

WMU Fun Facts

Did You Know . . .

- 1888** WMU® organized
- 1935** WMU launched a focus week
- 1945** Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions exceeded \$1 million for first time
- 1952** prayer calendar first listed missionaries by birthdays
- 1978** first World Hunger Day (now Global Hunger Sunday) observed
- 1983** Baptist Nursing FellowshipSM formed
- 1985** First books published under New Hope® Publishers imprint
- 1991** Missionary Housing Office began connecting missionaries with furlough (stateside) homes
- 1992** WMU partnered with Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board, NAMB) and 7 state conventions in the Mississippi River Ministry
- 1993** Project HELPSM, a social ministry project, approved by WMU Executive Board
- 1995** WMU officially introduced coed organizations: Children in ActionSM, Youth on MissionSM, and Adults on MissionSM
- 1996** WorldCraftsSM debuted its party concept
- 1997** WMU accepted Pure Water, Pure LoveSM from the Brotherhood Commission
- 2001** MissionsfestSM and FamilyfestSM missions trips began
- 2005** *Nuestra Tarea* celebrated its 50th anniversary
- 2008** First Children's Ministry Day™ held in February; National WMU partnered with WMU of Texas to begin publishing Korean materials
- 2010** WMU Foundation celebrated its 15th anniversary with more than 4.5 million grants awarded since its inception
- 2012** Royal Ambassadors® and Challengers® returned to WMU from NAMB; myMISSIONSM began for younger women
- 2013** Girls in Action® celebrated 100 years
- 2014** Christian Women's Leadership Center moved from Samford University to WMU
- 2015** WMU helped raise \$165.8 million for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions—the highest total in the offering's 127-year history—and \$58 million for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American Missions
- 2017** Christian Women's Job Corps® celebrates 20 years