 Now \$8.00

<http://www.abwministries.org/store/product.cfm?PID=180>

We've updated several of our resources; make sure you check them out!

Love Gift Distribution – View the 2008 Love Gift Distribution chart. See how your Love Gift supports mission throughout American Baptist Churches USA!

<http://www.abwministries.org/resources/resource.cfm?ResourceID=593>

AB Women's Ministries' order form – Revised as of October 2008.

<http://www.abwministries.org/resources/resource.cfm?ResourceID=747>

Updated NLT application – Download the new application for the National Leadership Team.

[http://www.abwministries.org/custom\\_file\\_uploads/NLT%20Youth%20Application%202009.pdf](http://www.abwministries.org/custom_file_uploads/NLT%20Youth%20Application%202009.pdf)

Thank you for giving, and continuing to give, to our national mission project "Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21st Century." Your gifts have allowed AB Women's Ministries to distribute "Break the Chains" grants to new ministries that are dedicated to ending trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children. Learn more about Break the Chains at

<http://www.abwmbreakthechains.org>

Your partner in these wonderful ministries with women and girls,

Virginia Holmstrom  
Executive Director  
American Baptist Women's Ministries  
Info@abwministries.org

## Love Gift ♥ *How is it Used?*

These Love Gift contributions that we make are sent where? To begin with, our church treasurers forward the funds to the Region treasurer who then transfers them to National (ABC-USA).

Love Gifts are then distributed to fund mission projects throughout the world. Some portion of the Love Gifts is returned to our region.

Cathy Schacher lists ten ways the contributions are spent in ABC churches in the United States. I thought you might enjoy knowing about them.

"Top Ten Ways Love Gift Contributions are Spent in American Baptist Churches USA:

10. to pay staff at many American Baptist summer camps across the country
9. to print new Christian education materials
8. to support missionaries serving overseas
7. to promote national workshops and conferences
6. to develop curriculum for Youth Leader Core
5. to train pastors to be more effective leaders
4. to explore new Xtreme Team destinations
3. to publish resources through Judson Press
2. to provide new opportunities for mission and service around the world
1. to help the whole denomination in countless other ways!"

Read the rest of Cathy's article and find many ideas and resources for Love Gift programs, dedications, etc. in the booklet LOVE GIFT which has been recommended previously.

Love Gift giving in Colorado is down since 2007. We still have time to contribute to this 'over and above' gift before the end of the year.

Jo Bailey, Love Gift Chair  
2019 Union Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

## Announcements

Jackie Arnold has graciously accepted the position of Treasurer of AB Women's Ministries.

Thank you Jackie!

## A Word from our new Treasurer

As we start a new year in ABW Ministries, we need to remember that our Churches are starting a new year too. Sometimes with new officers, just like us. In my own church I got my love gift report and it showed we had given NOTHING to Love Gift. I knew we had; I found the church treasurer and asked him what happened. He looked at me and said, 'I wondered what I was supposed to do with that.' After I told him he was supposed to send it to the Region office he sent it out right away. My point is, it is our job to educate our church about ABW projects. Please check with your church treasurer and make sure he/she knows where to send your Love Gift monies. The deadline for 2008 is December 1.

All other money comes through your Association treasurer and then to me. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Jackie Arnold  
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Loveland, CO 80537-6764  
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JALoveland@comcast.net

## Martha Jones' passing

My Mother passed away on July 16 at the age of 99. She was in Virginia at the nursing home where she has been for the last several years and my sister was with her frequently as she has been for the last 10 years since Mother moved from Colorado. Her passing was relatively easy with no pain until the last two days.

With all Mother's relationships with ABW, I thought you would want to know. The group meant so much to her as did the growth of the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Fund.

Anne J. Mills

# Church and Community

The season for...

One of the thrilling moments for me at State Conference was the dedication of the "Hands and Words" banner for the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church. I'm grateful to Pastor Bruce Greer and the Faith in Action Team for that activity.

During this fall season of speech making and unending ads we need to recall:

*Whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phillippians 4:8*

We always need to select our words carefully, in order to help others learn our meaning, and be certain to correct any faulty phrases that may mislead or hurt others. Learning or seeking the truth depends on honesty from others and our sources. Often more than one or two sources may be needed to really get all the facts or to learn the many sides to complex issues.

A key message in the Hands and Words philosophy is "Anger is a feeling - Abuse and Violence is always a choice".

A member of the Colorado AB Women's Ministries told me this spring that an in-law of hers hit his baby so hard that the baby fell off the bed on to the floor; when the mother came home the child of course had to go to the hospital.

I believe that teaching young children how to act with kindness is much more effective than the state or spouse trying to reform youth and adults who hurt others. Laws to punish are needed, but the right training can prevent disrespect and hurtful actions.

Hands Project Pledge: *I will not use my hands or my words to hurt myself or others.* It is now in schools (all grade levels,) day care facilities, birthing centers, government agencies, homeless shelters, battered women's shelters, businesses, youth centers, places of worship, workplaces and homes in all 50 states. It is used in schools in nine foreign countries.

AB Women's Ministries of Colorado have helped bring the project to seven counties. Let us all pray that each of you who read this, will introduce it to some group or institution in your community.

The promoters of the project believe that: Every person can make a difference in stopping abuse and violence by Pledging:

- Not to use violence (verbal or physical) to control others.
- Not to hurt yourself with words or actions.
- Not to tolerate any form of abuse from others - ask for help.
- To develop healthy relationships based on respect and equality.

LORD JESUS CHRIST  
 How often was I  
 Impatient; about to lose heart,  
 About to give up everything  
 About to seek the  
 Fearfully easy way out; despair,  
 But You never lost patience.  
 You bore a whole life of suffering  
 To redeem even me.

-----Kierkegaard

*Carol Weale, Coordinator, Church and Community  
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# White Cross

I have good news and sad news.

I'll start with the sad news. As I hope all of you know by now, Curtis Park will no longer exist as an American Baptist mission. That means, for us, that we will no longer be sending White Cross to Curtis Park. That includes this year. So the requests you may have received for Curtis Park are no longer valid. Instead, we have been given a request for Anardarko Christian Center in Anardarko, Oklahoma. However, that means that we will have to mail our White Cross items and will no longer be able to deliver them in person. So the cost of mailing needs to be figured into our costs for White Cross. I have been told that if churches are having problems with the postage this year they can contact the Regional Office and help may be available. But I hope we can manage to cover this expense ourselves since the request is considerably smaller.

The good news is that the request is considerably smaller than the one for Curtis Park. So all in all, even including postage, the total expense should be quite a bit less. The second piece of good news concerns the requests for the Philippines. I know many of you enjoy shopping for the various items for the Philippines, but the cost of mailing the items is extreme. So National has decided that all of the items for the Philippines (health kits, sewing kits, school kits, and remnants) will be handled strictly through money donations. This eliminates the cost of postage and is much more cost effective for us. The kits can be ordered on the triple payment forms. More good news! There was a White Cross workshop at the Senior High Conference in Estes Park this summer (several ABWM women helped) and the young people were very enthusiastic. So we may have a new generation of White Cross participants!

As much as we have loved working with Curtis Park there are many other organizations that need our help. You can get information about Anardarko from your local White Cross Chair. There is also information on what is included in a requested layette and the type of paper plates and cups they need. I think Anardarko Christian Center works primarily with Indians and they have a soup kitchen as well as using school supplies and clothing for children and adults in need, so all of these items are greatly needed.

Thank you so much for your continuing work and

support of White Cross. I really apologize for the confusion and inconvenience this year. The situation at Curtis Park has changed rapidly and this is the result. The world changes and we must change with it.

Yours in doing Christ's work,

Judy Rothe, State White Cross Chair  
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(303) 494-0714 judyrothe@comcast.net

## State and National Events to Remember

### 2008

- Oct World Mission Offering
- Nov 3 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer (1st Mon.)
- Nov 7 World Community Day, Church Women United (CWU - 1st Friday)
- Dec Retired Ministers/Missionaries Offering
- Dec 1 Love Gift Monies due

### 2009

- Jan 11-18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan 17-18 Women's Winter Retreat, Franciscan Retreat Center, Colorado Springs
- Feb 6-7 AB Women's Ministries Winter Board mtg., Mountain Vista, Wheat Ridge
- Feb 1 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- Mar America for Christ Offering
- Mar 6 World Day of Prayer (CWU - 1st Friday)
- Apr 12 Easter
- May 1 May Fellowship Day (CWU - 1st Friday)
- May 3 Peace Sunday
- May 17 United Mission Sunday (3rd Sunday)
- June One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- June 11 AB Women's Ministries State Board, Grand Junction, CO
- June 12-14 Colorado ABW State Conference, Grand Junction, CO
- June 26 AB Women's Ministries Women's Day Pasadena, CA
- June 26-29 ABC Biennial Meeting, Pasadena, CA
- July 25-31 National AB Women's Ministries Conference, Carlinville, IL
- July 25-31 National Gathering for AB GIRLS
- Sept 11-12 Colorado AB Women's Ministries Fall Board meeting