

## **FRIENDS WOMEN REPORT/ 2010 - 2011**

BettyLou Sargent, Executive President

At the beginning of this year, I felt anxious, and our wonderful Savior and friend reminded me of Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto me." His blessings upon the work of NWYM Friends Women has been abundant this year.

It is with much joy I make this report. At the annual banquet, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," with Lisby Rogers as speaker, Lisby told about her six-month service at Caring Hands Girls School in Dwarwad, India, a school for girls who are daughters of Temple prostitutes. The offering to that work came to \$ 2,200. We gave two \$1,000 scholarships this year for advanced education to Christy Neifert (Israel) and Miriam Voth (China). Also, one of our Projects was \$1,000 to Joanna Cox as a first-year China teacher.

Fall Retreat was held both at Quaker Hill and Twin Rocks with the theme, "Freedom in Jesus," with Nancy Almquist as speaker for both retreats. The auction proceeds from those retreats went to "Disciple for Development" projects in Rwanda, Africa and amounted to \$2,778.35.

Spring Rally theme was "God of All Comfort." Each area had their own speaker and the offering went to PRODOLA (Doctorate of Theology) for ministers from South American countries. The total offerings came to \$2,222. Our total Projects were fulfilled which amounted to \$6,300. The funds went to China teacher retreat; first year China teacher; EFM/Aguacalientes ministry; Living Waters Ministry at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Johan & Judy Maurer Russian hospitality; and tuition for Neifert children in Haifa, Israel. We also sent two representatives to Youth Summit 2010: Joe Lynne Rader and Elizabeth (Lisby)Rogers.

During my term as president, I have been concerned to have a history written about NWYM Friends Women established in 1941. Over 29 women have gone alone or with their husbands to Bolivia and Peru to serve. Many of these are still living and have written accounts of what FW did for them and their families during their time of service. Geraldine Willcuts wrote an essay describing much about this service to our work in South America.

[These women are] a Support Group like no other. Praying, giving, helping, advising with letters, cards, dollar bills stuck in those cards and letters. Hands on support. Banquets where cheerful smiling women gave their friendships to the women who had served in Bolivia and Peru. The Welcomes the Missionaries received with gifts of love. The encouragement given was with words of love. The constancy was always with love. The hugs and love was expressed in money, furnishings, homes, visits, listening and friendships. Thank you. God will reward you all richly.

You may read the complete Essay by Geraldine Willcuts at [www.nwfriends.org/ministries/adults/friends-women/](http://www.nwfriends.org/ministries/adults/friends-women/)