

# WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Connie Chambers

It's hard to really believe that we are nearly finished with the first month of our new year already! I hope you've all had great holiday celebrations with your families and friends and have had time to read a good book to two and enjoy God's reality in your lives. Some of you know that Dr. Samson Retnaraj and Priscilla and Prateek are in the U.S. for three months. They are operating out of Newberg, OR so Prateek can be in school there. They are so thankful for the financial and prayer support they receive from the RMYM Friends Women. Please be faithful to keep them in your prayers. Miles and Jane Cleveland from Alaska are at Rough Rock until April. They spent several months there a couple of years ago and were eager to come again. Please keep them in your prayers, also, that they will have wisdom for the work there and that there will be good acceptance of them by our Navajo friends.

I wonder if you are enjoying our excellent program book, *The Fingerprint of God*. We had a good time making our own finger prints last week. It is amazing to know how unique each of us is - by God's design. I need to go frequently to the 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm and read again the reminder that God made us and designed each of us differently to be used in his body - for our unique place to fill. May we each be encouraged to serve where we are with what we have available. Let's keep enough stillness in our lives to hear when God speaks to us and watch for the work of His hand in our lives. (Cont. pg 2)

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## Friends in Ireland

Ireland is known for its beautiful countryside, but that does not compare with the beauty of its people. What a joy to walk side by side and get to know them and their families.

The privilege of sharing, not a religion of rituals and traditions, but a friendship with a living God. As Evangelical Friends, we understand how important the message of this life-changing friendship is. What a joy to then train and prepare the Irish men and women to share their new life with others. To see a spiritually dark country shine bright with the light of Jesus, can you see it? That is our desire and our prayer.

## *Easter offering is still being taken:*

*A lot of good work is being done in Rwanda and more can be done with strong support of the Easter Offering. You may actively support this work by encouraging your church to promote the Easter Offering. Or, if for some reason, your church chooses not to participate, you may give your offerings directly to EFM at PO Box 525, Arvada CO 80001, or by calling 303-421-8100.*

### President . . .

Please mark your calendar, Sat., Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our yearly meetings sessions are 21-23 and our FW Missions Banquet and Auction are on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I would love to see everyone of you at the banquet. If you all can't come, please send representatives from your church. We need each other to build up the body that is Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

### **HAL AND NANCY THOMAS**

**By EFM**

**Hal and Nancy Thomas work as part of the administrative team of the Latin American Doctoral Program in Theology (PRODOLA in Spanish), Nancy as Associate Director of Instruction and Hal as Associate Director of Research. They both teach in the program as well. Working through the internet from their home in Newberg part of the time, the Thomases travel four times a year (at a minimum) to be with their colleagues and students who come from Latin America. These women and men are the leaders of the growing Christian movement in Latin America, all seeking "more preparation for better service" (PRODOLA's motto).**

## **Prayer requests. . .**

**By EFM**

### **Ministry based out of California:**

For all leaders to reach out with love and boldness in Christ.

For protection of all leaders and their families from persecution, especially those in Muslim countries.

For all Muslims to hear and respond to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

### **Russia:**

For ongoing wisdom for our missionaries as they work to completely nationalize the CBLT ministry in Russia.

For our missionary as she edits and updates the curriculum used for CBLT.

For God's kingdom to increase despite Russia's regression to dictatorship.

### **Rwanda:**

That the Holy Spirit would continue leading the team that is directing PRODOLA.

That the Spirit would strengthen and help our students, all busy leaders in their own countries; that they would live by God's priorities; that they would be able to make the time and give the energy this kind of program requires, that God would continue to care for their families and ministries.

For the Spirit's increased anointing on Hal and Nancy, that they will be able to do what they see the Father doing, say what they hear Him saying

### **Ireland:**

For the new friends that we will meet. Pray that their hearts will be open and receptive to hear fresh truth.

For our health and safety. Pray for God's protection for us.

For wisdom and discernment as we seek to hear God's heart and plan for the people of Ireland.

**RMYM'S  
Women's Retreat  
2009**

**“New Life in the  
New West”**

**Speaker  
Doris Ferguson**

**September  
18, 19, & 20 2009**

**Quaker Ridge Camp  
Woodland Park, CO**

**Sponsored  
By the  
Arkansas Valley  
Churches**

**- Miriam's News -  
Singapore**

The Network of International Christian Schools (NICS) is alive and well in Singapore. Within the past eight years the school has grown from less than 100 students to over 400 students. Miriam Burnett has taught at three different campuses since arriving in the country. The Singapore International Community School continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

Miriam had taught fifth grade for seven years but this year the Lord gave her a new job. She became the Bible teacher for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. She has been faced with new challenges and new adventures.

Miriam felt the call from the Lord at a young age to serve as a missionary. Please pray for her as she strives to accomplish the work that the Lord has given her.

**AMANDA & CARRIE'S NEWS - SERVING IN VIENNA**

Elementary SEW (Spiritual Emphasis Week) was at the end of January. We had a special speaker, Jerry Jacoby, come all the way from the States to share with our kids during this important week. We know many of you were praying for our students during this time, and so we are pleased to report that it was a successful week. We have never seen kids so excited to come sing and hear about God. It was amazing to see all of the children engaged, from primary to 5th grade. Thursday was the highlight of the week. This was the day that the students were given the opportunity to accept Christ as their personal savior. Many students stayed to pray that day. Out of our classes there were seven 3rd graders and one 1st grader that prayed. These were both rededications and first time commitments. Praise God!

Please pray for Amanda and Carrie as they work in Vienna, Austria.

**Rocky Mountain Monthly Report**  
**02/27/09**

	INCOME	EXPENSES	ACCOUNT BALANCE	TOWARD BUDGET	BUDGETED
DUES					
Project dues	317.50	0	0	317.50	0
Project craft sale	682.50	1000.00	0	682.50	1000.00
Scholarship	500.00	500.00	0	500.00	500.00
EFI	246.00	246.00	0	246.00	333.00
Travel pool	0	375.00	642.49	0	300.00
President packet	0	12.42	37.58	0	50.00
Quaker Nugget	0	0	106.68	0	160.00
Miscellaneous	11.08	11.08	0	11.08	50.00
Banquet	4.21	86.55	217.66	4.21	300.00
Auction	773.00	773.00	0	0	0
Offering	0	0	0	0	0
Retreat quests	0	135.00	300.00	0	275.00
Designated gifts	650.00	650.00	0	0	0
General fund	2522.30	1500.00	4523.29	0	0
TOTAL	5706.59	5289.55	5787.70	1761.29	2868.00
Program books	65.00	90.00	55.00		-1761.29
Retreat 2008	11,938.90	11,638.98	0		1106.71
Retreat 2009	0	300.00	1700.00	EFI DUES	-87.00
Retreat 2010	0	0	2000.00	BALANCE	1019.71
TOTAL	17,755.57	17,363.53	9542.70		
Checking Balance 07/08	3681.18				
Saving Balance 07/08	5469.48				
TOTAL	26,906.23			TOTAL SAVINGS	5473.12
Less expenses	17,363.53			TOTAL CHECKING	4069.58
TOTAL BALANCE	9542.70				9542.70

## FRIENDS WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 scholarship is available to a Rocky Mt. Yearly Meeting member who is preparing for the ministry or for missionary service. Applications are available from any Friends Women President or can be requested online at:  
[phburgj@aol.com](mailto:phburgj@aol.com).

**Deadline for applying is May 31, 2009.**

Announcing this scholarship in your church bulletin would be a good way to get the word out to deserving students that financial aid is available.

## 2008 Ladies Retreat

By Bonnie Lopez, Northwest Friends Church

On September 19 – 21 the ladies met at Quaker Ridge for our annual retreat. Becky Edwards from Kansas was our speaker. Becky has lived a unique life, although she describes herself as an ordinary woman. She is an ordinary woman who has lived through extraordinary circumstances, and one who has discovered how dependable her God is. (Becky lost five of her six children, the first four through the same car accident, and the fifth to illness.) Her message wasn't one of tragedy, but of triumph. She stood before us quite normal, in fact, and even amusing...all these years after. I, personally, took away from the weekend the knowledge that my God *will* provide for my every need as each may arise (and the deep hope never to experience what Becky has experienced).

Our theme for this year was Hats Off to the Christian Woman, so of course, we had a hat parade complete with awards. The prizes went to a camouflage hat (which represented a humanitarian effort by its wearer regarding her group involvement in ministering to families of service men and women), and to a kitchen hat creatively displaying kitchen items. One for a good cause and one for pure fun! (On the note of hats and kitchens, a big hats off to chef extraordinaire, Melody Money, for the consistently mouth-watering

virtuals!)

One of the ideas behind our Ladies Retreats is for women to come together from different churches, and time permitting, to get to know one another. One lady said that some unexpected and good relationships developed for her. At Northwest Friends Church, we marveled at God's goodness in providing music from our church when Plan A fell through late in the scheduling. Nancy Adams, Chris Jens, and Cheri Luciano did a fine job on short notice and we were blessed! Some other comments I heard were that the speaker was inspiring and real. Another said that she appreciated the speaker's timeliness with sessions, as it's difficult to stay focused if the sessions run too long. Another noted that the schedule was relaxing even when full. In addition, some of us appreciate good blocks of free time, as it's a luxury to get away from the phone, the job, and to find some quiet in God's beautiful creation. (With cell phones, maybe not all of us got away from the *phone*.) Several mentioned how they enjoyed both of the workshops.

Ladies, if you haven't been to a retreat for awhile, start thinking about joining us next year! Perhaps the Lord is saying, "Come away with Me."

## BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

## LINDA BOND...

Friends Women would like to express our appreciation to Linda Bond for her many years of service and willingness to serve as the Friends Women Literature Chairman. Linda will be moving closer to her sister and family.

We will miss you and pray God's guidance upon your life. Thank you for your dedication to Friends Women.

### ***FUTURE MISSIONARIES RETREAT***

*(for high school grads and older  
who feel called to career  
missions)*

***Quaker Ridge Camp***  
*(near Woodland Park, CO)*

***May 27-30***

***\$75 per person***

*(transportation not included)*

*For information contact: Brad  
and Chelsea Carpenter.*

*[bc.carpenter@yahoo.com](mailto:bc.carpenter@yahoo.com);  
(303) 386-2248.*

Praying Friends,

Here is a prayer request from Executive Director Chuck Mylander regarding the retreat for prospective missionaries in May. We invite you to pray for this conference, but also share the news about it with young people (and older ones too) whom you think might be called to missions.

Norval Hadley,  
EFM Prayer Coordinator

## UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

RMYM Junior Camp .....	July 6 – 10
RMYM Middle School/Jr. High.....	July 6 – 10
RMYM Senior High Camp .....	July 13 – 18
RMYM Yearly Meeting Sessions .....	August 21 -23
Friends Women Banquet.....	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Friends Women Retreat .....	Sept. 18 – 20

## The Porch Prayer

*There was a little old lady, who every morning stepped onto her front porch, raised her arms to the sky, and shouted: 'PRAISE THE LORD!'*

*One day an atheist moved into the house next door. He became irritated at the little old lady. Every morning he'd step onto his front porch after her and yell: 'THERE IS NO LORD!'*

*Time passed with the two of them carrying on this way every day.*

*One morning, in the middle of winter, the little old lady stepped onto her front porch and shouted: 'PRAISE THE LORD! Please Lord, I have no food and I am starving, provide for me, oh Lord!'*

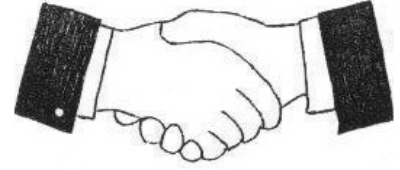
*The next morning she stepped out onto her porch and there were two huge bags of groceries sitting there.*

*'PRAISE THE LORD!' she cried out. 'HE HAS PROVIDED GROCERIES FOR ME!'*

*The atheist neighbor jumped out of the hedges and shouted:*

*'THERE IS NO LORD; I BOUGHT THOSE GROCERIES!!'*

*The little old lady threw her arms into the air and shouted: 'PRAISE THE LORD! HE HAS PROVIDED ME WITH GROCERIES AND MADE THE DEVIL PAY FOR THEM!'*



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