Ohio Women for Missions
Serving those who serve...

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The OWM fall retreat is a favorite of the women of our state. In the past, the registration was limited to the first 250. To allow more women to attend, we have planned two back-to-back identical retreats. Our 2010 speakers are Juanita Purcell and Lisa Van Ryn.

Juanita Purcell has been a pastor’s wife for over 40 years. She is the mother of three married children and has ten grandchildren. Mrs. Purcell has authored nine ladies’ Bible study books. One of her great joys as a pastor’s wife is teaching ladies’ Bible studies, discipling new believers and mentoring women for ministry.

Lisa Van Ryn’s story is one that made national headlines because it was so hard to believe. In the aftermath of a devastating automobile accident that killed five people, Lisa sat at the bedside of a young woman she believed to be her sister Laura. But a case of mistaken identity added to the trauma that two families were already experiencing.

Women at Risk will have a boutique at the retreat with high end products made by disadvantaged women rescued from traffickers and employed with dignity. Your purchases will help lift a woman from despair to hope.

Retreat costs include accommodations, the programs, plus a full Amish dinner (family style) and breakfast. Contact Linda Adams (OWM Treasurer) to learn if there are still any room available for either retreat.

Cost:
- $76 ~ 4 per room
- $81 ~ 3 per room
- $91 ~ 2 per room

When the Earth Trembled ~ The OWM 2010-2011 Project

On January 12, 2010 Baptist Mid-Missions’ missionaries, Dr. Roy and Ruthie Shelpman were busy in their second story apartment at the Metzler Youth Home in Grand Goave, Haiti. Suddenly an earthquake of catastrophic magnitude hit with no warning in all its fury. In just 60 seconds much of Haiti changed dramatically and chaos continues for many who survived. The Youth Center survived the initial shock of the quake. But at midnight there was a giant tremor of nearly 6.0 magnitude; it was obvious the structure was going to fall. At 2:30 am the structure collapsed into a mass of concrete roof, blocks, and debris. Fortunately no one was injured for the house was unoccupied.

The Metzler Youth Home provides not only a home for many orphaned young people, but also is a educational facility where the Haitians are trained in Christian leadership. The Shelpmans are currently in Haiti, supervising the rebuilding of the Metzler Youth Home and encouraging the Haitians during this difficult time. Our OWM project is to provide $10,000 to assist in the construction costs. A DVD about the earthquake in Haiti and our project is available upon request from OWM secretary, Sallie Lemponen. Share the DVD with your church women.