



NEWSLETTER

Greetings!

This past week of May 14, here in Calgary, the flowering crab apple trees burst into bloom. I came upon this poem that expresses well the wonderful sight of blooming crab apple trees, and want to share it with you.

Crab Apple Blossoms – Grace Noll Crowell

*In all the world there is no lovelier thing
Than this wild crab upon a sunny hill!
Its pale pink glory is so startling,
The windless day is suddenly so still –
I dare not breathe lest I should shatter quite
This radiant mass of colour and of light.*

*I dare not touch one little clustered spray
Lest some wild bee from out a blossom's heart
Should take his heavy-bodied, bungling way
And the delicate shaken petals fall apart,
O wind be kind! O bees in hurrying past,
Go softly that this loveliness may last.*

NEWS AND NOTES:

- Cindy Buhler, MC Canada Witness worker in Macau will be the guest speaker at Canadian Women in Mission's Annual Meeting Luncheon July 7, 2006 in Edmonton.
- "Your Net Worth" is the title of a Seminar, sponsored by Canadian Women in Mission at Mennonite Church Canada's Annual Assembly. Focus will be the experience of marginalization, possible loss of self-esteem, and how to claim your "net worth". A panel of 3 will be sharing their perspectives on being an immigrant, single person, and stay-at-home mom. We are anticipating that Audrey Mierau Bechtel, Saskatchewan Women in Mission President, will be the moderator, and guest Laurie Oswald Robinson, editor of Timbrel, the inspirational speaker.

- Canadian Women in Mission Executive met in Winnipeg March 2-4 for 2 days of lively meetings. Yes, lively. it helps to have the younger women on board! For a report see the May-June issue of Timbrel magazine.
- Canadian Women in Mission will be awarding financial assistance to 5 young women doing Service/Internship this year. They are Rita Braun, working with MCC Alberta in Justice Ministries; Jennifer Loewen, teaching english with China Education Exchange; Laurel Koop, MCC SALT assignment (location to be decided); Angela Bergen, Voluntary Service in Paraguay; and Tara Dyck, pastoral internship at Toronto United Mennonite Church.
- "My Times Are in Your Hands: Stewardship of moments, days, and seasons" – a new Bible Study Guide, written by Melissa Miller. A complimentary copy is being sent to you with this Newsletter.

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"Pennies & Prayer Inheritance Fund" Proposal

- June 15 is the suggested dead line date for the Response Forms to be mailed, so there is still time.
- Thank you to those who have already sent in the Response Form.
- We plan to give an up-date at the Luncheon July 7, 2006.