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## President's Corner by Katy Taylor *A Touch*

Dear Ladies,

In Matthew Chapter 8, verses 1 -4, we find a story of a healing touch. A leper approached Jesus believing that he could be healed. Jesus could have just spoken and healed the man. But He touched him like most other people would not. His touch was very powerful. In the Daily Bread there was a devotion about a young woman's touch. She was with a group that were ministering to others. She helped a woman with a distorted leg that was hard to look at. She washed and

bandaged her leg as gently as she could. When the woman started crying, the young woman thought she was hurting her as she bandaged the leg. The injured woman said that she had not been touched in nine years. How sad! Our words of encouragement, compassion and love mean so much more with a touch. If we want to be like Jesus, we must reach out as He did while here on earth. We can shine in this dark, uncaring world by touching others with God's love. Will you glow in the dark in your world? We do not know how long we have left to glow.

*Thank you to all of the ladies that had a part in our state meeting. We were blessed to have Sis. Sarah Sargent join us from the National Office! A special thanks to Debbie Hearod for the powerful and encouraging message she brought.*

### **Thank you all for your Provision Closet Contributions!**

*\$14,035.35 given in non-cash items*

*\$4,500 given in gift cards*

*\$18,535.35 total from Michigan WAC*

## Family Matters by Stefanie Shope

*The following is an excerpt from Proverbs31 Ministries "Seeing with My Heart" by Lynn Cowell.*

Growing up in a home swimming with female hormones, I was blessed to have not one "mother," but four. I was the youngest of five daughters, and there was

always a feminine perspective around ... ready and willing to point me in the right direction. Sometimes they used their words, but more often, their guidance was subtle: Their actions spoke.

These women taught me how to keep going when life isn't what you expect. They modeled staying true to yourself,

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your family and God even when “true” was not given to you. They showed me how to love even when love costs dearly. The women of my family, both the one I was born into and the one I married into, have all, in one way or another, shaped me into the woman I am becoming.

God has intersected my life with still more women through friendship, who have spurred me on when I struggled to keep moving forward. These women, some whose names I can’t remember, were so crazy in love with Jesus, they drew me to fall in love with Him, too.

They practiced the wisdom found in Hebrews 10:24, “... spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

These women in my past, who impacted my whole life, have come in all ages, all shapes and all sizes ... all women who taught me to see with my heart.

Today, the women teaching me to see with my heart include my daughters. At one point I was the one doing all the teaching. But today, I am daily challenged by them. Seeing the world in a way I haven’t before, I learn from their love for people and their desire for everyone to know their true value. While it was once

a one-way teaching, now we spur each other on.

This growing, this learning to see with my heart and not with my natural eyes, has not always been easy. The Lord in His kindness and graciousness has sent those who’ve been bold enough to confront me, showing me the error of my ways. And I know, as I continue to desire to grow, He’ll continue to send more who will challenge me.

Mother’s Day is just around the corner, and while it honors those who brought us into this world, it is also a day to celebrate women. To say “thank you” to those in our lives who have helped us grow, challenged us and taught us to see with more than our natural eyes.

Lord, thank You so much for the many women You have brought into my life who’ve helped me become the woman I am today. Help me not just receive, but also to be one who spurs on others to good works as well. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

*For more devotions from Proverbs 31 ministries, visit [proverbs31.org](http://proverbs31.org)*

**Greetings from Spain – Tim and Kristi Johnson**

Dear Michigan ladies,

"April Showers bring.....May babies." This past weekend, we were pleasantly surprised that it rained here in Spain, a



country where droughts and dry lands are more

common than rainfall and lush green plants. While the rain fell outside, we had a baby shower inside at the Alpedrete Church for a mom of seven-year-old twin boys who is expecting a baby girl any day now. After seven years with two high-energy boys and several years trying to get pregnant again, she is thrilled about the possibility of pink bows and cute little

girl things in her home. During the shower, we all wrote her words of encouragement and Bible verses on a wall canvas that will hang in the baby's room. And she shared a part of her testimony of how she cried out to God asking Him for a baby, following Hannah's example from I Samuel. Against her doctor's predictions, her prayer was answered. It was truly a beautiful celebration!



You can see photos here of some of the decorations from the shower, beautifully crafted by one of our ladies.

I am so thankful for the ladies that God has brought into our church. Some are teachers in our Friday night youth meetings. Some work with our kids during VBS. Others have a true heart for the less fortunate and work in the social outreach program. There are also Sunday School teachers, musicians, and even several who faithfully clean the church each week. God's uses them to "shower" love on many people around them!



Tim & Kristi  
Spain

**MICHIGAN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST 2017 RETREAT**

**SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017 AT THE WEBER'S INN OF ANN ARBOR**

**OUR THEME THIS YEAR WILL BE "GLOWING IN THE DARK"  
KEY VERSE JOHN 8:12**

**FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST: TAMMY JONES-ROBINETTE**

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