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Tommy and Sara Rose

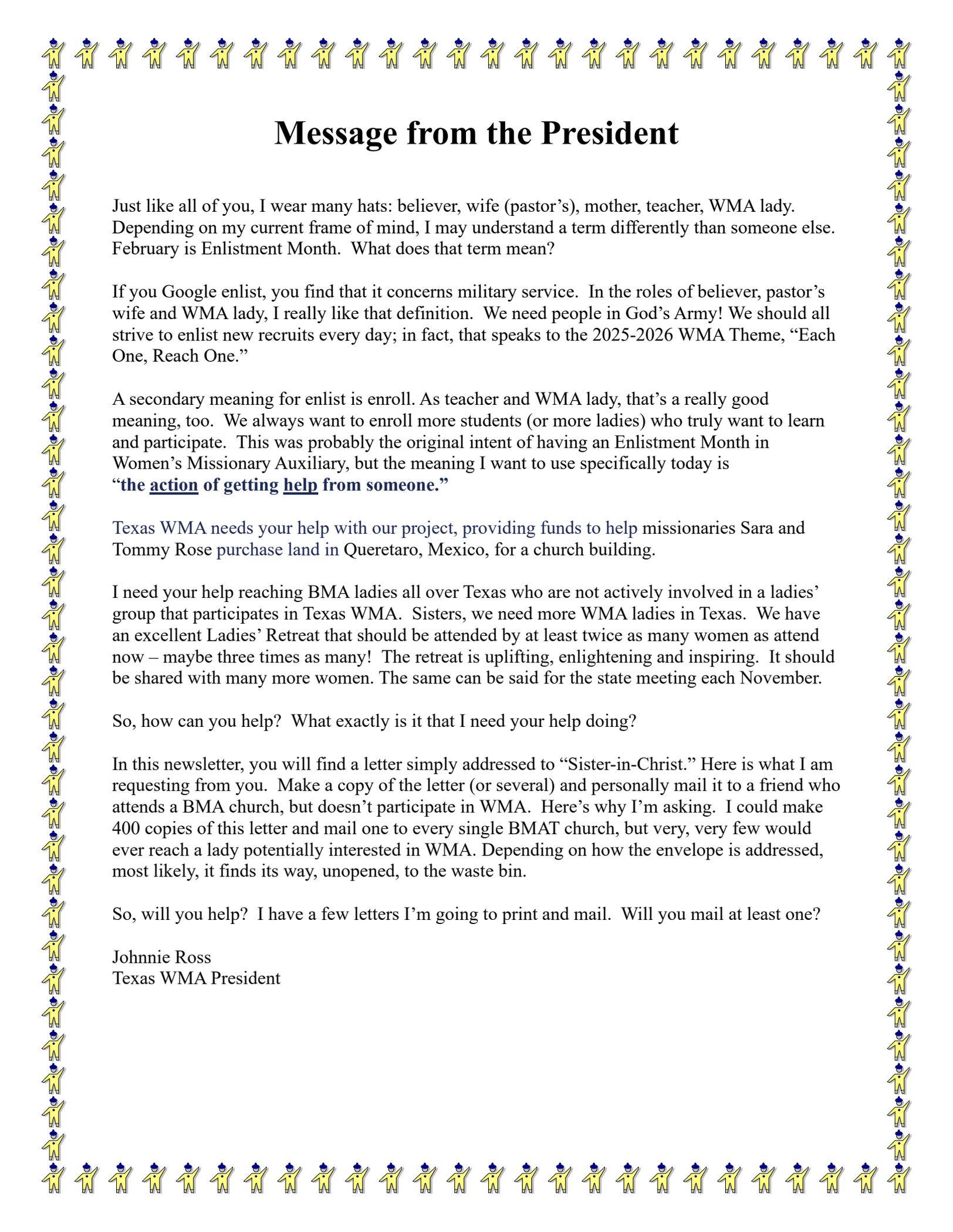
Missionaries to Queretaro, Mexico

Our new **Texas WMA Project for 2026** is Tommy and Sara Rose, BMAA missionaries to Mexico. They are looking to purchase property in Queretaro, where they are currently serving, to build a church. Property in the city is quite expensive, so they need our help. Our goal is \$25,000. Please help us with this project!

Please use the enclosed report form to send in your offerings and mark your offerings for project and it will be divided as mentioned above.

Mail offerings to **Texas WMA, c/o Lindsie Burchett, 812 S Main St, Winnsboro, TX 75494**. Make checks payable to **Texas WMA**.

As of the end of January we have received \$2,103.97 for our project! Yay!! We are off to a good start but need your help to reach our goal by November.



Message from the President

Just like all of you, I wear many hats: believer, wife (pastor's), mother, teacher, WMA lady. Depending on my current frame of mind, I may understand a term differently than someone else. February is Enlistment Month. What does that term mean?

If you Google enlist, you find that it concerns military service. In the roles of believer, pastor's wife and WMA lady, I really like that definition. We need people in God's Army! We should all strive to enlist new recruits every day; in fact, that speaks to the 2025-2026 WMA Theme, "Each One, Reach One."

A secondary meaning for enlist is enroll. As teacher and WMA lady, that's a really good meaning, too. We always want to enroll more students (or more ladies) who truly want to learn and participate. This was probably the original intent of having an Enlistment Month in Women's Missionary Auxiliary, but the meaning I want to use specifically today is **"the action of getting help from someone."**

Texas WMA needs your help with our project, providing funds to help missionaries Sara and Tommy Rose purchase land in Queretaro, Mexico, for a church building.

I need your help reaching BMA ladies all over Texas who are not actively involved in a ladies' group that participates in Texas WMA. Sisters, we need more WMA ladies in Texas. We have an excellent Ladies' Retreat that should be attended by at least twice as many women as attend now – maybe three times as many! The retreat is uplifting, enlightening and inspiring. It should be shared with many more women. The same can be said for the state meeting each November.

So, how can you help? What exactly is it that I need your help doing?

In this newsletter, you will find a letter simply addressed to "Sister-in-Christ." Here is what I am requesting from you. Make a copy of the letter (or several) and personally mail it to a friend who attends a BMA church, but doesn't participate in WMA. Here's why I'm asking. I could make 400 copies of this letter and mail one to every single BMAT church, but very, very few would ever reach a lady potentially interested in WMA. Depending on how the envelope is addressed, most likely, it finds its way, unopened, to the waste bin.

So, will you help? I have a few letters I'm going to print and mail. Will you mail at least one?

Johnnie Ross
Texas WMA President

February, 2026

Dear Sister-in-Christ,

My purpose in writing this letter is to tell you about some of the exciting changes that have been going on in the Texas Women's Missionary Auxiliary (WMA). Did you grow up in a church that had a WMA circle? Do you have some pre-conceived ideas about WMA?

The Texas WMA officers would like you to know that although our name is the same, and we still embrace the same Plan of Work for WMA - Missions, Bible Study, Evangelism, Benevolence, Youth Auxiliaries, and Christian Education – we approach it quite differently. There are no forms to fill out asking how many tracts you distributed or how many trays you sent. We understand that every woman is different, every church has its own personality, and each and every ladies' group has their own dynamic.

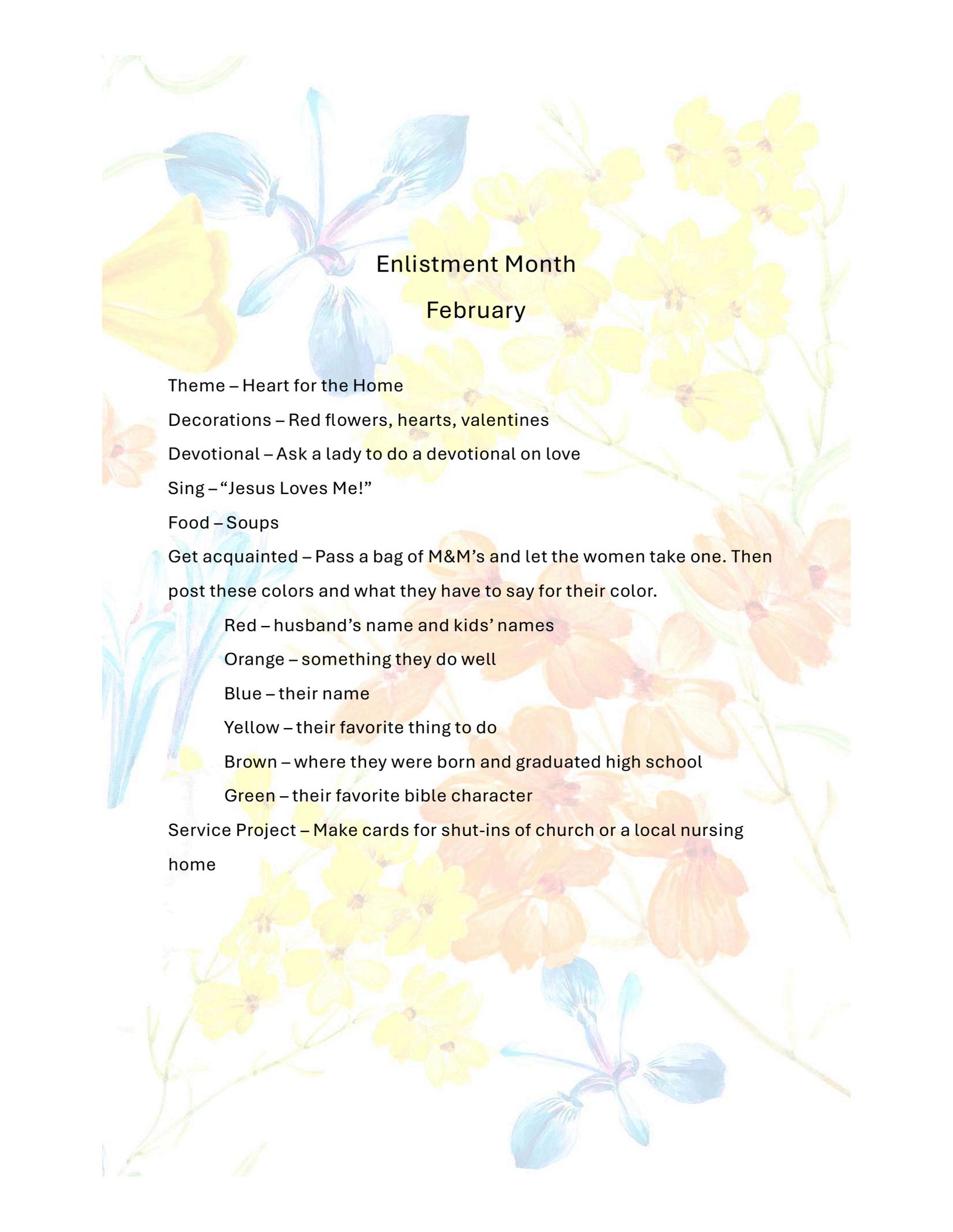
The Texas WMA has a long and noble heritage. We celebrated our history at the state meeting last November in Waxahachie. We looked at many examples of how WMA has helped the overall work of the BMA of Texas, through support of missions, evangelism, Christian education and our youth auxiliaries. We were reminded of how this is still our goal, and that we embrace these causes every year. In recent years, we have helped GMA girls experience mission trips by awarding scholarships. We've provided thousands of dollars so our Texas missionaries will have ministry helps and bibles to distribute. The WMA continues to support the ministries of Jacksonville College and Texas Baptist Hope for Children through donations used to revitalize their campuses. This year we are helping provide funds so that missionaries Sara and Tommy Rose may be able to purchase land to build their church in Queretaro, Mexico.

Many very active WMA groups no longer call themselves WMA. It really doesn't matter what your ladies' group at your church is named. If you have Bible study, participate in evangelism, support missions, or participate in benevolent activities, you are welcome and encouraged to join the Texas WMA in any or all of our activities. We would love to have your participation. There is a Texas Ladies' Retreat planned for July 31st – August 1st at South Park Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Plan to attend. The state meeting, which has become much more of a conference, will be November 17th at New Harmony Baptist Church near Tyler.

If you want information about Texas WMA, feel free to check out the website, www.texaswma.com or send an email to wmaoftexas@gmail.com. We would love to involve more wonderful ladies in Texas WMA.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Johnnie Ross, President
Texas Women's Missionary Auxiliary



Enlistment Month February

Theme – Heart for the Home

Decorations – Red flowers, hearts, valentines

Devotional – Ask a lady to do a devotional on love

Sing – “Jesus Loves Me!”

Food – Soups

Get acquainted – Pass a bag of M&M’s and let the women take one. Then post these colors and what they have to say for their color.

Red – husband’s name and kids’ names

Orange – something they do well

Blue – their name

Yellow – their favorite thing to do

Brown – where they were born and graduated high school

Green – their favorite bible character

Service Project – Make cards for shut-ins of church or a local nursing home



We Need You and You Need Us!

We would like to encourage churches of the BMA to join a Women's Missions Auxiliary (WMA) program this year. If your church already has a women's ministry, then you can come to our meetings and serve with us in WMA!

The WMA focuses on spiritual growth, community impact, and personal connection by inviting leaders and members to experience it first on a local level, then district, state, and national levels. Some of the benefits, like leadership development and service opportunities, will inspire ladies to make a difference where they are. Young women are very work oriented and want to do projects. WMA CAN BE THAT PLACE FOR THEM!

Each local church should help women to become involved through the invitation of serving their church. Then become more involved in the district, state, and national groups. Invite ladies to come to low pressure engagements like attending one event. Emphasize how the WMA supports local ministry and connects women to broader missions, using testimonials and clear examples of success. The officers will be glad to come and talk to groups and encourage churches to participate in areas of service of WMA. We need officers in all jobs of the WMA!

Some ways to encourage ladies are by show, Don't Just Tell: Invite church leaders and members to attend a meeting, service project, or workshops so they can see the WMA's activities first hand. We all need spiritual growth, so explain how the program fosters deep Bible study, meaningful conversations, and practical equipping for Christian living. Who doesn't like to hear success stories? Use testimonials or visual aids from successful projects and service events that show real impact within the church and community.

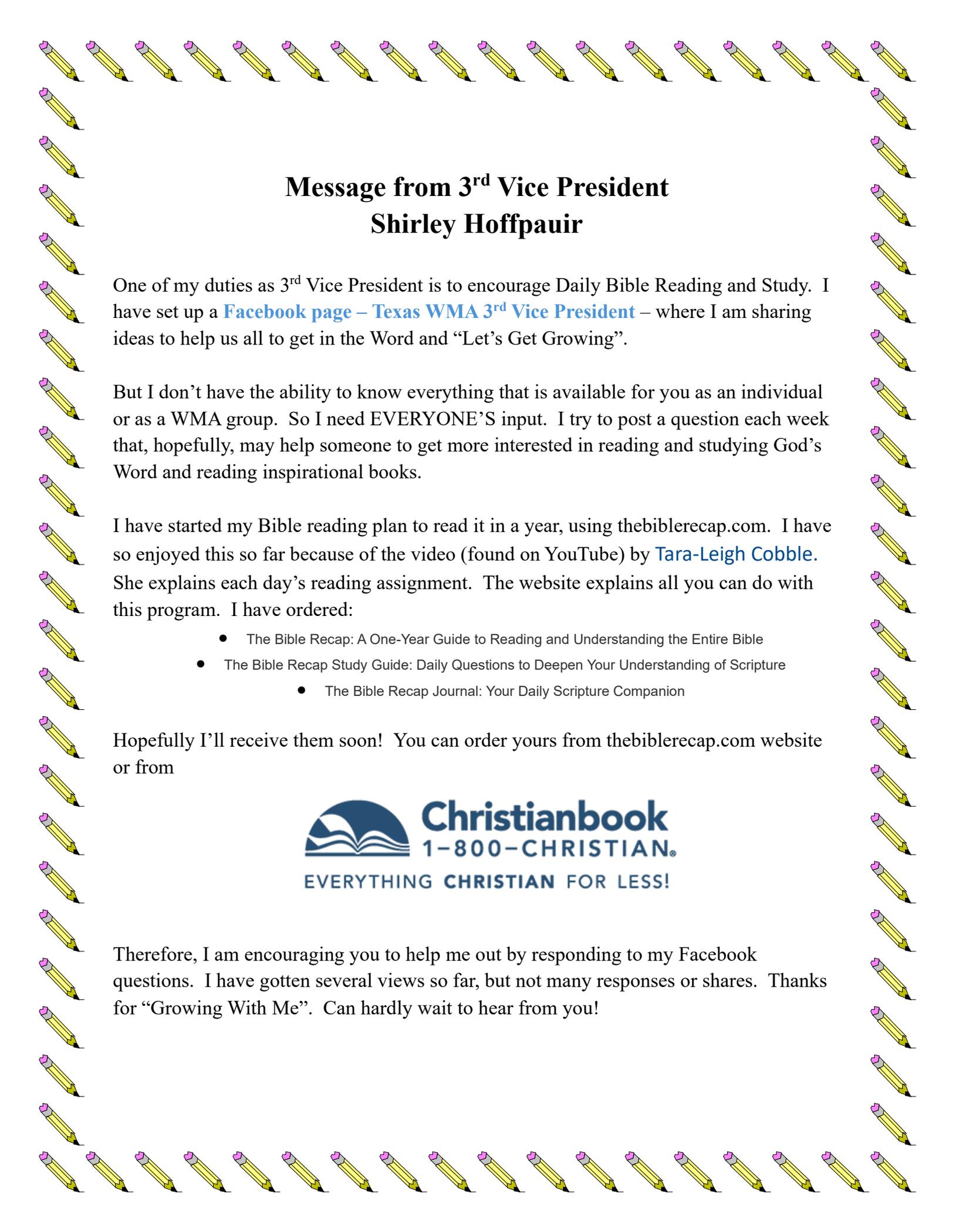
If you have an event that you want ladies to attend, then personalize the invitation. At the meeting, you could also have the ladies fill out a survey about talents and things they are interested in, like specific talents (e.g., organization, hospitality, teaching, etc) that can bless the ministry, making them feel valued. You must always make them feel welcome and don't ever put a lady on the spot about her life!

If you want to start a local WMA or women's ministry, make sure that you speak directly with the pastor and church leadership, explaining how the WMA aligns with your church's overall goals and supports your existing women's ministry.

To begin a group, you must make it easy and accessible. Provide clear information about specific dates, times, locations, and clear details about what to expect from meetings or projects.

Prayer is a great way to begin and encourage your church to pray for guidance and for God to stir hearts to join the ministry.

Let the women know that they can build relationships in a strong supportive community through shared faith and service of the local, district, state, and national WMA work. Always keep the purpose of WMA before the women!



Message from 3rd Vice President Shirley Hoffpauir

One of my duties as 3rd Vice President is to encourage Daily Bible Reading and Study. I have set up a [Facebook page – Texas WMA 3rd Vice President](#) – where I am sharing ideas to help us all to get in the Word and “Let’s Get Growing”.

But I don’t have the ability to know everything that is available for you as an individual or as a WMA group. So I need EVERYONE’S input. I try to post a question each week that, hopefully, may help someone to get more interested in reading and studying God’s Word and reading inspirational books.

I have started my Bible reading plan to read it in a year, using [thebiblecap.com](#). I have so enjoyed this so far because of the video (found on YouTube) by [Tara-Leigh Cobble](#). She explains each day’s reading assignment. The website explains all you can do with this program. I have ordered:

- The Bible Recap: A One-Year Guide to Reading and Understanding the Entire Bible
- The Bible Recap Study Guide: Daily Questions to Deepen Your Understanding of Scripture
 - The Bible Recap Journal: Your Daily Scripture Companion

Hopefully I’ll receive them soon! You can order yours from [thebiblecap.com](#) website or from



Therefore, I am encouraging you to help me out by responding to my Facebook questions. I have gotten several views so far, but not many responses or shares. Thanks for “Growing With Me”. Can hardly wait to hear from you!



Come TO THE Table



"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..." - James 4:8

Join Texas GMA for a weekend of worship, friendship, and fun at our annual Texas Girls Retreat for girls in grades 4-12!



March 13-14, 2026

Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, TX

\$45 per person

(includes lodging, t-shirt, breakfast, and lunch)

Register by February 16 at texasgma.org



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Come ready to grow
closer to Jesus, connect
with other girls, and
enjoy an unforgettable
weekend!

*National WMA
Women's Conference
April 22
Central Baptist College
Conway, Ark*

Conference theme
Making Disciples

Keynote Speaker
Yalanda Merrell

For the breakout sessions, speakers will share about Disciple Way and Follow. Both are resources for discipleship and sessions will be presented in English and Spanish. Other sessions include discipleship in the home (children and hospitality).

The WMA will be hosting a luncheon during the conference. All attendees are invited, pastor and minister's wives and widows will be treated to a complimentary meal.

For more details and to register for the meal, visit <https://www.nationalwma.org/>