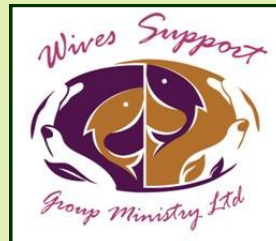


Wives Support Group Ministry Ltd



Newsletter 2011 - Issue 4

Welcome Message from Lorraine Addison, Founder of WSGM Ltd.



Welcome to this issue of our Newsletter! My hope and desire is for you to be blessed and feel connected with the wider work of Wives Support Group Ministry, and to join with us in giving God all the glory for who He is, and all that He has done throughout 2011. In order to do that, I have asked Marg

Peril, chairperson of the Board, to allow me to use portions of her message at the National Summit- October, 2011

"I have the honour to share with you this morning about our ministry. That God supplies all our needs and through the Word from Philippians 4:18 'the gifts you have sent and given - they are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to our God. And our God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.' We have so much to be thankful for today for the generosity of our sisters who have blessed each other and provided the means to attend this Summit. Thank you.

WSGM is God's ministry- He have His favour on us, He is our Jehovah Jireh. We never actively ask for money, we are a faith based ministry, our confidence is 'our God provides' I would like to share with you something from my heart- The Board's continuing goal is to see our members actively participating in the ministry. Women who have a passion for God, and have been helped and blessed through her time in this ministry, using her gifts and time to be a blessing to others with her God given skills. The dream and vision remains, that when these women come through the groups, they become a financial member, growing to facilitate their own group, then called to serve on the Board with her wealth of

experience, coming up from the grass roots. This is our dream. We are called to be disciples as we extend the ministry for women who are in our circumstances.

We have many ways to support the ministry:

- *Through the gold coin donation in groups*
- *Serve as a facilitator/ co-facilitator*
- *Monthly direct debit into WSGM Bank account*
- *Serve on the Board*

Lorraine has birthed a new support group in Brisbane for single, unmarried women, to provide for them a confidential environment, safe to share their heart journey. Women aged between 30- 50 years who have been in a past relationship and who desire to find a Christian man to marry. This is our Esther Group. We need an Esther Group in Victoria and NSW- we need facilitators to lead these groups. We need intercessors to cover these groups in prayer.

The challenges we face as a ministry is best found in Luke 10:2 "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out the workers into the harvest field."

Please consider how you can serve our God through this ministry! Remembering Psalm 90:17 "May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us. Establish the work of our hands for us, yes, establish the work of our hands."

God's peace and love to you all this Christmas and during the holiday season.

Lorraine

2012 Date Claimer

- 5 - 12 February Prayer Week
- 10 March Brisbane Day Retreat (9:00 am - 2:30 pm)
- 12 - 14 October National Summit, QLD

John 3:16 - 17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."



Tribute to Meralda Livermore and Lorna Bush

Meralda Livermore, one of God's girls, joined Wives Support Group Ministry six years ago. She became a member of the Keppera support group before she moved into the Arana Hills support group, where she facilitated the group, alongside Julie Bennett as co-facilitator. Her passion for God, warmth and vision for the ministry alongside her indebtedness for the support and encouragement given her through WSGM was a great encouragement to us all. I will always value her generosity of time and availability to bless others in their walk with God. And her zeal to see the Bride of Christ ready for His soon coming.

Meralda chose to offer herself for service on the Board, and served as Secretary and Publicity Officer for three years. I pay tribute to a wonderful woman of God, and wish her and her husband Ross a rich and happy retirement together.



Thank You



I want to pay tribute to Lorna Bush, who has filled the position of editor of our Newsletter for five years. During that time she has developed the colourful and readable newsletter, which we have all come to appreciate so much. Thank you, Lorna, for your commitment and love for WSGM. We appreciate you so much!

Lorraine

Brisbane WSGM Picnic in the Park

Blue skies, delicious food and lots of it, delightful and inspiring company, a beautiful, peaceful garden setting, quality time not limited by agendas or schedules, a water feature in the form of a small pond and the abiding presence of our Lord – this could be the recipe for a perfect day.

Well, the inaugural Wives Support Group Ministry (Brisbane) Picnic in the Park social event at the Roma Street Parklands, Brisbane on Wednesday 24th August, 2011 did have most of the ingredients for a perfect day out but we also had some cloudy skies. Praise to our God as He did bless us with fine weather during our special time in the Park.



Although the ladies that attended were few in number (13) we were greatly blessed as the day graced us with encouragement in being together and the deepening of our relationships and also the delight in meeting new ladies connected with the ministry.



During the day our founder, Lorraine Addison presented us with an outline of a new support group that she is in the process of developing. The Esther Group will be for young unmarried Christian women.

W.S.G.M. Picnic in the Park, 2011, was a very relaxing and refreshing time of fellowship with our precious sisters in Christ and will be hopefully an annual event on our calendar.

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” Mark 6:31b.

Dawn

Introducing the 2011-2012 WSGM Board



(From Left to Right):

Marg Peril - **Chairperson** (Ex Brackenridge (Qld) Group Facilitator),
Cherylin Davel - **Secretary** (The Gap (Qld) group member),
Libby Baensch - **Publicity Officer** (Geelong (Vic) Group Co-Facilitator and Victoria State Co-ordinator),
Patricia Manteit - **Treasurer** (The Gap (Qld) Group Co-Facilitator)
Lorraine Addison - **Spiritual Overseer and Founder**

The positions of [Church-Pastor Co-ordinator](#) and [Liaison Officer](#) currently remain vacant.
Would you please prayerfully consider joining the Board of the WSGM?

National Summit Brisbane 2011



Last month 35 ladies attended our National Summit at Mount Tambourine. As organisers, we were very happy with the weekend, especially as we witnessed the Lord at work in many lives. The response from the Feedback forms rated the program as 'Excellent' in overall content, planning and presentation and also in the content of sessions and quality of Speakers and Presenters. Praise God! We value the comments received from the Feedback forms and from these we have noted some areas we can do better next year.



There was a strong contingent from Victoria, who certainly contributed much to the weekend, and we were also delighted to have quite a number of 'friends' of WSGM. Next year we would love to see more of our Qld. group members attending so if you were at this year's summit, please spread the word amongst your groups and encourage more ladies to come in 2012. It's not too early to start planning and saving to come. The date will be 12 - 14 October 2012.

Margaret



Testimony

I have just returned from my first experience of the WSG's Prayer Summit at Mt Tambourine. WOW! I had an amazing time. For those of you who were blessed enough to be able to attend, you will understand me when I say...that I have returned from that weekend wearing my "real shoes" and back onto the "path of grace" a refreshed & relaxed Princess (a warrior Princess that is!!). Also, not only spiritually 'full up' from that amazing feast but physically full up from all the food.

From the worship, to the teaching, the food, the surroundings and meeting some fantastic ladies of like mind and situation, it was simply spot on! The worship took me into God's presence and was, in itself, a healing experience, it was like a wonderful taste of heaven. The teaching was biblical & practical and I have learned so much that I can apply to my daily life.

Many of us are busy people, with family, ministries, jobs, health issues & housework all taking their toll on us emotionally, physically and spiritually. Spiritually, this weekend was an opportunity to drink from life giving water of Jesus and to partake in his feast - to really experience, that sometimes mysterious concept of an 'abundant life' that we are meant to have. It was also great to be cooked for, not have to clear up & not to have your thoughts interrupted by children. We all need that sort of time out.

I thank and praise God for the generosity of the WSG-ers & for the support & encouragement of Lorraine, which meant that I could attend this year. I have already made a note of next years dates in my diary and I intend to start saving. It is worth every dollar and more. May I encourage you to do what you need, to get there next year. If, like me, you are worried about what your husband will say or think..you know - we can't afford it, who is gonna look after the kids, etc, etc. God will take care of it. He did for me!

Blessings,
Sarah



Warrior Princess Sarah ready for battle

Book Review - Beautiful in God's Eyes

Hello from all of us here at Victoria Point Wives Support Group (Qld). We are currently studying the book "Beautiful in God's Eyes" by Elizabeth George. The book "explores the timeless wisdom" of the Proverbs 31 woman and encourages and challenges each of us as women as to how to apply these verses of God's Word practically in to our modern day lives. Elizabeth George writes humbly and simply and helps to refocus our attention on what God says is beautiful in a woman. As with many aspects of God's Word, it goes against the flow of worldly views of what constitutes a woman beautiful, but of course it is the more excellent way. We are just over half way through the book and here is what a few of our ladies have said about the book...

"This book sounds very challenging, but gives lot of practical advice. It has been interesting to learn that a beautiful woman in God's eyes is not just a sweet, wise, encouraging woman, but also very active in financial matters and is strong for her family." Aekyung



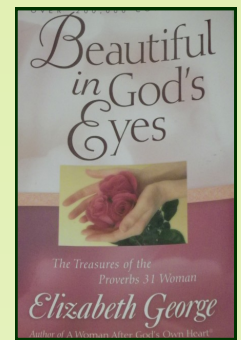
"I praise God for this book. It has helped me to start taking more care of my family, my house and me. Some of the desires I had after reading the book was to wake up very early to do my devotional, seek God and read the Bible while my family is still asleep; try to keep a tidy house, adding my touch and; in everything I do I try to do with excel-

lence, even parking the car. It seems that my eyes are turned more to my family and how to take care of them. Also, while reading this book I had the revelation that I needed to reduce spending. After a long cry to the Father and the strength of the sisters of the group, I have eliminated our credit card debt. Our family budget has changed drastically. Saving has become part of my vocabulary." Silvana

"I have found "Beautiful in God's eyes" very overwhelming as I look back over the missed opportunities to be the beautiful woman He desires of me. In saying that, I look forward to the challenges that this book has brought my attention too. It has inspired me to keep my focus on God, praying always for wisdom to manage my household, and contribute to my husband and my family's wellbeing so that it will bring Glory to my God." Heather.

"This book has helped me to refocus my attention on the things that God wants me to be focussed on first and foremost after Him. God is a God of order and when things are done in the way He designed them to be, things always work more smoothly. Praise the Lord for this book. He has led me into a better way of life with my husband and family." Michelle.

"This book has highlighted to me what God wants a wife and mother to be, and how He wants me to treat my husband and family. In Proverb 31 it's not just about what she does and how she does it, that she's being praised for by her husband and family but rather for her spiritual character and her heart motivation in all these things." Debbie

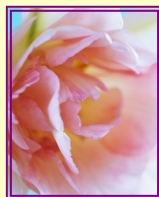


WSGM MANDATE :

- To edify the Body of Christ (the Christian woman) so that she is built up in the Word, single-minded in Loving God, being healed, and running with Vision and Purpose.
- To evangelize the lost (her husband and children) through Relationship building, Reconciliation and Prayer.
- To bring awareness to Pastors and churches of the unequally yoked woman's specific and unique needs, so that she is nurtured and grown into maturity

AGREEMENT :

- INTERDENOMINATIONAL
- CONFIDENTIAL (NO GOSSIP)
- COMMITMENT TO THE GROUP
- NON-THREATENING
- SAFE, OPEN AND CARING ATMOSPHERE
- PROMOTING LOYALTY TO HUSBANDS



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Lorraine's availability :

- Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5pm by phone (Tuesday evening 7:15pm to 9pm by phone)
- Anytime by email (available to answer on Monday to Wednesday)
- Anytime by SMS with requests or to make a time to meet or phone

MISSION STATEMENT :

1. To foster the spiritual and emotional maturity of Christian women married to husbands who do not yet know the Lord through the study of God's word, prayer and sharing with one another in a confidential environment.
2. To bring them to acknowledge their unhealed hurts and unmet needs and to bring them into wholeness.
3. To equip them to live more effectively for CHRIST and witness to their husbands and families by their Godly lives.
4. To encourage these women to reach out in support to other Christian women living in the same circumstances as they are.