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2020 *Impact* REPORT

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In 2020, COVID-19 hit our vibrant ministry with a force unequal to anything we've seen in recent decades. Although the pandemic changed our ministry model and so many other realities seemingly overnight, COVID-19 didn't catch God by surprise.

The crisis negatively affected our bottom line but positively amplified our mission. We saw changes in our culture and church community as opportunities to explore missions engagement in new and different ways. Here are just a few of the accomplishments of 2020:

- Championed the mailing of 17,000 handwritten letters to encourage churches to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® and a telephone campaign for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®
- Worked with the International Mission Board and state WMUs to proactively offer assistance with a surge in requests for missionary housing
- Distributed \$212,652 in Pure Water, Pure LoveSM grants benefiting ten countries
- Launched WorldCraftsSM preorders to help sustain artisans and offered resources to support this fair-trade ministry through worldcrafts.org/share
- Created *On the Journey Conversations* podcast with 31 episodes posted April through December
- Introduced a new, streamlined wmu.com that also includes Korean and Hispanic translation
- Expanded online learning with creation of seven new compassion ministry courses available at ChristianLeaderLearning.com
- Began eight new Christian Women's Job Corps® (CWJC®) sites and six new Christian Men's Job Corps® (CMJCSM) sites
- Launched CWJC/CMJC Level 1 and Level 2 training online
- Developed virtual Week of Prayer events
- Provided free missions resources for families online as well as two months of GA® and RA® lessons at the onset of the pandemic
- Adopted international students on seminary campuses when COVID began

See this video (<https://vimeo.com/425943974>) to learn of additional ways WMU sought to encourage and provide resources to pastors, churches, and families in 2020.

The stories on the following pages offer just a glimpse of how God is using WMU—even in the midst of a global pandemic—to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission through WMU Missions Discipleship, Leadership Development, and Compassion Ministries.

Ginny Howell, statewide Girls in Action consultant for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, is in her fifth year as the GA director at First Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio. As a former GA through the church's bus ministry, Howell said her life has come full circle as a GA leader and consultant.



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Missions Discipleship

OHIO GIRLS IN ACTION CONSULTANT PRACTICES FLEXIBILITY AMID CRISIS

By **TRENNIS HENDERSON**,
WMU National Correspondent

FAIRBORN, OHIO—What does a missions leader do when her Girls in Action® (GA®) group can't meet together? For Ginny Howell, the answer is simple: Form a one-woman neighborhood parade and go to them—from a safe social distance, of course.



Girls in Action members at First Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio, write notes of encouragement as part of a recent GA project. Even as they shelter at home during the coronavirus pandemic, they continue to write notes to friends as part of their missions outreach efforts.

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Howell, statewide GA consultant for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, is in her fifth year as the GA director at First Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio. But she and her grade school GA girls have never experienced a year of GAs quite like this one.

After getting off to a great start in fall 2019 and looking forward to more missions discipleship and service projects the following spring, all their plans came to a screeching halt amid the coronavirus pandemic.

“You’ve got to be fluid” to navigate the unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, Howell reflected. “It’s kind of like a missionary. You have to just see what works and you try things, and that’s what I’m doing.”

“I do have a lot of concern for the kids that come in on our vans” from low-income neighborhoods, she added. Citing the realities of the socioeconomic-driven digital divide, she noted, “Those kids don’t have technology” in their homes, which hampers them being able to keep up on school work or connect with friends.

GETTING THROUGH THIS TOGETHER

Several weeks into social distancing and sheltering in place, “it’s getting kind of depressing for some of my girls, and I was starting to see that,” Howell explained.

“That really concerned me so I talked with moms. I said, ‘Hey,

do you mind if I come by, do a church check?’ They’re like, ‘What’s a church check?’ and I said, ‘I don’t know . . . I just want to come by and see their faces.’”

The GA parents were receptive to her idea, so she made a poster board sign with a simple but heartfelt message: “I Miss You! Love, Miss Ginny.” She said her primary goal was to “tell them that I love them and I miss them and it’s going to be over soon, that we’re going to get through this together.”

“My heart’s aching for them,” Howell acknowledged. “I’ve been praying, ‘How can I do this, God?’ I just haven’t had a good answer except I’ve been driving the neighborhood and that’s on a daily basis. I pray through the neighborhood.

“It’s really strange, you don’t see the girls out. Usually, they’re out running around the neighborhood,” she said. “I just asked God, ‘What can I do?’ That’s how the sign and the visits came up is just seeking the Lord’s guidance because I have no clue. He knows the big picture. I don’t.”

LIFE COMES FULL CIRCLE

Howell’s love for her GA girls is deeply rooted in her own life journey. Growing up in a home setting she described as dysfunctional and abusive, Howell began attending GAs at First Baptist Church of Fairborn at age 11 while staying with an aunt. A family in the church befriended her and took her in, eventually becoming her adoptive family.

“I started in GAs by coming on the bus ministry,” Howell recalled. “What I saw was people that were living out a life that was so much different than mine. I had a yearning for the peace and the happiness I saw in people at that church.

“To see how people would go out and they would share Jesus with others, I was like, that would be awesome,” she said. “I went more and more on Wednesday nights, and I went through GAs and Acteens.

“Acteens was the major focus in my life that really turned my life around and gave me a personal relationship with

Christ,” she affirmed. “I accepted Jesus as my Savior in 1985 and have been with Him ever since. I’ve come full circle from being a student in GAs, loving missions, and going into leading missions. It’s a big desire of my heart.”

SHINING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Fast forward to 2020, and Howell is seeking to provide those same life-impacting opportunities for her GA girls even during these unusual days. Drawing on her professional background as a counselor, she voiced concerns about the long-term effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on children and youth coping with the pandemic.

“I think we’re going to deal with that for many years down the road,” she cautioned. “They’re going to need somebody to talk to. I want to be available to help get them through this.

“The fear of the unknown can stop you where you’re at or it can be a pathway to something new and amazing,” she added. “We’re currently working on how to be ‘on mission’ in their neighborhoods. This has included them writing notes to friends to let them know they are missed and to see if they have any prayer requests.

“The biggest thing that we teach in missions education is to tell others about Jesus,” she emphasized. “Right now, most of that is just in their home. I pray daily that my girls will see an opportunity every day to do something positive for others in their family.”

During her one-woman parade, her GAs “were genuinely excited, and you could just tell that they were happy to see somebody else besides Mom and their sisters and brothers,” Howell said with a laugh. “They all had made notes for me. It was a blessing to me as much as I know it was to them because I saw it in their faces.”

Noting that “it was really hard not going up and grabbing them and giving them a hug,” she said she felt prompted “just to let them know that we can get outside of our comfort zones and still be the light that this world needs”—even if it’s from a safe social distance for now.

GIRLS IN ACTION IS WMU’S MISSIONS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 1–6. VISIT WMU.COM/MISSIONS-DISCIPLESHIP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OTHER MISSIONS GROUPS FOR ALL AGES FROM PRESCHOOLERS TO ADULTS.



Theresa Krieg, president of Pennsylvania/South Jersey WMU, also serves as a pastor's wife and missions leader at Red Land Baptist Church in New Cumberland, Pa. As a Mission Friends leader at Red Land, Krieg said she has a burden for "teaching and educating children and preschoolers about what missionaries do and how God calls them to work."

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Leadership Development

PENNSYLVANIA/SOUTH JERSEY WMU LEADERS ENLIST FRESH VOICES TO HELP CAST NEW VISION

By **TRENNIS HENDERSON**,
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NEW CUMBERLAND, PA—Theresa Krieg, president of Pennsylvania/South Jersey Woman's Missionary Union, has had a love of missions since her preschool years in Sunbeams (now Mission Friends®). Aubrey King is a young mother who was first introduced to Southern Baptist global missions as a college student.

Over the past several years, the two have grown into friends, mutual encouragers, and ministry partners as they serve together at Red Land Baptist Church in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, as well as members of the Pennsylvania/South Jersey WMU Executive Board.

Krieg, whose husband, Richard, has served as pastor of Red Land Baptist Church since 2013, said the small, close-knit congregation is “blessed to have young women that see the need for missions and want to be involved in missions.”

“In meeting Aubrey and knowing of her passion, she has always been the person who in my life has challenged me,” Theresa Krieg affirmed. “She continues to show me the importance of praying for missions and to think of other avenues of doing things differently than the way that we have done before.”

In her role as a state and national WMU leader, Krieg sees that passion as essential for the future of missions discipleship and support in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and across the nation.

“In regards to WMU as a whole,” she said, “if we’re going to continue the process of educating women and men and boys and girls, we’re going to have to listen to this generation who knows the world better than we do and who has great insight as to how they feel like we can reach that world for Jesus.”

MISSIONS MENTOR MAKES MAJOR IMPACT

From King’s perspective, Krieg’s role as a missions mentor in her life has been a major influence in her own ministry journey.

The Kriegs came to Red Land Baptist Church shortly after King headed off to college, so she didn’t have the opportunity to meet her new pastor and his wife. But that didn’t stop Krieg from reaching out to her.

King had a longing to go to Africa but opted for the safer route of enrolling in a nearby university as a biology major. “I completed my first year, and I really struggled,” she admitted. “I just felt like this wasn’t what I was supposed to be.”

Amid her struggles, King said, “I remember getting a care package from Theresa, a woman I’d never met. So that was pretty incredible.” In response, “I just felt like



Aubrey King, a member of Pennsylvania/South Jersey’s WMU Executive Board, served as a Hands On semester missionary to Lesotho, Africa, following her freshman year in college. Theresa Krieg, president of PA/SJ WMU, said King is among missions-focused young women who help “give us the insight as to what we’re going to do in the future” to enhance missions discipleship and support.

because of that act of kindness that I could go to them with anything. So I remember one day when I was super stressed and anxious, I actually went to their house.”

Finding no one at home when she arrived, King recalled sitting in their front porch swing until Krieg returned.

“I just remember Theresa was able to talk to me about the anxiety that I was having because I wasn’t doing what God wanted me to do,” King reflected. “And then Theresa was able to basically explain the International Mission Board (IMB) and how I can go to Africa this way and how this is the Southern Baptist missionary program and how I didn’t have to kind of freelance it.”



Theresa Krieg and her husband, Richard, have served since 2013 at Red Land Baptist Church in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. In her role as president of Pennsylvania/South Jersey WMU, Theresa Krieg said, “My ultimate goal would be that every Southern Baptist church and every Southern Baptist church plant in Pennsylvania/South Jersey would be teaching preschoolers, children, youth and adults about missions.”

Noting that “I had no concept of missions” prior to meeting the Krieges, King added, “I knew people went on missions, but I didn’t know that there was a whole International Mission Board, and I didn’t know anything about WMU.”

As Krieg began to mentor her about missions and ministry, King said she helped “develop and disciple me and really hone those missional skills.”

AFRICAN EXPERIENCE IS LIFE-CHANGING

As a result, King applied for the IMB’s Hands On missions program, which provided her the opportunity to serve in Lesotho, Africa, for several months. It proved to be a life-changing experience.

The imb.org/students webpage describes Hands On as “an international semester mission opportunity for students and young adults interested in working alongside a missionary mentor to share the gospel with unreached peoples.”

In her role in Lesotho, King served with a coworker in partnership with IMB missionaries. They led discipleship and Bible study efforts for women and Vacation Bible School for children in remote villages as well as visiting with villagers suffering from AIDS and other illnesses.

“One of the main things that I took away from that [experience] is just God’s love for all people,” King said. “It’s so easy to love people around you and your family, but to really just love a stranger—people who don’t look like you, don’t speak like you, don’t think like you—was such an incredible experience.”

She shared specifically about Nthabasing, a young woman who was paralyzed from the neck down due to injuries from a car accident. “She was bound to her bed in a rural part of Africa,” King recalled. “We really felt called that we needed to home in and really minister to this young woman. So we would go there every day. We’d walk through the Bible with her and sing with her. She was just such a joy.”

King noted that Nthabasing, who eventually accepted Christ as her Savior, died a few months after King returned to the US. “There’s always one person that you feel really drawn to or that you feel like Jesus is saying, ‘Hey, this is your person.’ And I really felt like she was my person at that time. . . . We truly loved her.” Acknowledging that her transition back to US culture was challenging because her heart was still in Lesotho, King said she has grown to realize “God uses us where we are, in the capacity that He needs us. Whether it’s praying for a missionary’s birthday or serving in the jungle, God is pleased with them equally, and He uses people where they are to do His work.”

FRESH VIEWS STRENGTHEN WMU VISION

After King returned home and later got married and became a mom, Krieg enlisted her to bring a fresh, younger voice to the Pennsylvania/South Jersey WMU Executive Board.

As the youngest member of the WMU board at age 26, King said, "It's really cool because I get to learn so much. These women that serve on there have so much wisdom, so many things to offer and share. A lot of them are like my role models."

At the same time, she provides a younger mindset drawn from her own overseas missions experience.

"For the last couple years, one of the main things that we did was kind of reimagining and redreaming WMU and what that looks like," King explained. She encourages women of all ages to "use your voice and bring your ideas and any gifts or callings that God has placed in your heart" to help strengthen missions discipleship and support on the local, state, national, and international levels.

From Krieg's perspective, "Aubrey is one of those great gifts in my life that continually brings me back to understanding that we don't all know everything and that we need other people, like young women and children

even, to give us the insight as to what we're going to do in the future.

"Our purpose and our plan," Krieg added, "is to help Pennsylvania/South Jersey to see the need for missions education in their churches and for experiencing what God would want their churches to do with missions, whether it's to give, to go, or to do."

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As a Mission Friends leader at Red Land Baptist Church, Krieg often ponders, "How will God call our next set of missionaries if we're not teaching and educating children and preschoolers about what missionaries do and how God calls them to work? I have a real burden for that. I don't want any child to miss that call."

Echoing her mentor's words, King emphasized, "God calls us all to the mission field, whether that field is right where you are, praying for people, or whether that field is in a different country.

"As children of God and believers, God calls us to share our faith and to serve," King concluded. "WMU is the perfect place for that . . . to serve alongside other women, to pray for missionaries, to learn about missions"—valuable life lessons she has learned from Pennsylvania to Lesotho and back.

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Sue Kelly has served more than 20 years as director of the International Friends ESL ministry at First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas. Noting that “it’s fascinating” to build relationships with people from around the world, Kelly said, “I think people who don’t teach ESL are just missing out.”



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Compassion Ministries

“LOVE OF NEIGHBOR”: AMARILLO CHURCH’S LANGUAGE MINISTRY EQUIPS INTERNATIONALS FROM 25 NATIONS

By **TRENNIS HENDERSON,**
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AMARILLO, TEXAS—Ministering to internationals is nothing new for First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas. In fact, the current program’s early roots date back to World War II and the Korean War.



WVU PHOTO BY PAM HENDERSON

Connie Swicegood leads one of the International Friends beginning conversation classes at First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas. While the coronavirus pandemic cut short this year's spring semester, plans are under way to launch ESL fall classes next month over Zoom.

According to Sue Kelly, director of the church's English as a second language (ESL) ministry, as American servicemen came back from those conflicts, many of them returned home with Japanese and Korean "war brides" who had little or no English skills. For those who settled in Amarillo, volunteers from First Baptist organized language classes to help the women navigate their new culture.

Decades later, First Baptist's International Friends ministry continues to thrive. Weekly ESL classes held on Thursday mornings and Sunday afternoons often attract more than 200 students from up to 25 countries. While the coronavirus pandemic cut short the 2020 spring semester, classes relaunched via Zoom in the fall.

The church also serves refugees and other internationals with worship services held in six languages each week—Burundi, Congolese, Karen, Laotian, and Vietnamese as well as English. Additionally, a rich blend of as many as ten languages can be heard joyfully spilling out of the international Sunday School department on any given Sunday morning.

"Amarillo really has a very high refugee population for its size," explained Kelly, who has coordinated the International Friends ESL program for more than 20 years. "We just feel like the Lord brought them here, and we want to help them feel at home, welcome them, [and] teach them English so that they can have friends in the community and so they can get better jobs."

Along with teaching language skills, Kelly emphasized that sharing about Christ also is an important aspect of ESL ministry. Noting that "each class starts with a Bible verse," she said, "We try to pick a verse that kind of fits with the English because they come for the English."

"We offer Bibles and Jesus videos in their own language, and we have a Bible story for the large group," she added. "You see people from all different countries and all different backgrounds singing the songs and saying the Bible verses and learning about Jesus."

Kelly first got involved in ESL in 1975, the same year as the fall of Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War, which

sparked an influx of refugees from Vietnam and Laos. Over the years since then, Amarillo has welcomed refugees fleeing turmoil in Bosnia, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, and several African countries.

“GOD SPARED ME FOR A BETTER JOB”

Boon Vongsurith, pastor of First Baptist’s Laotian congregation, was among those who escaped from Laos to Thailand after being held captive because of his Christian faith. Sensing God’s direction to flee the persecution of his home country, he carefully wrapped his Bible in a plastic bag before swimming into the freezing Mekong River dividing Laos and Thailand.

“The two river banks were closed, and anything that moved, they would shoot one another. I prayed to God, one prayer, two parts,” Vongsurith recounted. “I said, ‘God, I know in my head I will be drowned or killed escaping from Laos to Thailand. If I die, I pray someone will find my dead body and know that I’m a believer because of the Bible with me. But if you spare me, I will serve you any place, any time.’”

More than 45 minutes later, he made it safely across the river and into Thailand. “This Bible is very important to me,” he said, gently holding aloft the treasured Bible he has carried with him for decades.

Declaring, “God spared me for a better job,” Vongsurith said, “The Laotian ministry here is from birth to burial. . . . Working with Laotians is a very high honor for me because I love my God, and I serve my own people.”

Kelly noted the ESL program’s “International Friends” title was intentional. “We want to teach them English, but we also want to be their friends and just get to know them,” she explained.

Affirming that “it’s fascinating” to build relationships with people from around the world, she added, “I just enjoy getting to know them and have been in their homes and they’ve been in my home.”

International Friends offers ABC, beginning conversation, advanced ESL training, GED and citizenship classes, and private tutoring. The classes are led by a team of more than 20 teachers who volunteer their time each week.

Whether in-person or online, the program continues to focus on each participant gradually becoming fluent in

English. “That doesn’t always happen because of where they start,” Kelly acknowledged. “If they have grown up and lived in a war-torn country all their lives where the schools were not even operating and they never learned to read and write in their first language . . . and now they’re adults in a country that doesn’t speak their native language, obviously they’re not going to be fluent readers and writers and speakers.”

Even amid those challenges, she added, many of the ESL students do learn to speak English fluently while reading and writing skills often remain harder to master.

FROM SOUTH SUDAN TO AMARILLO

Diana Majok and her family, war refugees from South Sudan, are among the hundreds of internationals who have been welcomed by First Baptist over the years.

“It was a miracle the way we found First Baptist Church,” Majok recalled. She said Mary Lou Serratt, “one of my friends who I call a sister,” knocked on her door and invited her family to church on the same day they were moving in to their apartment in 2005. Serratt is a longtime leader in the international Sunday School ministry.

“Since then, we found the church family was our home and our family,” Majok affirmed. “My husband and all of us found the truth. We learned how God died for us and how He loves us and what Christianity means.

“When we were coming from our country, we just called ourselves Christians, but we didn’t know what Christianity meant,” she said. “But Jesus died for us, and He forgave us. Then we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.”

Noting that pastor Howie Batson baptized her, her husband, and all five of their children, Majok added, “I always remember how they found us and how they welcomed us for Christianity. . . . It was really beautiful. It was a blessing.”

Majok said she is especially grateful for the church’s spiritual impact in the lives of their children. Their older daughter, who was named a National Acteens Panelist in 2010, recently served two years in Africa with the International Mission Board.

Active in both ESL and WMU, Majok has served on the state level as a member of the WMU of Texas Board of

Directors. Her WMU involvement at First Baptist includes facilitating a Sudanese WMU group of about 20 women who save and pool their coins for missions offerings and make and send handcrafted items to a missionary in West Africa.

"It shows us how much it helps when we put our hands together and help the missionaries who are all over the world," Majok said. "It makes you feel a part of the body of Christ as we're doing this together."

STRENGTHENING THE BODY OF CHRIST

As First Baptist continues to meet the needs of individuals and families throughout Amarillo, "we found that the best ministries that we do, the most successful and fruitful ministries, have come upon us organically," explained associate pastor Trevor Brown, who coordinates the church's missions emphasis.

"We didn't go looking necessarily to achieve one thing in particular, but people started arriving in our city and our church has again and again responded because they've been convinced from the beginning that love of neighbor is a part of what it means to be Christians," he reflected.



Beverly Adcock teaches an ABC class as part of First Baptist, Amarillo's International Friends ESL program. More than 20 volunteer teachers typically lead classes for refugees and other internationals on Thursday mornings and Sunday afternoons. With the spring semester ending early due to the Covid-19 crisis, teachers and students are looking forward to classes launching online this fall.

"They have loved these people not because they were from a certain place or even necessarily because they were new, but because suddenly they were our neighbors."

Emphasizing that the church's ministry to internationals is a two-way street, he said refugees and other immigrants "teach us new things about what it means to believe and what it means to have faith in God and to trust Him."

"The body of Christ is stronger when we're more diverse," Brown concluded. "The more people we welcome and the more space we find to let others worship here and the more we can equip internationals to reach their friends, the more the kingdom of God grows and comes alive right here in front of us."

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REVENUES*

October 2019–September 2020

PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
\$2,886,464

PRODUCTS AND LITERATURE
\$458,080

INVESTMENTS
\$907,484

CONTRIBUTIONS
\$1,621,299

OTHER
\$862,597

TOTAL \$6,735,924

EXPENSES

October 2019–September 2020

PAYROLL AND BENEFITS
\$3,040,244

COST OF PRODUCTION
\$1,076,400

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS
\$699,701

TRAVEL AND MEETINGS
\$69,723

PROMOTION AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS
\$60,064

OFFICE EXPENSES
\$264,108

GRANTS AND MISSIONS
SUPPORT
\$402,409

PROJECTS
\$12,886

TOTAL \$5,625,535

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The WMU Executive Board, which is comprised of women who serve as WMU presidents in their state or multistate territory, met multiple times in 2020 for committee meetings. Additionally, it gathered for board meetings that took place January 11–13 at national WMU in Birmingham, Alabama, and on June 6 via online video conference. Due to COVID restrictions, some of the state WMU partners were unable to hold an annual meeting and elect officers, so some states did not have representation as usual.