

# Women's Ministries News



**Workshop**  
Our Relationship with God and One Another  
Led by Elaine Russ  
Saturday, October 15th, 10am-12pm  
Location: Falmouth Baptist Church  
Contact: Lillian at 508-540-7505 or  
[slda@verizon.net](mailto:slda@verizon.net)

## Ladies Prayer Group

First three Tuesdays, 7-8pm  
Location: Falmouth Baptist Church  
Contact: Stephanie Henry at 508-548-7129  
Talk to Stephanie if you like to lead the last  
Tuesday of the month.

## Christmas Ladies Night Out

Friday, December 2, 6:30-9pm  
Location: The Lomba Home  
Contact: Lillian at 508-540-7505 or  
[slda@verizon.net](mailto:slda@verizon.net)  
Dessert social and lots of fun activities.



## Christmas Design-a-House Workshop

Ladies Craft Group on Saturday, November 5th  
from 9 AM to 12 AM graciously held at  
Lillian Lomba's home at 76 Ashton Avenue in  
East Falmouth.  
Cost: \$8/pp, Space is limited  
Come create a Christmas or Gingerbread house  
to adorn your home during the holiday season.  
Advanced sign-up is required and located in the  
Foyer or by emailing Lillian, [slda@verizon.net](mailto:slda@verizon.net)

## On Going Bible Studies:

### Age of Opportunity A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens

Third Tuesday of every month  
Contact: Diane Dorr at 508-269-2287 or  
[dianed@carefreescape.com](mailto:dianed@carefreescape.com)

### First Place 4 Health

Every Thursday night at 7pm  
Location: Falmouth Baptist Church  
Contact: Elga Sabo-Houle at 508-457-4717

### Beth Moore Esther Bible Study scheduled to start in the New Year:

Going up against heavyweights bent on her  
destruction Esther trusted God and landed a  
blow that saved her people. The Old  
Testament story of Esther is a profile in  
courage and contains many modern parallels  
for woman today. Her destiny can be yours as  
you know more deeply the God who is in your  
corner.

See promo of Esther study yourself:  
<http://www.emedialink.com/video/4988/Beth-Moore-Esther-Bible-Study-Promo>

**Check the church calendar and bulletin for  
special Women Ministries events  
throughout the Fall and Winter months**

Let your imagination **soar** at a Women of Faith Weekend



Hartford, CT, XL Center  
November 11-12, 2011  
For more information contact Morgan Blanton, Group Leader, 508-294-8632

Escape from the everyday at a Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged and inspired. Because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever Imagine.

God can do anything, you know-far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! *Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)*



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*Thursday, June 30, 2011*

*Thank you for praying for Japan and my work with Japanese returnees.*

*Finally taking a break write a longer update, this week with house guests (0), I have been working on sorting, which won't be done truly, until the storage sheds are put in the yard sometime this summer, I was able to inherit a kitchen table & chairs from a downsizing missionary couples whose last child heads to college, and today a dresser arrived on my doorstep, as one of the final pieces of the puzzle of putting my new digs together. I had the use of a Lazy Boy recliner for nearly seven weeks, and today it went back to its home. With one less piece in the living room, I'm pondering again how to set up the area, as this will be the common area of the kitchen/dining space where I can hold small groups and Bible studies. I still need to get my earthquake supply kit put together! Today with the earthquake in Nagano Prefecture I learned that my city is very close to the Tachikawa Fault Line---Sigh!*

*The Brannens and I are based at Musashino Chapel Center (MCC), which has 1 English and 3 Japanese services each Sunday. There are many international students and Japanese returnees who attend worship there. Initially I had been attending the English service, but I hope from this week to be at the Japanese service, which meets at the same time as the English service. The 1st Saturday each month is a coffee house ministry, which brings out many who don't usually attend church.*

*Ken Milhous, Jr., from the Boston Japanese Christian Church is here with his family for a few weeks, there will be a mini reunion of BJCC people on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ken & Debbie, with daughters Chloe & Phoebe also stopped into CRASH Japan to see how they can be involved with relief efforts from the US. I was able to meet his parents Gerry & Ken Milhous, Sr., who served in Japan for 40 years, and get them connected with the emotional/survivor care staff who are in desperate need of Japanese speakers to help with disaster survivors up North. And since the elder Milhous' will be in Japan most of the summer, this is a perfect match.*

*I am working at networking with pastors & returnees and getting to know area churches that receive newcomers- helping them get established in their Christian faith after living overseas. I am part of a brainstorming group of mostly Japanese, (but conducted in English) discussing how the Brannens & I can make inroads among returnees & foreign students.*

*I volunteer 2x a week at CRASH headquarters in the screening section. Following up people that might still be interest in bring teams in the next 2-3 years. My first time to go north to the disaster area is July 25-30 to Ichinomaki. Next week my missionary neighbor will have 10 coming from his supporting church in New Jersey and open up a new base for CRASH Japan. I know it is hard for many people to sacrifice time and come. One of our missionary couples Jim & Eileen who have extensive training in counseling, have put their usual ministry of church planting aside and are now full-time in the disaster area.*

*From May 10 up until last week, I had housed volunteers, as I am just a 10 min. walk from CRASH headquarters.*

*Japan Christian Fellowship Network (JCFN) held a meeting in Tokyo, June 25th with guest speaker Pastor Akira Satoh, of Fukushima 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church—(just 5 kilometers from the nuclear power plant). The church members now live a nomadic existence at a Bible camp in Western Tokyo, which housed*

*them for a few weeks and then made the brave decision to cancel the camp programs for the remainder of the year, so this group would have a home for near future*

*I have submitted my Ministry Initiative Proposal, to TEAM field leadership for final approval, and JCFN has approved me as an Associate Staff.*

*Thank you for praying for fellow TEAM missionaries Tim & Aileen Selander, Tim (55) had successfully cardiac bypass surgery last week, and was let out of the hospital after seven days (almost unheard of in Japan).*

*Right now we only have 20 missionaries under the age of 50 serving with TEAM Japan!*

*Serving the Lord, Roberta Peabody*

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Prayer request from the Merryman's



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise God! Psalm 105:1

I just wanted to thank you for your upholding us all in prayer this past week and during the weeks leading up to our retreat/planning session for Children in Christ!! The prayer support made a huge difference--each day inspired by His tangible presence.

The time together, in the Word, in prayer, in discussions and plans of ministry, was beyond our best expectations, with the Lord doing abundantly more than all we could have asked or thought through the ever-present guidance, peace, wisdom given by the Holy Spirit. It was an amazing 6 days!

For me personally it was an incredibly encouraging time. Meeting these joyful, inspiring, and humble African brothers and sisters who share the Gospel and disciple African kids in places no one else is willing to go was absolutely inspiring. Their humility, courage, down-to-earth Biblical soundness, heavenly wisdom, and total sold-out love for Christ is incredibly encouraging. As CIC, their whole passion is for kids, that they would be reached and maturing in Christ and then disciplined and equipped to go share the Truth to families, peers, unreached villages, communities and even nations in Africa. I also was so happy to see affirmed their love for the pure Word of God, and that the local church is passionately a primary means of starting clubs --and that these clubs help unify across all Word-based denominations. One of those I met was Francis, who lived in a broken down car for 1 1/2 years with his cousin to start clubs in Gambia and Liberia. Another was Sam, who works under the radar screen in Sudan, which has been helping to build unity in war-torn regions. Yesterday we were talking about Luke 9:23 and how we deny self and take up our cross daily and follow Him. Sam shared that one of his "crosses" is the daily danger he faces in Sudan. Though he is encouraged by locals to carry an AK47, he does not because it would send the wrong message to the kids and many volunteers who come. Another is also working under the radar screen in Mauritania, where Westerners would not be able to go for security reasons. Yet there is such humility- and God gets all the glory.

The retreat/workshop went incredibly well--beyond anything we could have expected. God is so good. We spent an hour each day in the Word together, with much prayer time, and planning-- basically to identify where we can be better stewards of God's work in CIC. It is all His and by His grace He somehow has allowed each one the privilege of being part of His handiwork in Africa. Like Peter from Kenya said a few days back--"CIC is just a bunch of God's donkeys, carrying kids on our back, so that they might see Jesus Christ. It has nothing to do with the donkey. It has everything to do with Him."

Thank you also for uplifting my family and little Grace.. Without my even making an effort, God provided very trustworthy people to take care of Grace during this time and she was happy and content for the whole 6 days!

PRAYER REQUEST

The team said its goodbyes last night--but some will stay a little longer. I will be in meetings with them throughout the week as we work on reviewing our discipleship training manuals, our development of child leaders, and other necessary items. Please pray that all would be centered on Him, abiding in Him, and led by Him.

Separately, this past Sunday the headmistress of the local Tanzanian school gave us official permission to begin a youth Bible study in our home on Saturday nights. Please pray for Adrian and me as we welcome possibly more than 20 Tanzanian teens into our home on Saturday night. Many of these children are from all parts of Tanzania and board here in Arusha. They are away from parents, family, etc. Please pray for Holy Spirit wisdom about teaching material, content, hearts soft to hear God's Word, etc. Also please pray for a way that we would be able to manage this kind of crowd. Our house is quite small.

Thank you again so very much for your prayers!!!

In His Love,  
Jen

[Jennifer Merryman](#)

[John 3:16](#)

[1 John 3:1](#)

[Romans 15:13](#)

[2 Peter 3:9](#)

[John 14:6](#)

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"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him" (1 John 5:14-15).