

# Alliance Women Ministries of the Mid-Atlantic District

## September 2010

### Director's update

Welcome to this first newsletter as your new director. I'm excited and encouraged about the wonderful things the Lord is doing in our district.

Let me begin by personally thanking Shirley Zerbe for serving as director for the past 5 years. Shirley has spent much time building a team of godly women who have a desire to serve our Lord and you! Shirley and her husband Palmer will continue to serve the Lord as they minister to a new congregation in the Pittsburgh, PA area. Many blessings to you and Palmer, Shirley!

There has been a lot happening within our district Alliance Women. Items such as Bibles, accompaniment CD's,

and clothing are being collected and given to our churches in need. Women are volunteering to help with our church plants. Missions trips within our district as well as in other countries are taking place. There is so much more than can be mentioned here. Way to go ladies!

We've now come to a close with our "Pass the Salt" theme. Your efforts have raised \$5222 and will provide evangelistic tools for our International Workers overseas. Great job ladies!

By now you should have received the new promotional materials for our "On the Move" theme. These materials are available for you to use whether you have an organized Alliance Women's group

or not. If you haven't received these, please contact me and I'll get them out to you ASAP.

This year, we will be "On the Move" both outwardly, taking the Gospel to Creative Access Countries (CAC), and inwardly, as we practice the spiritual disciplines for a more intimate relationship with Christ. What a great way to start our year and worship our King! You will find more details about the new theme inside this newsletter.

Many blessings,  
Danita



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### Upcoming events

**District Retreat**—April 7-9, 2011 in Ocean City, MD

**Walk For The World**—Walkathon—Saturday, April 30, 2011 -more details coming soon.



**Vision Tour**—March 12-26, 2011 Contact Matt Peace at the Short-Term Missions Office: (610)564-9696 or [peacem@cmalliance.org](mailto:peacem@cmalliance.org).

**Celebrate 2012**—September 27-30, 2012 in Clearwater, Florida

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## 2010-2011 Theme

**ON THE MOVE**

If we stop and notice people and things around us, we will see just how “on the move” we are. We need to be “on the move” for God as well. Our “on the move” means being engaged in what God is doing.



Luke 19 says that Jesus entered and was passing through Jericho. He was headed somewhere and had a purpose or task ahead. But he stopped, noticed Zaccheus, and spoke with him. Jesus was not so focused on His final

destination that He missed what God wanted Him to do along the journey.

Our Bible Study focuses on Spiritual Disciplines such as: worship, meditation, prayer, fasting, and many more. Let’s be on the move to draw closer to our God and King by practicing these Spiritual Disciplines. You can find this and more online at [www.alliancewomen.org](http://www.alliancewomen.org) or in the LeadershipLink.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance is On the Move to take the Gospel to Crea-

tive Access Countries. This is a way Alliance Women Ministries can partner to make a difference in the world. Funds raised this year will go toward our Creative Access Countries.

A walkathon is scheduled on April 30, 2011 to help raise funds for these countries.

The colors this year are lime, kelly, and pine green with black accents.

**“I am teaching you the way of wisdom; I am guiding you on straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered; when you run, you will not stumble. Hold on to instruction, don’t let go. Guard it, for it is your life.”**

**Proverbs 4:11-13**  
(Holman Christian Standard Bible)

## Compelled to Worship

by Faith Willin

The story of David is a journey through triumph and tragedy. He wields his sword in battle and triumphs over thousands, but this same David hides from his best friend’s father who seeks his destruction. He kills a giant with a single stone but this hero also murders Bathsheba’s faithful husband, Uriah. A conquerer, king and killer, David’s life depicts victory and failure. The Psalms reveal his inner thoughts, deep emotion and yielded will and despite the circumstances, there is a common thread of praise and worship.

How was David able to express the same depth of awe, reverence, gratefulness and love for God in both victorious ecstasy and utter despair? The answer lies in the character and nature of Almighty God, as well as the desire and commitment in the heart of the man. I Samuel 13:14 refers to him as “a man after God’s own heart.” Truly, David’s desire was for God Himself.

David was not sinless, he disobeyed God and caused many to suffer but he made a defining choice. He chose to seek the God of Glory and gave himself to that pursuit. In so doing, he developed a heart of worship that spoke these words “my hope is in You”. O Show us your ways, Lord, and teach us Your truth, that our minds would be transformed and our hearts compelled to worship, like David!



**Creative Access**

Funds raised this year for the “On the Move” National Project will go toward our Creative Access areas. Below are the Mid-Atlantic District Creative Access workers.

*(Names and places are fictitious, PRAYER REQUESTS ARE VERY REAL)*



**Candy** teaching in Asia. Pray:

- for spiritual vitality and meaningful relationships through which to share Christ
- for a balanced life - She tries to do too much and becomes exhausted
- for her health - She has runners asthma and serving in a country with much air pollution

**Friesens** teaching in Asia. Pray:

- that they will be able to attract new financial supporters for the ministry
- that they will be led to good donors and have boldness in sharing the needs with them
- for good health physically as well as spiritually



**Larsens** ministering in Narnia. Pray:

- that they will be able to attract new financial supporters for the ministry
- that they will be led to good donors and have boldness in sharing the needs with them
- for good health physically as well as spiritually

**Newburgs** ministering in North Africa. Pray:

- for the salvation of those with whom they have been working with for a long time
- for good rapport and fellowship with new co-workers
- for health, protection, and provision as they are getting older and having some health issues



**Robert** teaching in Asia. Pray:

- for good relationships with his students
- that he will grow as a Christian
- for his health - physical, spiritual, and social

**Petunias** ministering in Asia. Pray:

- for their children serving with them
- for a deepening spiritual life
- for open doors



**Treasurer's Corner**

by Shannon Drinnon

*“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”*

Hebrews 6:10

Thank you for all the generous giving to the Outfit Fund! We began the year with \$3,023.23 in the outfit fund. During 2010, we received \$4,284.00. We gave \$7,300.00 to four of our international workers and their families who were home this summer, leaving a balance of \$7.23.

Our workers and their families were blessed beyond measure and extremely thankful for the gift! Your faithfulness to God through your giving to Alliance Women's Ministries and our international workers is a witness to many – Thank you and may God richly bless you and your family!

**New Annual Project: ON THE MOVE! Now accepting gifts for this project!**  
**Goal: \$350,000 by June 30, 2011**

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<small>Make checks payable to: M.A.D. Alliance Women's Ministries</small>	
<small>Mail to: Shannon Drinnon PO Box 508 Stevensville, MD 21166 ShannonDrinnon@yahoo.com (410) 739-8025</small>	

Download the new AWM payment voucher at:  
[www.cmamad.org/214324.ihhtml](http://www.cmamad.org/214324.ihhtml)

## Organizing tips from Susan Bernard

## ON THE MOVE

I thought I would share an idea with you that I have been using for myself ever since we retired the Yearbook and went to the Magazine Format with Leadership Link and putting things on the website. Being able to look at the year at a glance is a very helpful tool for me. Therefore I have made my own "Yearbook" by purchasing a 1 1/2" 3 ring binder. I prefer the clear kind so I can put a cover page to begin the book.

Then you can simply download all the materials by printing them out and putting them into your own notebook. The order I use is as follows:

1. Cover Page - Something to do with Theme: On the Move for this year
2. A copy of our Leadership Magazine
3. Leave a space to add the two supplements as they come
4. Directory
5. Theme Overview
6. Copy of the pages about the National Project, this includes the introductory letter, the projects, and the giving form
7. 2010-11 Monthly Resources: Print out all the material month by month
8. Then go to Fellowship, Outreach, Discipleship, Missions, and Prayer and print out these pages so you have each objective by the month at a glance.
9. Then go back to the Fellowship, Outreach, Discipleship, Missions, and Prayer links and print out the two related articles for each Objective. There are archives too, but I just put in the ones that pertain to the current year.
10. Leader's Guide for the Bible Study
11. Walkathon Information.

### Baltimore Team Visits Kiev

From August 13-26 a team from Baltimore assisted us in organizing several events. An English Kid's Club was first. Failing to find a place to rent, we went to the local parks for crafts, games and other children's activities and it developed into a huge blessing. As parents watched, they became interested in what we were doing. Each day more came to sign up; we now have over 30 families interested. Some observers at the park asked if we would bring the club to a local children's hospital, (which we did on a rainy day). As interest continues to grow some are assisting us in finding a place to rent for the fall. The first Kid's Club begins September 18th. Pray that all these endeavors will be successful.—The Kochsieks

One of the highlights was time spent at the children's hospital. It was such a joy to give children crafts to do. Our hearts go out to these children and their families as well as to the medical staff. Pray Carolina and Jason will find a way to continue the relationship.—Trish Barrett, Baltimore Team Leader

In the evenings we hosted an English Cafe in Kiev. While attendance was small the first night, we were encouraged by the young professionals who spoke fluent English. This was an answer to prayer. Relationships developed quickly with this intimate group and on the second evening we had a photo scavenger hunt and dinner afterwards. We've had several gatherings since and one young woman said "Thanks for giving me a 'family' in Kiev. We also have new contacts who are interested in attending.—The Kochsieks

Recommended Reading List

“The Celebration of Discipline”  
by Richard J. Foster

“Longing For God: Seven Paths of Christian Devotion”  
by Richard J. Foster

“The Jesus Habits: Exercising the Spiritual Disciplines of Jesus”  
by Jay Dennis

“Mudhouse Sabbath”  
by Lauren Winner

“Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life”  
by Donald S. Whitney

“When the Soul Listens”  
by Jan Johnson


There are many needs within our district churches. Below are some of those needs. If you feel you or your church can fill this need please contact Danita Hogue at (804)304-6910 or through email at eugohatinad@aol.com.

- Complete easy to read Bibles for City Impact Ministries
- Children’s Bibles-preferably NIV
- Color copier/printer
- congregational accompaniment cd’s

**JUST IN...**

Frederick Alliance is on the move! They have raised funds to purchase 96 Bibles for City Impact Ministries. Way to go Frederick Alliance!

AWM is making it easier than ever to get information, resources, and help needed to strengthen your women’s ministry group. Below are just a few.

 Did you know that Alliance Women has a Facebook page? Check it out by clicking the link to the left.

**eLinks**—equipping leaders through email. To subscribe, send an email to [elinks@alliancewomen.org](mailto:elinks@alliancewomen.org). See below

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