

## The Seven E's of Enchanting Potential

by Edna Mapstone

The AWM Executive Team has been reading Tony Dungy's book, *The Mentor Leader*, and I have been excited with the new insights about the leadership theories he sets forth and, more importantly, his perspective in the practical application of what I'm reading. In Chapter 8, Mr. Dungy discusses the "Methods of a Mentor Leader: The Seven E's of Enchanting Potential." He states, "In this chapter, we'll look at seven key words—all beginning with the Letter E—that describe a progression of steps that will help you mentor others while you lead them to reach their potential as team members." I'd like to briefly share them with you for two reasons: first, because I think they are valuable to you as a leader and second, because I hope this will whet your appetite to want to read this book. So, here we go!

### ENGAGE

- Mentor leaders walk alongside the people they lead – and they love every step
- Keep an "open door" policy to foster approachability
- Look for ways to connect with those you lead

### EDUCATE

- Education is essential to build a strong foundation
- By teaching we help others grow to become more valuable to the team

### EQUIP

- Dungy states, "mentor leaders create an environment in which others can be productive and excel....In essence, they strive to furnish what is needed for the task physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually – and to accomplish the mission."

### ENCOURAGE

- Mentor leaders are encouragers
- Encourage in both the good and the bad times

### EMPOWER

- Tony Dungy says, "...that is true empowerment: preparation followed by appropriate freedom. At some point, a mentor leader must turn others loose to do their jobs."

### ENERGIZE

- No matter what is going on in your life, a good leader will energize and inspire others
- Intentionally energize, inspire and motivate those you lead

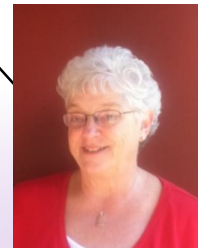
### ELEVATE

- "Teamwork: Simply stated, it is less me and more we?" (author unknown) Dungy says this about elevate: "It's not about getting credit; it's about helping the organization, and everyone in it, be the best they can be."

I trust you will think on these "Seven E's for Enchanting Potential," asking yourself, "Which of these E's can I work on to be a better mentor leader?" Remember, we never know the *eternal* impact we have had on those whose lives we have touched in obedience to His call. Blessings to you!

Resource: *The Mentor Leader*, Tony Dungy with Nathan Whitaker; Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Carol Stream, IL 2010

### Meet Edna Mapstone National AWM Interim Director



In May, as Susan Bernard completed her tenure as our National AWM director, Edna Mapstone was appointed Interim Director for National Alliance Women Ministries. Edna has served in many capacities along with her husband Jerry and has been involved in Alliance Women on the local, zone and district levels. She is an AWM cheerleader and thrives on building relationships with international workers in order to pray more effectively for them and for their children. Edna's heart's desire is to live the "Christ Life" for the advancement of the Kingdom. We are thrilled to have ties to the Midwest District with both Susan and Edna. Please pray for Edna and the national AWM team as they plan for 2012 and beyond.



Are you ready for some fun in the sun? Are you ready to dance your shoes off? Are you ready to nestle closer to Jesus? Are you ready to find "hope" for every day? If your answer to any of these questions is "yes," then pack your Bible, bathing suit and flip flops and join hundreds of other Alliance Women for Celebrate 2012 "Our Hope in Christ" on September 27-30 at the beautiful Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Florida. Alicia Williamson Garcia is our keynote speaker. Chondra Pierce, best selling author and stand-up comic will be with us opening night. Start saving and praying. See you there!

## THANK YOU NOTES

### Burkina Faso

Our great big thank you for the youth scholarship funds sent our way. It was a huge blessing. Thank you for thinking of us and our youth here in Burkina Faso. We appreciate all your hard work on our behalf. Serving together, Esther Schaeffer

*To view a special thank you video produced especially for Alliance Women Ministries by Esther's son, Stephen, who is also the narrator, visit the national AWM website ([alliancewomen.org](http://alliancewomen.org)) and click on the link in the right column posted August 19. For more Burkina Faso videos, search "Burkina Alliance Women" once you are in YouTube.*

### Leadership Tip

"Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves."  
Author Unknown

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[www.alliancewomen.org/aw11/workguide11](http://www.alliancewomen.org/aw11/workguide11)**

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