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Ladies,

We are off and running in a new ministry year. I am praying that yours will be filled with opportunities to extend the cold cup of water that we find in Jesus Christ to women in your church, your community and around the world.

With this mailing comes opportunity to financially give toward blessing our missionaries with outfit monies, supporting the national project, our guest home in Jordan, and giving towards national, district and zone contributions.

For those of you who are new to Alliance Women Ministries, each Fall a set of vouchers, as the ones included in this mailing, are sent out to all of our churches in the Midwest District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Each year, the District Alliance Women Team looks at what the anticipated need for outfits for our district missionaries will be. This year we will have the privilege of giving outfit monies to the Tim Westergren family, the Derksen family, the Weidemann family who are or will be on home assignment within the ministry year. We also are anticipating giving a final outfit to the Burkharts as they retire within the next year or so.

Outfit money is used by our missionaries for purchasing household or personal items that perhaps would be tough to purchase otherwise within their allowance. The weak US dollar makes our outfit giving all that more important. The funds for giving toward the outfit can be raised through a variety of ways such as: offerings in your women's ministry meetings, a gift from the missions committee of your church or an opportunity given through an announcement in the bulletin for all, not just women to give through the church offering.

This year, our target outfit giving is around \$10,000. This seems like a huge number but with everyone helping with a portion, we will reach our goal. Each church is given a suggested amount based on a number of factors including the size of the church. Remember, that the amount is suggested, you can certainly give more to help out as some churches cannot meet the suggested amount.

Attached is the your church's new set of vouchers for this year's Outfit, Projects and various contributions. The voucher system is set up so that payments for outfits and various contributions are spread throughout three different giving dates. Use half of the first voucher for the first payment in December and follow the instructions for how to make out the check and who to send it to. You can send in contributions at any time. If you use up the three vouchers, please send a note telling us what the money is to be used for.

The district newsletter periodically has information on the other projects. Be watching for updated information. If you would like a copy of a detailed explanation of what the various contributions and projects are, please contact me. I will be more than happy to send you a copy.

Thank you in advance for giving.

Blessings,  
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