

# National News Notes

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## Reflections from Reova— It's All About Relationship!

It seems that much of what I am learning now reminds me that it's all about relationship – developing relationship with God. What God wants more than anything else from us is relationship and He will do what is necessary to develop that intimacy with us.

As I've learned more about moving into the heart of God, some of my previous understandings have disintegrated. I have learned the following concepts from experience.

**Prayer:** Prayer is too often about our needs, our wants, our concerns, when what God wants from us is communion, loving interaction. He has already promised to provide what we need. We don't have to beg Him to do what He has promised. We just need to develop relationship with Him, and He will do the rest.

**Fasting:** Again, fasting is not to move God to action. This true story from *The Ultimate Blessing* by Joanne Lyon is an example of that concept:

"A large university had accumulated an enormous debt. The leaders had tried everything to raise funds and finally resorted to a forty day fast but had no results. The president decided to fast again, this time alone. During the fast God spoke to Him: "You're after the wrong thing. Don't seek the funds, seek me." As he began to seek the presence of God, the school's needs were met through added personnel, money, and vision."

**Faith:** Oswald Chambers says, "We do not earn anything by faith; faith brings us into right relationship with God and gives Him opportunity to work in our lives." What He wants us to understand is that it is a life of faith He's preparing us for – not a life where we just enjoy His blessings.

**Suffering:** Suffering, if accepted in trust and love, strengthens character, and builds up faith. Through pain, only what is steadfast, firm, and strong remains.

When all that is useless is stripped away, God reveals Himself in a deep personal way.

**Success:** I Chronicles 22 narrates the instructions for building the Lord's house. The Lord told them to observe the laws, begin the work, and they would be successful. David closed with these words, "Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God." Searching for close, personal encounter with God was more important than building the temple.

The Lord spoke most clearly to me recently while I was struggling over the ministry being unable to obtain ownership of a building for headquarters. I was crying to the Lord that I had done each thing He had instructed me to do about that building, but to no avail. His answer to me was, "Reova, just concentrate on developing relationship with me and I will take care of the building." **So, I'm just developing relationship with my Father and letting Him take care of the building!**

*Blessings to you this Christmas season  
and in 2005 from the board and staff of  
Center for Women's Ministries, Inc.*

*May the Glory of Christmas  
Touch you with Love,  
Fill you with Hope,  
Enfold you in Peace.*

*"This is how God showed His love among us:  
He sent His one and only Son into the world  
that we might live through Him."*

*1 John 4:9*

## Leadership Intensive Training #3

October 17-24, 2004

Leadership Intensive Training is one of those events that necessitates months of thinking, praying and initial contacts. It takes weeks of follow-up, prayer and “making arrangements.” It takes many days of copying, assembling, praying, re-affirming arrangements and exact times, making lists of things to take along, and checking off when the things are packed. It involves a couple of days of packing everything into vehicles and hauling it down to Camp Indi-Co-So. Then there are a few hours of setting up, arranging, decorating, organizing materials and praying that everything gets done before the participants arrive. There are some anxious moments: “Did we forget anything? Did everyone else bring what they pledged to bring? Will there be any problems with the airlines?” Then, it happens! They begin to arrive for registration.

The LIT participants, who have until that time been only names and possibly voices with no faces, suddenly become people with faces and smiles and anxieties and fears of their own. It is at this point we realize the time spent devoted to prayer begins to pay off. That is when it becomes evident that God is in this place. (Of course, God was there all the time, I was just often too busy to notice.) It takes only a few short hours till we become sisters in the service and adoration of a wonderful God. I truly wish each of you could be there to share that experience.

LIT #3, held October 17-24, 2004, brought together four from national staff and one LIT grad, with seven women from six towns in three states. They were Barbara Bosket from Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Rhounette Droze and Cheryl Stradcutter from Goose Creek, SC; Debora Joiner from Gautier, MS; Carol Mickel from Gulfport, MS; Donna Sallee from Inverness, FL; and a woman from Moncks Corner, SC.

Indeed it was a diverse group. Each woman was unique and very different in her own way, but they seemed to have at least two things in common. Each had a story of pain and trauma that God has brought her through. Each also has a strong sense of God calling her to “something,” to “ministry with women,” or to “helping women work through their pain and problems.” Each had a sense of being in this place for a particular reason. Most of them came seeking what God is calling them to do. Many of them left feeling that they now know the purpose for which they came, and are waiting for God reveal the when and where and with whom. Others left asking God for verification that CWM is what He wants for them to pursue.

Did LIT have any impact on those who attended? Jackie Scott, from Columbia, MO, attended LIT #2 last November. She remarked, “That was a life-changing week for me.” Since that week over a year ago, she has helped develop the center in Columbia and serves on their prayer team and advisory board. She helps present Basic Peer Counselor Training. She is, in fact, helping me develop two new features of the BPCT which will be incorporated into the present 14-session format. God continues to work in Jackie. She returned to Indiana for LIT #3 to assist in teaching BPCT.

Carol Mickel from Gulfport MS actually heard about CWM in Africa!!! While she was in Africa on a missions trip, she met Ann Chalk in Sierra Leone. (Ann is a graduate of LIT #1, March, 2003) Ann has trained peer counselors to help carry the burdens of hurting women in the Door of Hope Center for Women’s Ministries in Jui, Sierra Leone, West Africa. (See pages 4-5.) It was there Carol heard about CWM and LIT.

Carol and her co-worker, Debora Joiner, had prayed together about this type of ministry and God allowed them to attend LIT together. In a letter headquarters received after LIT, Carol wrote,

“What an awesome week it has been as we have returned home and attempted to return to life as usual. Somehow it doesn’t seem possible. Debora has teased me at work that I am quieter than usual. I find myself feeling a bit as Mary must have as she carried the seed of the Holy Spirit, Jesus. I find myself “pondering,” considering the seed that was planted back in Africa and now nourished and strengthened through LIT. Yet I’m scared. Feel inadequate. Overwhelmed at what in the natural seems an impossibility. But then this is not an “in the natural” work. It is a God work. His to carry out and perform. We must just be willing vessels.”

I personally, on a number of occasions, felt strongly the presence of the Holy Spirit as we trained, talked, laughed, processed, cried, ate and did devotions together. There were comments about how they felt the presence of God in the three local centers that they visited. They were amazed at the beauty, as well as the warmth and hominess of each center. "All this was donated?" was the first question. It seemed difficult to believe. The next question was, "Do you think God would do this for us?" I suspect He would!

Then there was the LIT Commissioning Service and Volunteer Fellowship Banquet. Twenty-four volunteers from six of our Indiana centers came to Camp Indi-Co-So to share in the final event of LIT #3. The camp staff prepared a lovely meal, complete with candlelight. Centers and volunteers present were recognized and appreciated. The LIT ladies performed a couple of the role-plays they had created to demonstrate good counselor technique and bad counselor technique. There was a short Power Point picture montage to view some of the highlights of the week. Individual LIT participants were presented certificates of completion and an anointing prayer and blessing was spoken for each one. Cookies, punch, and sparkling fellowship brought the evening and event to a close.

In reporting the remarkable ways God has worked through LIT #3, I would be remiss if I failed to thank those who helped so much. To those who donated breakfast foods, paper products and snacks as well as to those who helped make copies, provide transportation and clean up, we say a hearty heart-felt "THANK YOU!" Most of all, we thank all of you who prayed for the entire process—from the first organizing conversations to the final good-bys. Without prayer it would never have happened!

Special thanks to the following for their donations of money, food, products or services:

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Most of all we thank our dear Lord. Not only has He given us new life and a way to live this life in a better way. Through the Lord we are given opportunities to turn our pain into blessings for others and ourselves. Praise be to the Lord.

Donna Stemler, Training Resources Coordinator

*(Editor's note: The women from South Carolina are filing in December with the State of South Carolina to open the state to a "foreign corporation"--the first of three projected Centers for Women's Ministries near Charleston.)*



Leadership Intensive Training #3  
October 2004  
Graduating Class

## **African Excerpts and Praises**

*September 27, 2003 e-mail:* Greetings from Sierra Leone... We are settling in and getting used to living in Africa again. It is not easy living in the least developed country in the world, but God has been particularly good to us. ...Much prayer has been going up...and several ladies have expressed a desire to be a part of Center for Women's Ministries. It is still in the prayer stage...and waiting on God's timing. I will let you know when things progress. All for Him, Ann Chalk (graduate, LIT #1, March 2003)

*December 30, 2003 e-mail:* Sorry it has been so long since I have been in touch...but we have no telephone service or electricity where we live, so we must wait until we come into town.... ...I believe the Lord is leading me to begin to plan an organizational meeting with a few ladies that He has laid upon my heart. ...There are a few strong Christian ladies here that speak English.... Most of the ladies that CWM Sierra Leone will be counseling do not speak English, and I am not proficient in their tribal languages yet, so I am being careful as to who will be (trained initially). Please pray that God will lead me to the right ladies, and the right timing....

*February 25, 2004 e-mail:* ...We have started CWM in Sierra Leone. I have started the training course with six special ladies enrolled. I have a director for the Center, Mrs. Margaret Conteh, a pastor's wife who God has called to counsel women.... The Bible college where I teach (in the village of Jui) has graciously allowed us office space and we have set up a counseling center not connected with the college.... The women in this country have been so traumatized and brutalized in unbelievable ways and God cares for them. He has gone before us and opened doors in unbelievable ways. This is truly a miracle. ...I hope that you can understand that due to the fact that this is the poorest and least developed country in the world (according to UN statistics), there is no money here. ...But God has supplied and will continue to do so.... This is His ministry and He is guiding.

*March 24, 2004 e-mail:* The training sessions are going well but slow. I must spell all of the words for the ladies and it is slow work, but worth it. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of the trainees here just as in America. It is awesome to watch.

*May 1, 2004 e-mail:* The training is progressing and we are more than midway to completing it. The ladies are doing great and are enjoying the training.... One of the ladies...is a pastor's wife who lives in a village upcountry that is interested in taking the training to her village. They have 17 pastor's wives there who are in literacy training (most cannot read or write) and she and her husband are interested in taking them this training. God is certainly moving beyond my expectations and probably yours too.

*May 25, 2004 e-mail:* The training is going very well and we are finishing up next week. The ladies have wanted to finish quickly, and are still very excited about it. Many of the husbands have also expressed what an excellent training it is for their wives. (Two of which are Bible College Principals/Pastors.) ...(This is) what the Lord has given me for CWM in Sierra Leone: our scripture is Hosea 2:14-15, and the name of the Centers will be "Door of Hope."

*May 2004 newsletter:* Ann is close to finishing the leadership training for the Center for Women's Ministries.... It has been difficult as sickness has attacked every one of the ladies being trained or their spouse, and has caused them to miss some of the training. Sickness and poverty are rampant here. Without money the people cannot afford to go to the doctor or buy medicine so they endure until they get well or die. The poverty is getting more severe as inflation is increasing. The people live on rice. Nine months ago a 50-kilo bag of rice (enough for an average family for one month) cost 25,000 Leones. Today, it costs 65,000 Leones. There is no economic reason for the increase in price, only greed and corruption. Every week the prices of imported items are up 5-10%, and almost everything is imported. The reason is the value of the Leone is dropping. These were the same conditions before the civil war started in 1991. The peace here is very fragile indeed. We tell you this so that you might be mindful to pray for these people that we and God love.

*July 2004 newsletter:* The Center for Women's Ministries (Door of Hope) had its official launching ceremony on July 10. It took place here in the college Chapel and was well attended. The national television broadcasting 4

system sent a camera crew that filmed the ceremony and filmed some interviews with Ann as the Africa National Director, and with the local Center Director. It was given extensive coverage on the evening news and was featured in a 30-minute program called Woman's World. There is only one TV station, it is government owned, and it broadcasts all over the nation. We are grateful to the Lord for the successful launching of this ministry and for the counseling that is already being done. ...We hope to have another center open in Freetown soon.

*July 19, 2004 letter:* I am very thankful to report to you the launching and dedication of Center for Women's Ministries in Sierra Leone, West Africa. The ceremony took place July 10 in The Evangelical College of Theology Chapel. It was a wonderful ceremony and was well attended. ...Mrs. Conteh did a wonderful job of planning and putting everything together. We give God the Glory. ...The next training course is scheduled to begin August 4.... God is sending women with hearts for other women. The women have even asked that we have the training twice per week instead of once—so we will. It is so amazing to see Him work. He has done it all...and He deserves all the glory. ...Please pray for Mrs. Conteh. As the ministry grows, she is becoming more and more burdened as the women come to be unburdened. She is doing a wonderful job.

*August 2004 newsletter:* Ann has started another training class at the Center for Women's Ministries. This class has seven ladies who desire to be trained to be peer-counselors to the many abused women in Sierra Leone. Thank you so much for those who have contributed to...this ministry. Having the course material copied for all the trainees is very costly.... The longer we (Ann and Jack) are here the more we can see that Christianity and the security that comes from being in Christ is the only hope for the people. Sierra Leone is again at the very bottom of the United Nations Human Development Index for the fifth year in a row. The culture is designed to keep the people poor, and it is working very well. But we see that the promises of God to meet the needs of those who believe the Christian Gospel are also working very well. It is indeed a privilege to be here and to be able to point people away from the government and toward God to get their needs met. That is real security.

*August 31, 2004 e-mail:* The second training sessions are going very well. The ladies are feeling the Holy Spirit punch of the training, and it is good to see them growing in their knowledge of the course and the Lord. ...Mrs. Conteh reports that many are coming to the center....

*October 29, 2004 e-mail:* Mrs. Conteh has returned (from her visit to the jungle provinces). She is very busy in the Center, but she says that it is a great blessing for her as she counsels her people there. There is a secondary school (high school) close by the center and many of the students and teachers are beginning to come for counseling. Nothing is available in this country that offers counseling in this capacity.



First Basic Peer Counseling Training graduates in Jui, Sierra Leone, West Africa  
Mrs. Margaret Conteh, Center Director, in the middle;  
Ann Chalk, Africa National Director, far right

### ***New Location for Annual Meeting!***

**The 2005 Annual Meeting  
will be held April 2, 1:00 p.m. EST  
at the Bloomington CWM,  
220 E. Matlock, Bloomington IN.  
(SR 45/46 Bypass,  
between Walnut and Dunn,  
just west of the IU stadium)**

**Hear the State of the Ministry,  
celebrate with new  
Friends of the Ministry,  
and elect members to  
the board of directors.**



## Where Are We Located Now?

*Information in italics is new since the last newsletter*

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There are prayer teams and trained volunteers working to develop centers, in God's timing, in Golden CO; Macon GA; Orange Co. IN; Spencer Co. IN; Cadiz, KY; Litchfield MN; Concord NH; Seattle WA; Seoul, South Korea; Cologne, Germany; more villages around Freetown, Sierra Leone; *Ft. Lauderdale FL; Inverness FL; and near Gulfport MS and Charleston SC!*

## Welcome Konda to Headquarters Staff

Konda Gosney is joining the staff as Assistant for Leadership Care and Intercession. She has been involved with CWM for almost 15 years as a prayer intercessor. She has felt a call for a long time to join the staff and the Lord recently said, "Now is the time." Her area of responsibility will be to shepherd local center directors and further develop the prayer support arm of the ministry. Prayer has been the foundation of CWM, and as the ministry grows, so must this emphasis. Welcome, Konda. We are thrilled you are here!!

## Leadership Intensive Training #4 October 16-23, 2005



Merryman Center, Camp Indi-Co-So,  
Springville IN

Visit our NEW web site in January for details:  
[www.centerforwomensministries.org](http://www.centerforwomensministries.org)

## Also Coming In October—Volunteer Retreat

Save the dates! Any volunteer who has completed Basic Peer Counselor Training is invited to a special series of advanced trainings to be offered Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, at Camp Indi-Co-So, Springville IN. The trainings will focus on some of the more difficult core issues affecting clients such as Internet pornography. These dates coincide with Leadership Intensive Training; you will have opportunities before the graduation banquet to interact with LIT students!

Overnight lodging for women will be available, and meals are included in the minimal fee. We apologize to the men who have completed BPCT, but we can offer only limited RV hook-up and unheated cabin accommodations (space heaters allowed). Men are welcome as day participants, with meals included in the fee. Watch for schedule and cost information through your center director early next year! Space is limited.

## HQ Volunteers Still Needed



If you have an hour or so a week, or even monthly, when you would be willing to volunteer at the international office, YOU WOULD BE SO WELCOME! Help is needed to clean, paint or paper rooms, prepare mailings, type, file, copy and collate. Regular receptionists would help too. Please call 812-333-1555 for more information. Bless you!

# **Taste and See that the Lord is Good! A Sampler of Praise Reports from Across the Country**

New Christians were birthed in Cincinnati, Ohio; Clay County IN; Monroe County (Bloomington) jail; Owen County IN; Pinellas Park, Florida; Westfield IN; and elsewhere!

Center for Women’s Ministries celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. The Bloomington center hosted a lovely anniversary open house and honored the founder, Reova Meredith, with a beautiful plaque. Guests came from all over Indiana, and from Colorado Springs, CO!

The Bloomington CWM began its first Bible study with Indiana University students in the fall. The jail ministry was awarded grant monies to reach out to women in the county jail, focusing on substance abuse issues. Volunteers are leading parenting classes and Bible studies at Crestmont, a public housing site.

Sixteen of 20 trained peer counselors in Cincinnati, Ohio, are helping hurting women this fall. Also in the fall, 17 Columbia, Missouri, CWM volunteers were counseling 25 clients. The center opened in June!

Dubois County CWM volunteers are ministering to inmate families through the county jail. The Owen County CWM received two grants: one to promote health and fitness, and one for teen program.

At the end of August, nine people graduated from Basic Peer Counselor Training in North Pole, Alaska. Volunteers are waiting for God’s choice for their site.

The Pinellas Park, Florida, CWM sustained no damage from the hurricanes! A big praise!! Volunteers are seeking funding to offer an abstinence education program in an after-school outreach. The center needs additional counselors to offer drug prevention education, thanks to a grant. The center has ministered to 80 women in its first year of operation.

After months of searching, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and Clarksville, Tennessee, found homes for centers. Volunteers in both communities were providing Bible studies and peer counseling in the meantime.

Because of its location near an interstate highway, the Putnam County CWM has regular opportunities to encourage and pray for travelers—some homeless—who are stranded for a time.

Washington County CWM has a program to minister to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Franklin County courts have begun referring women in need of counseling to the Westfield CWM in Hamilton County.

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**All donations to the international office** of the Center for Women’s Ministries, Inc., facilitate the work to disciple center directors; ensure spiritual and leadership education; extend training to other states and foreign countries; provide for print, audio and video resources to give to existing and emerging centers; and guarantee support services in communities where individuals are working to open new centers.

Many of you pray for the ministry regularly, and make financial contributions to further the Lord’s work in providing a counseling ministry to hurting women in the United States and globally. We could not grow in the way we have if you had not responded. In His timing, this ministry is already extending around the world! A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience should you choose to send a tax-deductible gift and be a part of this growth.

*Thank you* each and every one!

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**I want to be a steward of the opportunities God is presenting!**

**I consider it a joy to help build Center for Women’s Ministries.**

**Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, payable to Center for Women’s Ministries, Inc..**

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## **Tenets of the Center for Women's Ministries:**

- Crisis intervention with spiritual emphasis
- A non-profit, non-denominational ministry for women, promoting emotional and spiritual healing

## **Purpose:**

To provide peer counseling at no cost, support groups, Bible studies, prayer groups and educational opportunities in a non-judgmental atmosphere to women within the community.

## **Statement of Faith introduction:**

We believe that in our brokenness,  
we can come to know  
the love of God through Jesus.  
Because He lives we can experience  
emotional and spiritual healing

## **Mission Statement**

National Center for Women's Ministries' mission is to equip volunteer staff around the world by prayer support, consultation services and resource materials so they may establish and sustain centers to provide crisis intervention with a spiritual emphasis and improve the quality of life for hurting women.

## **Vision Statement**

National Center for Women's Ministries will be God's catalyst for an international network of Christian ministry centers propelled by trained volunteers who offer crisis intervention with a spiritual emphasis to hurting women. Headquarters activities will result in marketable print and video materials to attract community attention; a training curriculum to insure a knowledgeable, sensitive volunteer corps; and in expanding and sustaining the ministry's existence according to the will of God.