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Building Relationships Locally  
A Circle of Friends  
Making an Impact Globally

A newsletter of the  
Women's  
Missionary  
Fellowship  
Evangelical  
Friends  
Church -  
Eastern Region

### Love Challenge Offering- Success!

We raised \$4,000 for each of the following missions ministries:

- Haiti Nutrition Center
- EFC-ER Mission House
- Arun & Shoba Massey, India
- Voicu & Ana Marian, Romania
- Dr. Samson & Priscilla Retnaraj, Nepal

Thank you for every dollar you sent to help support missionaries.

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Where did the summer go? Does the first day of school make you cry or jump for joy? Either way, one great thing about back-to-school time is that it is time for retreat! If you are going to retreat this year, be sure to take a moment to visit with the missionaries who are at retreat. Encourage them and meet them personally so you will have a face, a voice and a hug or handshake to remember the next time you pray for them. Also, seek out your WMF officers (we have some new faces) and say hello. Share your ideas with them and thank them for their commitment to WMF. October is traditionally the month many churches celebrate missions. Please encourage any missionaries that may visit your church this fall. Thank you, Ladies, for all you do to support missions in your church and around the world.  
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### Retreat 2011 - It's here!

You may be reading this newsletter at church (put it down and pay attention to the sermon), at home, online, or at retreat!

A big welcome hug to everyone who made it out to Seven Springs Resort for this year's retreat (September 16-18, 2011).

While you are enjoying your time away, please share ideas with the gals you came with about how you can promote missions at your church.

Look for Linda Zinn (China), Celesta Rea (Hong Kong), Doris Ferguson (Pres. of EFC-NA WMF and former missionary), and Shobha Massey (India). Make them feel welcome with a handshake or a hug.

Please pray for Kathy Johnson and Sue Reese. These two ladies do a wonderful job as retreat coordinators, so let's remember to lift them up during this busy time.

### Now Showing - WMF DVDs

Don't forget to use the new promotional DVD for WMF that was sent out. There are two segments to help you promote awareness of missions in your church. .

**The Track** emphasized the need for us to encourage the next generation of women to become involved in missions.

**Jesus Loves Me** shows what we are really supporting with our Love Challenge offerings – not programs, but women and children who have been allotted so few of the resources we take for granted.

Please let your WMF officers know what you think about the DVDs and their effectiveness for your WMF group.



### “Crossing Borders... Changing Lives

Please pray for the Hong Kong Mission Trip, January 17-27, 2012.

The leaders for this trip are Cindy Aufrance

(our very own beloved EFC-ER missionary) and Sam Laird, of OMS Dynamic Women in Missions ministry.

Please contact Donna Carr-Jenkins @ donnacj2532@sbcglobal.net, 330-823-9395 if you are interested in being on the Prayer Shield Team for this mission trip.

I had the opportunity to go to Hong Kong with our WMF Sisters in the Harvest in 2002 and 2006 with Joyce Sams and I can tell you that this trip will be life-changing for the women involved. Let's pray that it will also make an eternal difference for those they interact with in Hong Kong.

**Pray! Pray! Pray!**



### Check out our WMF Homepage!

Thanks to Donna Neff, we have a WMF Homepage on the EFC-ER website. You can view our documents such as the constitution, the reading list, and previous Circle of Friends newsletters. There are also some fun photos from the past retreat. Here is the website: <http://www.efcer.org/286>

What would you like to see on the WMF web page? Take a look at the web page on your own. Demonstrate how to access it and share it during your next WMF meeting so the other ladies or your WMF know how to maneuver through the information. Then let your WMF officers know or email me at [jonesri@roadrunner.com](mailto:jonesri@roadrunner.com) so we can try to add the features you think would be useful.



# Read a Good Book Lately?

# WMF Reading List 2011-2012

## 1. Life In Spite of Me

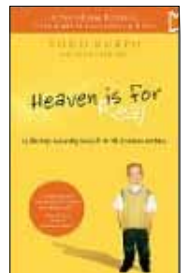
by Kristen Anderson  
Multnomah Books, 2010  
Cost: 19.99



Overwhelmed by emotional trauma, Kristen Anderson no longer wanted to live. One January night, determined to end her pain the 17 year old lay across train tracks and waited to die. In the midst of her darkest days, Kristen discovered the way to real life and a purpose for living.

## 2. Heaven is For Real

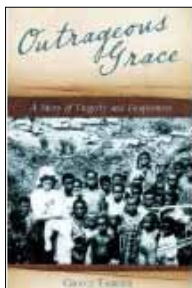
by Todd Burpo  
Thomas Nelson, 2010  
Cost: 16.99



Colton, not yet 4 years old, told his parents he left his body during surgery and described exactly what his parents were doing in another part of the hospital while he was being operated on. He talked of visiting heaven and relayed stories told to him by people he met there.

## 3. Outrageous Grace

by Grace Fabian  
Ambassador International 2011 Cost: 12.99



Grace's husband, a missionary translator in Papua New Guinea, was murdered while sitting at his desk translating the love chapter into the Nabak language. Grace soon learns that the murderer was Nabak man. They had grown to love the Nabak people and were endeavoring to translate the scriptures into their language. This is an example of forgiveness, faithfulness, suffering, and the triumph of God's grace.

## 4. Unplanned

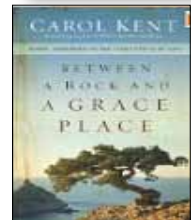
by Abby Johnson  
Tyndale House Publishers, 2010 Cost: 22.99



This is the dramatic true story of a former Planned Parenthood leader's eye opening journey across the life line. Read what happened in the clinic that caused this Planned Parenthood leader and Employee of the Year to take drastic action.

## 5. Between A Rock and A Grace Place

by Carol Kent Zondervan, 2011 Cost: 22.99



Carol Kent and her husband Gene understand heartbreak. Their son, Jason, a young man who initially had so much promise, is now serving a life sentence for murder in a maximum security prison. As you read her story, Carol will help us find "grace places" in the midst of our worst moments.

## 6. Miracle At Tenwek

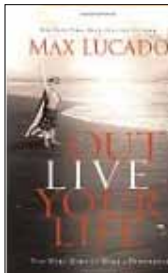
by Gregg Lewis  
Discovery House Publishers, 2001  
Cost: 14.99



The life of Dr. Ernie Steury and Sue Steury will inspire you to follow their examples as dedicated servants of a loving God. When Ernie uttered this prayer "Lord, I don't know what you want me to do. But whatever you can do with my life, here it is!" He could never imagine how God would use him to build one of the most successful medical mission field facilities in the world.

## 7. Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make A Difference

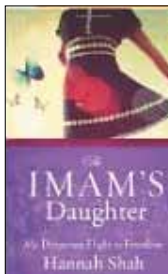
by Max Lucado,  
Thomas Nelson, Inc. 2010 Cost: 24.99



Discover how you can make a difference. This book will inspire you to be all that God intended. Denver Moore, a best selling author, states "Pastor Max tells all folks how to move from Bible studies to Bible doin's."

## 8. The Imam's Daughter

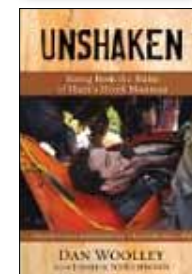
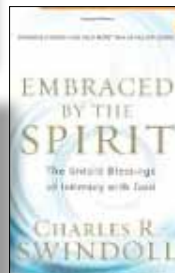
by Hannah Shaw  
Zondervan, 2010 Cost: 19.99



This is a biography of a Christian convert from Islam. Hannah Shah tells the inspiring story of how through courage and tenacity, she was able to break free from her culture and embrace a new life.

## 9. Embraced By The Spirit

by Chuck Swindol  
Zondervan, 2010 Cost: 18.99  
Has it been a while since your heart was stirred? "Come along and journey with me," says Chuck. "You've got nothing to fear; only great joys to be discovered when you follow the Spirit's lead."



## 10. Unshaken

Zondervan 2011

by Dan Woolley  
Cost: 22.99

An employee of Compassion International, Dan Woolley finds himself trapped beneath the rubble of Haiti's collapsed Hotel Montana during the 7.0 Haiti earthquake. "I went to Haiti to help rescue children from poverty. Little did I know I would need rescued," says Dan.

**These books are available from Lion and Lamb Friends Book Store, 1-800-537-0269.**

**The entire list can be purchased at almost 50% discounted price of \$105.00.**

**LIKE TO READ?** Every book you read on this list can count towards your local WMF's reading tally!

Congratulations to the 2011 Reading List winners! The WMF from Canton First (OH) Friends Church won and received a complete 2012 reading list books! Thanks to Fran French for providing the reading list with book descriptions.

### Three Winners Instead of One in 2012

In order to give all churches more of an opportunity to win a prize, we will have three different categories in which churches will be able to win a gift certificate to Lion and Lamb bookstore. The categories are based on Sunday AM service attendance from the previous year and are as follows:

- 0-100 (about 59 churches)
- 101-400 (about 19 churches)
- 401+ (12 churches)