

## **WMU QUARTERLY REPORT**

### **APRIL 2020**

This has been a time of unbelievable changes and cancellations. Never in my life time has the whole world been focused upon the same thing. We are all learning new ways of doing things, especially ministry.

The response from the National WMU with emails and information has been very helpful to guide in ways to pray for our missionaries and pastors who are facing new challenges. Contact them for these resources.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering totals for this year are not available but last year was the third highest ever and exceeded the goal set.

A review of the Missouri Baptist report on giving to the Cooperative Program and Missouri Missions Offering is available. I noted that only about 50% of our churches participated in the state offering this year. The amounts were from less than \$10 to several thousand given by those 14 churches who gave. Ten percent of this offering comes back to our association.

The Missouri WMU Annual Missions Celebration for April 4-5 was canceled as was the National Convention along with the SBC in Orlando for June.

The Spring Ladies Day Retreat scheduled for April 25 has been rescheduled for September 12 at Peaceful Valley Camp. The theme "Be Still..." was never more relevant than now.

We are hearing how Christians around the world are using this time to minister to neighbors and be more creative in the ways they engage with others.

I have attempted to contact all churches to encourage use of WMU materials for missions education. I am available to help churches start new groups.

As always you are encouraged to Pray, give and go.

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