**2015 WNAC Report**

*Kansas City, MO*

#1: Introductory slide…Our report begins on page 175 in the Digest of Reports. Our proposed budget and salary breakdowns can be found on page 185.

#2: The 3700 members gave $505,000 to missions and ministry causes. The women continue to give generously and sacrificially which has been true for our 81-year history.

Terry Hill will present our audit which begins on page 177 in your Digest of Reports.

#3: Last year the ladies gave $45,000 in cash, gift cards and non-cash items to the Steward Provision Closet. We were able to meet the specific needs of 131 home and international missionary families.

#4: WNAC sponsors three scholarship programs. The first, Cleo Pursell, benefits international students who are studying in their native languages….most are enrolled in our FWB Bible institutes and institutes.

For the second year, our recipients are two South Indian pastoral students. $1,000 has been sent for their education for the upcoming semester. Please pray for these young men as they train to minister to their people.

While in Africa, I met two of our former recipients. Both have furthered their education and are now in leadership positions at our pastoral training institutions. God is building His kingdom and allowed us to have a small part!

#5: Dr. Mary R. Wisehart monies benefit young ladies enrolled in one of our FWB colleges. The school’s financial aid office selects the recipient of each $1000 scholarship.

Allison Lewis, Welch College

#6: Tori Jefferis, Southeastern College

#7: Courtney Anderson, Randall University

#8: With the ease of travel and the increase in technology, a new opportunity has arisen. International students are coming to the States for their education or are taking classes on-line at our colleges. So the WNAC board approved the creation of our third scholarship program, the International Student Scholarship.

The first recipient is Keren Delagdo, Welch College. She was born in Cuba, moved with her family to Panama at age 10 where her father pastored one of our churches in Panama City and taught at the seminary in Chame’. Keren’s family moved to Arkansas several years ago where her dad directs the Hispanic ministry.

This is an exciting chapter in WNAC’s history!

#9: Last year we received a grant from the FWB Foundation and hosted two SHINE conferences for young ladies, 12-18, with their moms/youth leaders. The first one was held in South Carolina, the other in Arkansas.

#9: The SHINE team leaders for the girls are Beth and Rachel Bryant (MS). Ana Batts (TN) and Sarah Sargent (OH) speak to the moms/youth leaders. God has used these four ladies mightily in these conferences as is confirmed by the conference evaluations.

#11: The young ladies have times of teaching and discussion…..

#12: …as well as a craft time and photo booth opt.

#13: Moms/youth leaders are meeting in another part of the building with teaching and discussion. Both groups are given a list of resources to take home with them. FWB girls were surveyed and those results were shared with these adults.

#14: We end our conference as moms/youth leaders rejoin the young ladies. The adults circle the girls and we pray for God to protect and enable these young ladies to be all that He desires them to be in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation.

#15: During these two conferences we ministered to:

114 young ladies

95 moms/youth leaders

11 states

36 churches

3 non-FWB joined with us

God did abundantly above all that we could ask or even think!!

#16: We continued to receive multiple requests concerning a third conference during this year. God provided the funds through an estate gift. Our hearts are grateful because we believe He has opened this door of opportunity. Please pray….Satan will attack. He does not want these messages given to the young ladies and their mentors. Nor does he want these young ladies to give their entire lives to Christ and serve Him wholeheartedly, as did Caleb of old.

November 12th we will meet in Columbus, OH allowing us to touch young ladies from seven states. Pray that God will make a way for many of them to attend and that they will leave with a resolve to live for God and walk in His way.

#17: I was privileged to share in the Camp for Women of the Good News in Bingerville, Cote d’Ivoire in March. WNAC raised $17,000 to help underwrite the cost of this national retreat for 500+ women and about 75 toddlers.

#18: For the first time, our Ivorian sisters were able to meet in a retreat center. This is the chapel on the property but we were too large to use this facility.

#19: The dormitory building had 5 or 6 large rooms with one sink. About 50 mats were placed on the floor side-by-side in each room.

#20: These ladies used the bath house which was located to the rear of the building.

#21: The building in the back of the picture held 5 individual rooms with 2 double beds and a restroom. There were 8 or 10 such buildings.

The teepee structure provided shelter during the heat of the day.

#22: Since we were too large for the chapel, we met under the palm and mango trees. Six large tents were erected and the ladies sat in folding chairs.

#23: As a child, I remember the pioneer missionaries asking us to pray specifically for believers, leaders and for the three major tribes to live in unity. As this retreat progressed, I rejoiced as I witnessed an answer to those prayers. Each tribal group was allowed to lead praise and worship during the seminars and worship services. As one group led worship, the other two joined in. I never knew which lady was from which tribe unless I saw her leave her seat. (The ladies sat in language groups for ease in translation.)

The sisters were very animated in their worship and I loved their theme song. Jesus dug me out of the miry clay --- He washed my sins away --- He is molding and shaping me --- so that I can serve Him --- and lift Him higher --- so He receives the honor and praise.

#24: This little fellow is eyeing the Lobi momma playing the drum. He will be beside her, playing with her before the song ends.

#25: This sweetie was a twin who was determined to worship with the mommas. She was in the middle of the circle each time the ladies joined together to praise the Lord. What a legacy!

#26: The back of the dormitory building was U-shaped and the stage was set in the middle.

#27: Last year we donated funds to help our sisters with the construction of their Feminine Center which will be located in Bondoukou. This will be a teaching center and will have a section of dorm rooms for young ladies leaving the bush to get an education.

#28: On Friday afternoon of the retreat, Lynette Morgan and I participated in the “Laying of the Cornerstone” ceremony.

#29: After the retreat, the cornerstone was being transported to the construction site in Bondoukou.

#30: Another desire Madame Soulange had was for the ladies to visit the beach. She was able to rent buses and “22-passenger” vans to transport the ladies about 30 minutes to the beach. Most of our attendees were from the upper country and are land-locked. Imagine their reaction as they saw the Atlantic Ocean for the very first time. It was a gorgeous day with beautiful white caps.

It was exciting to watch the ladies go from being fearful of the water….to enjoying wading…..to recognitions like --- Moses and the Red Sea and Jonah and the big fish!!

Ask me during the convention and I will tell you the entire story!

#31: On Sunday the ladies participated in acts of service as well as our worship service at the retreat center. We ministered at the maternity ward in the local hospital.

#32: Girls from a nearby orphanage came to the retreat center on Sunday afternoon to share with the mommas. After their own special time of Bible story, craft and snack, these girls joined the afternoon service. They loved singing with the mommas, receiving presents, and being loved on. What a treat to see such big smiles!!

While they were with us, their director heard about the attack on the resort hotel. These girls had to go to the boys’ orphanage until things settled down. They boarded their bus with tears asking to stay with the mommas.

God’s hand of protection was clearly seen. We had been on the beach the day before with the ladies/children not very far from the hotel. See me for that story later! Needless to say, I left part of my heart in Africa and would love to return!

#33: This year we will be helping underwrite the national retreat for our Cuban sisters in May 2017. We will seek to raise $12,000 or $30 each for 400 attendees. Pray for the Cuban leadership as plans are being made for the conference. Pray also for those of us who will be speaking. Ask the Lord to work among us and change our hearts to be like His.

Brother Moderator, that is my report.