

Women's Missionary Union Annual Report 2017
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By All Means... *"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:22-23.*

What does WMU do for your church? Since 1888, WMU has been the leader in missions education for all ages with literature to promote the missional life style and provide information about mission work being done around the world through NAMB and IMB.

WMU provides on going missions education to develop believers who understand God's mission in the world, leading to engage Christians who are passionate about fulfilling the Great Commission and sharing the love of Jesus with others.

The organization promotes missions offerings throughout the year by making materials and information available to churches to encourage members to participate in the goal of taking the Gospel to all nations. These are the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Missouri Missions Offering, and World Hunger. Churches were encouraged to set goals for the various missions offerings and to report they successes so that we might celebrate.

WMU is committed to our in-country partners and artisan groups to help develop viable employment for women and men in poverty. Through **World Crafts** men and women receive job training and enjoy comfort, camaraderie and purpose, many for the first time. Women find safe haven and receive counseling as they escape the sex industry, individuals and families discover the opportunity to live in an abundant life and see that life lived out before them.

WMU sponsors RA and GA regional and state wide meetings through out the year for children in our state.

WMU missions education materials were used during the Missions Conference in March at Millersville during the children's sessions. They were taught about Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and the International Mission Study on Norway while their parents participated in the conference.

Several women attended the State Missions Conference in Lebanon Mo in April.

Perkins Baptist Church Women's Missionary Union celebrated their 25th anniversary with a banquet. There were about 35 in attendance.

Several Associational WMU members have volunteered with Disaster Relief this year in Texas and in Missouri. Others have gone on mission trips, volunteered at Peaceful Valley Camp and participated in local missions projects.

Some of our WMU groups are sewing and sending dresses, shorts and other items to children in third world countries.

Southeast Regional meeting will be held at Memorial Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff October 21. Information was sent to every church.

Looking forward:

November 11 national WMU President, Linda Cooper will be the guest speaker at Jackson First Baptist banquet

December is the week of prayer for International Missions with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering focus.

The second week of February is WMU Focus week

March is Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and NAMB Week of Prayer Emphasis

The Missouri Missions Celebration will be in April in Springfield

September is Missouri Missions Offering month