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## WMU facilitates missions involvement

What WMU does boils down to this statement

I spent two weeks this past summer working with Kentucky Changers. I was a "go-fer," photographer, and general assistant to Peggy Murphy, Kentucky Changers Coordinator. I saw the impact up close and personal as they say.

What I also saw was that churches had sent these students to participate in missions. The sending churches wanted their students to serve people in need and experience hands-on missions. Most of the churches that were represented could not have planned and conducted an effort like Kentucky Changers on their own.

By planning four weeks of Kentucky Changers, enlisting all of the volunteers, working with host associations to raise the money for the projects, and seeing to

the myriad of other details, Kentucky WMU facilitated the missions involvement of over 1,000 people.



Joy Bolton  
Executive Director

Through Mission Adventure for Kentucky Kids, children and leaders had a similar experience. Kentucky WMU planned a missions experience with age-appropriate ministries for children. The churches sent their children and leaders to serve and experience missions involvement. Many went home realizing that they could continue these types of ministries at home. Over 100 children and leaders were involved in missions through MAKK and the impact will go on for years to come.

Likewise, a team of Acteens Activators, sponsored by Kentucky WMU, traveled to New Orleans this

summer to help with ministries at the Baptist Friendship Center, directed by Dr. Kay Bennett. The girls and leaders came from different churches and likely would never have had this experience without planning by Kentucky WMU.

The same thing happens in churches. WMU groups (Women on Mission, GA, RA, Mission Friends, and other WMU organizations) take the lead in planning ministry opportunities, enabling others from the church to get involved in some way. Churches reach out to nursing homes, help with community events, collect items for the homeless, and much more because of WMU in the church.

People who may not see themselves as part of WMU get involved in missions when they give or pray using WMU provided resources for each of our missions emphases. Whether they realize it or not, they are giving and praying because WMU facilitates missions involvement! It all boils down to this.

### Thank you, Kentucky Baptists! For your missions giving during 2015-16

- Cooperative Program: \$22,315,866.61
- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions: \$5,371,451.37
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions: \$2,350,565.92
- Eliza Broadus Offering for Kentucky Missions: \$1,213,887.57

Plus gifts to other missions causes such as Disaster Relief, Oneida Baptist Institute, Sunrise Children's Services, Global Hunger Relief, and more!

Gifts to all missions offerings during the 2016-17 offering year will be received through August 31, 2017.

**Thank you for faithful giving!**

# By All Means




March 31- April 1




**kywmu.org/annualmeeting**

**Join us for an Eastern Kentucky Missions Extravaganza!**

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. By All Means in Eastern Kentucky— An introduction to missions in Eastern Kentucky

11:15-1:45 By All Means—Interactive Missions Experiences with Eastern Kentucky ministries

2:00 p.m. By All Means—Kentucky WMU

5:00 p.m. Baptist Nursing Fellowship Dinner  
Executive Board Reunion Dinner

6:30 p.m. By All Means—Around the World  
International Missions Emphasis

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. By All Means—Celebration  
Oneida Baptist Institute Choir & Student Testimonies  
Sunrise Children's Services Testimony  
Kentucky Missionary of the Year Award  
Kentucky Missionary Commissioning Service

**Registration for lunch and childcare: [kywmu.org/annualmeeting](http://kywmu.org/annualmeeting)**

## By All Means Plan!

Avoid conflicts and involve more people in missions

By Wanda Walker, Missions Consultant

Have you planned something only to learn that it conflicts with another event in your church? Nothing says "uh oh" like the right and left hand not knowing what the other is doing. We may have good intentions, but mis- or non-communication can lead to mess-ups and embarrassment. We just get so excited about what we are doing we fail to let other folks who need to know... know! Here are a few things to keep in mind...

1. Pray about what God wants you to do to lead your church to understand and embrace *By All Means*.
2. Work with your church and ministry leadership teams. Remember to include all age levels organizations in the events. Let them know how the emphasis and WMU objectives flow into all ministries of the church. Connect with everyone!
3. Invite other leaders and church staff to join your WMU leadership team meetings.
4. If you are unsure about what to do or have questions, contact your Associational WMU Director or the Kentucky WMU staff. If you need help connecting with your association office or WMU staff, please call the Kentucky WMU office at 502-489-3534 or 866-489-3534. Email: [kywmu@kybaptist.org](mailto:kywmu@kybaptist.org).
5. Celebrate the event and the positive results achieved!

As we are in the midst of leading our churches with the new emphasis *By All Means* encourage members to be involved with upcoming events including Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer (November 7). Attend an observance in your association if it has been scheduled or plan one for the women in your church. Plans can be downloaded from [www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer](http://www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer).

The observance of the Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is scheduled for December 4-11. Focus on WMU is February 13-19 and Children's Ministry Day is February 18. All of these events are wonderful ways to promote *By All Means* and the work of WMU.



## Growing By Leaps & Bounds!

Let Kentucky WMU come along side with training and materials

The mission programs for children in my church are growing by leaps and bounds.

This fall we have added a new Mission Friends organization making a total of three. We have four brand new RA leaders. One of these leaders can still recite the RA pledge from his time as an RA many years ago. I am fortunate to



**Susan Bryant**  
President

lead GAs with Stacy Nall, our state WMU preschool and children's missions consultant.

We have a church that loves missions. As I write this, twenty two members are in Missouri being the hands and feet of

Jesus. We have filled 85 hospice care buckets and are gearing up for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

You might be saying to yourself, of course Susan's church is doing that because she is the state WMU president. Quite the contrary, I am the state WMU president in large part because of my church's history of missions education and involvement. I have benefitted from those who have gone before me and instilled in me a love for missions. We are also fortunate to have a pastor who makes missions central to the life of our church.

Perhaps you struggle to have missions education for your children or to make missions part of your church life. Please know that you are not alone. Kentucky WMU can help in making stand alone missions materials available to plug in various areas of your church life.

Just as Jon Auten came to my church to train the new RA leaders, all of our staff are willing to do the same for your leaders. We welcome the opportunity to come along side you in making missions come alive in your church as well.



There's always time to share the missions story, and Plug-In Missions Education makes it easy.

Visit [kywmu.org/plugin](http://kywmu.org/plugin) for monthly ideas of missions lessons that can be "plugged in" to just about any children's ministry setting.

## Mission Friends Can Share God's Love

Give preschoolers the opportunity to experience hands-on missions

By **Stacy Nall**, Missions Consultant

Mission Friends across Kentucky took part in "Give a Cup of Water in Jesus' Name" this past September. Mission Friends groups were encouraged to give bottled water to participants at sports events and fall festivals.

If your group missed out on September's ministry project, you can still involve preschoolers in hands-on missions. Your Mission Friends Leader suggests different "Helping Others Activities" each month, such as making and distributing "Car Care Kits."

Team up with children's missions leaders for Children's Ministry Day, February 18, 2017. Find creative ways for preschoolers and children to "Love Your Neighbor."

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you missed training at Excel, National WMU has some excellent online courses for preschool leaders. Each course is \$20.

- How Preschoolers Learn
- Leading Mission Friends
- Uniquely Designed: Preschoolers
- Beyond the Basics: Mission Friends

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WMU® leadership training  
[wmu.com/develop](http://wmu.com/develop)

Put your mittens on and get Mission Friends excited about missions this winter by exploring Norway. Use the International Mission Study 2016 Preschool Teaching Guide: Norway from [wmu.com](http://wmu.com). Preschoolers will learn about missions in Norway through winter crafts, games, food, and stories.



## NEW: Wild About Missions

Girls in Action will experience missions in uniquely Kentucky settings

By **Stacy Nall**

Girls in Action are invited to get "Wild about Missions!" next spring and summer with three events across Kentucky.

Join us for a Night Safari at the Louisville Zoo, April 28-29. GAs and their leaders will be learning missions in different regions of the world as well as the animals who live there.

Saddle up your horses as we visit the Kentucky Horse Park, June 3. GAs and leaders will learn more about horses and equestrian ministries in Kentucky.

July 7-8, GAs and leaders are invited to explore God's great creation at Camp Joy and Mammoth Cave.

Kentucky WMU Girls in Action presents

# Wild about Missions! 2017

Learn about missions in three uniquely Kentucky settings

- 📍 **Louisville Zoo Night Safari - April 28-29** (\$50, 3rd-6th grade)
- 🐾 **Kentucky Horse Park - June 3** (\$2, 1st - 6th grade, \$16 per leader)
- 🐾 **Camp Joy & Mammoth Cave - July 7-8** (\$50, 3rd-6th grade)

Find details about each event at [kywmu.org/wildaboutmissions](http://kywmu.org/wildaboutmissions)

## CA-BOOM!

Children in Action Blast Off On Missions



In September, children and their leaders from across Kentucky met at South Side Baptist Church and the Moore Activity Center for CA-BOOM! Children helped the Moore Activity Center prepare for its holiday outreach events. Missionary Amy Wilhelmus directed kids to fill treat bags with candy and tracts. They placed labels on canned good for Thanksgiving baskets and made ornaments as Christmas presents. Missionary Amy Fisher shared about her experiences in Peru. CA-BOOM! participants learned how to pray for Amy and Amy!

## Notes for Children's Missions Leaders

- If you missed training at Excel, try these online courses from [wmu.com/develop](http://wmu.com/develop): How Children Learn, Leading Girls in Action, Uniquely Designed: Children, and Leading Children in Action. Each course is \$20
- The International Mission Study for 2016 focuses on missions in Norway. Find resources at [wmu.com](http://wmu.com).
- Celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of CMD! Children's Ministry Day is Saturday, February 18, 2017. The theme is "Love Your Neighbor." Learn more: [wmu.com/cmd](http://wmu.com/cmd).
- Join us for Mission Adventure for Kentucky Kids in 2017. Kids and leaders will be serving in Louisville and Lexington. Go to [kywmu.org/missionadventure](http://kywmu.org/missionadventure) for more information.



## Introducing Four Awesome Acteens

Meet the 2016-17 Kentucky Acteens Panelists!

By **Denise Gardner**, Acteens Specialist

The Kentucky Acteens Advisory Panel is selected annually by the Kentucky WMU Executive Board to help plan and conduct Kentucky WMU sponsored events for students. Congratulations to this year's panelists.

**Emma LeFevre**, a high school sophomore from Barlow, First Baptist Church, has a heart for missions and a heart for serving others. She is gifted musically and uses those gifts often, playing piano and saxophone. Emma willingly accepts responsibility for any task asked of her, which she demonstrated over and over while serving as an Acteens Activator this summer in New Orleans.

**Daisy Major**, a high school junior from Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Fulton, is on her second term as an Acteens Panelist. Daisy is a pro with missions, serving on teams to Puerto



Pictured left to right:

Daisy,

Emma,

Bethany, Jenna

Rico; Alaska; Gulfport, Mississippi; Kentucky Changers (Lexington, Hopkinsville, Richmond and Calloway County); and Acteens Activators in New Orleans. Daisy's teacher at school says, "Daisy shines brightly for Jesus at school."

**Bethany Ouellette**, a high school senior from Gethsemane Baptist Church in Danville will tell you in a heart-beat that "head knowledge" of Jesus and "heart knowledge" are two very different matters: being Christ-like is heart knowledge! Bethany says missions provides an opportunity for people to hear about Christ. Bethany says that Acteens provides a loving atmosphere for girls to be molded into God-fearing women.

**Jenna Thomas**, a high school sophomore from Barlow, First Baptist Church, knows that Christianity is a relationship not a religion. Serving in missions is how Jenna shows God's love. She

believes that God's love is a gift to give away. Jenna is committed to her Acteens, saying that Acteens is a group of caring Christian women and girls who support and love one another no matter the circumstances. Acteens learn about missions and step out of comfort zones to do missions.



## Acteens Leader Journey

**Saturday, April 1-Thursday, April 6, 2017** at the Haven of Rest (near Inez). Project includes: sharing time with families; working in the Thrift Store; and helping with nursing home ministries. Cost: \$50.00 per leader.

Leader Journey is in preparation for the Acteens Journey in the summer.



## Royal Ambassadors Event Goes East & West

RAMCON East, March 4; RAMCON West, March 18

By **Jon Auten**, Missions Consultant

For the last several years, Kentucky Royal Ambassadors and their leaders have had the opportunity to join other RA groups from around the state for RAMCON, our state Royal Ambassador Missions Congress. RAMCON has been held in the spring in the western part of the state while Camp Courage happens in the late summer on the eastern side of Kentucky. In 2017, however, I want RAMCON to be closer geographically to more of our RA chapters.

With that goal in mind, I am pleased to announce that there will be two missions congress events for our state in 2017 – RAMCON East and RAMCON West!

Russell First Baptist Church has agreed to host RAMCON East, which will be held on Saturday, March 4. And on March 18, we will

be returning to Beaver Dam Baptist Church for RAMCON West.

I am really excited about both of these events and the opportunity for more boys to meet real life missionaries. Attending congresses was a big part of my RA experience growing up and the missionary testimonies that I heard at these events played a big role in my call to ministry. I want more RAs in Kentucky to have the same kind of experiences that I did. I think holding two RAMCON events will help to make that happen.

Both RAMCON events will feature two great missionary speakers, RA Racers, Line Gliders, and a Rain Gutter Regatta. So mark your calendars, look for more information at our website ([kywmu.org/ramcon](http://kywmu.org/ramcon)) as it becomes available, check out the email newsletter when it shows up in your inbox, and start making your plans now to bring your boys to either RAMCON East or RAMCON West!



RA Racers, Line Gliders, and a Rain Gutter Regatta are part of the fun at RAMCON



## Kentucky Changers & Creative Ministries

Amazing missions opportunities for students, and adults too!

By **Peggy Murphy**, Kentucky Changers/Creative Ministries Festival Coordinator

**Kentucky Changers** had an amazing year starting in the spring with Adult Changers. Forty-four adults went to Camp Joy in Brownsville and worked for three days, completing over 50 tasks that greatly improved the facility. Adult Changers worked hard, ate well, worshiped intensely, and enjoyed wonderful fellowship.

The summer was extremely busy with four student projects in Hopkinsville, Calloway County, Greensburg, and Frankfort/Lawrenceburg. Changers had a total of 1,043 participants with 17 salvations, 14 rededications, and 20 who felt the call to ministry. Praise the Lord!

After a small break from the summer, it was time for the Fall Adult Changers. We headed to Camp Schafer in Hawesville with 54 adults. It was truly amazing how much work was completed in three days. Participants enjoyed working, fellowshiping, and worshipping together.

Registration is now open for 2017 Changers. You will want to get your registration in now. God has opened the door to great locations for 2017 and we invite you to be a part of what He is doing. We hope to see you in 2017!



## Love Out Loud

### Dates and Locations:

June 10-16	Shelbyville	Saturday – Friday	\$200.00
June 17-23	Harrodsburg	Saturday – Friday	\$200.00
July 1-7	Albany	Saturday – Friday	\$200.00
July 8-15	Greensburg	Saturday – Saturday	\$210.00

### Register Early and Save!

Register Sept. 15 - Feb. 15. Save \$5.00 per participant. Deposits are due by **Feb. 15th, 2017** to receive the discount.

Plans are underway for the **2017 Creative Ministries Festival 2.0** at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green on March 10-11, 2017. Our keynote speaker will be Lee Webb, author of the book "Go Outside."

In addition to creative ministries classes such as drama, juggling, ballooning, interpretive movement, clowning, and many others, we are adding a new musical aspect.

With the help of Jason Stewart, Worship Consultant at the KBC, the 2017 CMF will offer classes in the Cajón Drum, Basic Guitar, Intermediate Guitar, Sound and Lights, Voice Projection, and How to use Creative Ministries in Worship. We are very excited to have Jason joining us.

Registration is open! Go to [kywmu.org/cmf](http://kywmu.org/cmf) to register your group.

Sign up your students and adults now!



## Women on Mission started with help from KY WMU

Seven years later this group meets every week to do their part in missions

By **Wanda Walker,**  
Missions Consultant

Once upon a time there was a small church that did not have a WMU or Women on Mission group. They were in a populated geographic area of Kentucky, but the church was out in the country. One day there were some women who thought, "Isn't there more to church than just worship and Bible study?" Then one of the women said, "I've heard about this missions education organization called Women on Mission. Maybe we could do that here at our church. I will call and find out more!" The lady called the Kentucky WMU office and learned that her church qualified to be a new start organization. They received materials to help them get organized, and started learning about, giving to, and praying for missions."

And now for the rest of the story... this group has been together for seven years. Their enthusiasm has grown as they meet weekly for an hour before the Wednesday night service. They have been involved each month in serving others in their church and community.

What a testimony of WMU and Women on Mission!

Did you read? This group meets EVERY Wednesday night. They do a missions lesson, Bible study, and sometimes another devotion! They always name and pray for the missionaries. A quote from a recent letter says "It is such a blessing for us ladies to gather, study, converse and form closer friendships with one another... Please continue to pray for our group as we do our part in mission work."

Recently, in a chapel service I attended, participants were challenged to put as much time in their Bible study and time with God as the time they spent watching television. In fact, the speaker said that if people would use the eight minutes of commercial time in a thirty-minute program for Bible reading, one could read the Bible in a year. What would happen if we extended that same principle to missions education for adults?

There is so much to offer for young adult women (myMISSION), median adult men and women (Adults on Mission), and adult women over 35 (Women on Mission). Starter packs can be downloaded from [wmu.com](http://wmu.com) or by contacting Kentucky WMU.

Could you have a similar story?

### Kentucky WMU Calendar

Kentucky WMU Calendar	
<b>Nov</b>	
7	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
15	Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Florence
17	KY WMU Volunteer Luncheon
<b>Dec</b>	
4-11	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
<b>Feb</b>	
13-19	Focus on WMU
18	Children's Ministry Day
<b>Mar</b>	
4	RAMCON East, Russell First Baptist
5-12	Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
10-11	Creative Ministries Festival, Living Hope Baptist, Bowling Green
18	RAMCON West, Beaver Dam Baptist Church
31	Kentucky WMU Missions Celebration & -4/1 Annual Meeting, Central Baptist, Corbin

## Winter Retreat or Lock-in can be fruitful for missions

WMU resources for students will help you plan an overnight or weekend event

By **Jon Auten,** Missions Consultant

Winter is often a good time to have a retreat or lock-in with Challengers, Youth on Mission groups, or other student ministry groups. These overnight or weekend events provide great opportunities for leading young people in fruitful times of student-led worship, fellowship enhancing activities, hands-on mission projects, and transformative Bible studies. If you are looking for resources as you plan for an event like this, please allow me to make a few suggestions.

- **Carry On: Prepping and Packing for Successful Mission Trips** – This resource for leaders and students contains a six-week preparation guide and covers topics like budgeting, the why's and when's of pre-project site visits, preparing backup plans, onsite do's and don'ts, and much more. Mission trips always present unexpected challenges. This book will prepare your group to "carry on" despite the barriers as you seek to follow God out into the mission field.
- **Story Line: Tracing the Connection Between God's Story and My Story** – Students will participate in an interactive experience which will help them explore how the story of their lives intersects and connects with God's story every day. This CD includes everything a student leader needs (instructions, graphic elements, debriefing tips, and more) to guide students through this meaningful study.
- **Making It in the Real World: The Reality Game of Life and Poverty** –

Millions of people live in grinding poverty, struggling every day to survive. This experience will use a life-size game board activity, complete with real-life poverty statistics, to help your students understand the needs of impoverished people both near and far.

These resources and other learning activities for teens can be purchased at [wmu.com](http://wmu.com).

The WMU theme for 2016-17 is "By All Means." The resources mentioned above, along with the lessons in your Challengers and Youth on Mission leader books, will guide you as you help your students discover what God is doing in the world and how they can join Him in faithful mission service.

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