



What a  
*Mighty*  
God we serve!

Marion Homa, Administrator, Women of Purpose, Int'l

His wisdom far outreaches even our smallest thought. All we are required to do as His children, is to allow Him to move according to His perfect will, without hindrance from us...without our disbelief and our mistrust.

“By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” – Ephesians 2:8. By faith, we believed that He would provide funds for the orphans and widows. By faith, we believed that He would restore broken relationships. By faith, we believed that He would send a new crew to man the ship for His kingdom. By faith, we believed that He would connect His children in ways that we could never imagine. By faith, we believed that He would deliver many from bondage through intercessory prayer each week. By faith, we believed that He would provide an office in northeast Portland where Women of Purpose, Int'l could be a light and demonstrate the love of Christ. Faith is truly a gift of God – there for us if we want it, desire it and long for it.

The Portland office, located on Grand Avenue is a testimony of faith. We knew it was coming, but we didn't know when. However, waiting was not difficult since we knew that His timing was far superior to ours. He gave us small pieces each step of the way, planting within our hearts the 'knowing'

“Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all.”

Mark 16:15 The Message Bible

that it would soon come. So we waited... “they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” – Isaiah 40:31. Now the office is open. There is still much to complete, but we now see what He promised a number of years ago. The office hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Much will be done there for the kingdom. He will send those He desires to be planted there; those in transition, those in need of counseling and prayer therapy, those who need to be freed from sex trafficking and lack of self esteem, those who need a place to pray and to be among believers who can stand, by faith, that “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose” – Romans 8:28.

He told us to 'GO FORTH' this year and we did. Obedience is so very important in our walk with Him. Without it, it is impossible to please Him. By walking in obedience, trust, faith and above all else, LOVE, He will do the rest as His work is accomplished through anyone He chooses to use. Indeed, faith is a gift of God. Many blessings as we go forth in this new season of Women of Purpose, Int'l.

### Portland, Oregon Office

*This office will house the*

- Administrator and Assistant
- National Director and Assistant
- Prayer Co-ordinator
- Volunteer for Women in Transition and
- Mentors to the homeless

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# PURPOSE

PURPOSE is a publication of Women of Purpose, Int'l, a 501(c)3 ministry registered in the state of Oregon.

We are a Christ-centered connective ministry, working within our own organization as well as connecting with others.

Mission Statement  
Women of Purpose, Int'l exists to reconcile and nurture relationships amongst women of every ethnicity, denomination, and social status to identify and impart their individual and collective gifts to each other for the strengthening of the body of Christ and the prayerful pollination of the unchurched and the lost.

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## Heart to Heart

FROM THE PRESIDENT  
O. VIRGINIA PHILLIPS, Ph.D.

While waiting in anticipation of sharing for the Purpose Quarterly—sometimes expecting, other times waiting for answers to the questions in my mind that only God could answer—several topics came to my mind. There are two that resonate in my heart.

How was I to respond to the reoccurring questions several people have asked me?

- When are you leaving Oregon?"
- "Will you go for good, or simply travel and return?"
- "Are you going to Florida or someplace else?"

My one consistent answer has been, "I am praying, waiting, listening, and in obedience, I am being prepared." This is not just about me, others are involved.

I thought several times about the many places I said "yes" to God when I heard "It's time to Go." Some of the time I did not personally "Go." My understanding of why, when I said "yes" and expected to move to another place, was God had a bigger plan. At first I wondered, but could not question, because I knew without a doubt I heard the Holy Spirit.

When I read in Oswald Chambers book, *My Utmost for His Highest* July 28 devotional, it helped me put in perspective what I knew to be truth. It was called, "After Obedience – What?"

God continues to train me for what He has already done. "God's

training is for now, not presently. His purpose is for this minute, not something in the future. We have nothing to do with the 'afterwards of obedience'; we get it wrong when we think of the afterward. What men call training and preparation, God calls the end."

In other words, each time God called me to "Go" to a place, my response was always "yes." My obedience in the "yes" was the end where God was concerned. Of course I had a further end in view—to prepare myself and get ready.

What God wanted was my attention to the present moment. What He wanted was obedience, depending on Him. To wait was training, the end had already been planned by Him. I must say, "Yes, Your will be done, Lord."

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### Obedience

"Obedience is the test of whether we really live "in God" or not.

1 John 2:6 JB Phillips translation

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This has happened four times in the past six years. In 2006, it was Arkansas; 2009, Kenya; 2010, Haiti and 2011, Israel. Each time God had a ram in the bush. I wondered sometimes what others would think — "Did I really hear God?" The answer is "Yes." On two occasions I received the answer afterwards. On

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the other two occasions I received the answer before.

When God said, “Go,” my answer each time was, “yes,” whether I went or sent others. The purpose was obedience. Each time I was reminded of who I am in Christ—a bridge, a reconciler, a restorer. I am not my own. I can seed or water but God brings the increase. He is in charge no matter what it looks like to the natural eye. He operates in the supernatural. My purpose, and that of every born again Christian, is to believe and obey. This takes waiting, listening, seeking the heart of God and obeying no matter how it looks. God’s ways are so much higher and “someone is always waiting on the other side of our obedience.”

*Grace*  
... part of God's character.

Now that I have completed *Born to Love, Memoirs of an Ageless Senior*, I am thankful for the grace God gives so freely. It was His grace that provided the foundation for Women of Purpose, International to exist. What a privilege to be part of such a great inheritance in the Kingdom of God. The Word to the church in Acts 4:32-34 is the same message that framed this ministry of Reconciliation, Restoration and Renewal.

✎ As we prayed for direction, God answered.

✎ We became witnesses of the power of God through our faith in His Word.

✎ We were admonished to speak life into one another and refrain from any gossip.

✎ Grace was upon us as the Holy Spirit spoke when I asked the question for direction — “Simply love each one who I send, unconditionally. Do not judge them by their outward appearance, their past, nor their religious denomination or social status.

✎ Do not number them nor take membership, each will become inheritors of My Kingdom, they belong to ME. It is I who will call them to come.

✎ Move as though you have everything you need. All you need will be given by those I send, those that will hear and be obedient. You will be a bridge that others will cross over to ME. It will be My love and grace that will sustain this ministry.

✎ Women of Purpose, International will be a Gideon Army that will influence thousands but the glory will be mine.

As I wrote *Born to Love, Memoirs of an Ageless Senior*, I was reminded of God’s unmerited grace in every aspect of my life and the ministries that He entrusted me with, even before Women of Purpose, International.



Nothing in the book of memoirs, *Born to Love*, could have been done by me, as undeserving as I am. Only God could have enabled me to do the exploits recorded in its pages. It is by His grace that He saved me, and moved me to say “yes” to each growth period in my life. The ministry of Women of Purpose, International was

nothing more than another expression of the Amazing Grace of our God, as was each season of my life.

My prayer is that this book will bring to each reader a greater realization and knowledge of God’s love and unmerited grace that He freely gives to each person who desires to know Him.



*“The greatest single issue in the Christian ministry is whether or not the one doing the ministering understands that it is God who works in us not we who work for Him . . . Until we realize that we can’t, we can not fully grasp that only He can.”*

*Yet Not I, Russell Kelfer*

*Born to Love* Memoirs of an Ageless Senior

“My friend Virginia has found that place in the heart of God through her walk with Him. Her desire to be abandoned to our Creator will touch every reader of this book for she practices the presence of God in preparation for His coming.”

**Dr. Scott Preissler**  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
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## Born to Love

Memoirs of an Ageless Senior  
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Reading Dr. Phillips Memoirs is an experience. You will cry, laugh, pray, identify with, receive answers to questions about life and love and even get loving correction. She writes, "The true value of anything is known only when it is wanted." What a truth! And oh, how many in this world need to be wanted and to be valued. How many people have been wounded and rejected and have felt discarded. You get a glimpse of what to say and how to deal with those rejections.

**Reverend Pat Chen, Founder and President**

*First Love Ministries International, Inc.*

*Author, Intimacy with the Beloved, The Depths of God and other publications.*

*www.firstloveprayer.net*

This is a book that will surprise you. It not only presents the circumstances, joys and sorrows of a life well lived, with unexpected transparency, but you will see how those experiences brought wisdom, understanding, strength and a lasting peace. It will lead you on a journey, blow away the fog, clear up misunderstandings about the One who has all the answers. Listen and apply to your own life what you find within the pages. This is not a religious book that attempts to sway you to the traditions of man, it is a path to truly know the One who loves you most . . . or an opportunity to know Him better.

**Gail Watson**

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"Virginia Phillips is a woman of rare depth, insight and wisdom and her words and her life have instructed my husband and myself as well as many other families and individuals. How wonderful now to have this book, since our generation needs her voice more than ever. I am pleased to recommend Dr. Phillips' writing, knowing these words will bless and encourage many."

**Nancie Carmichael**, former editor of

*Virtue Magazine*; author of *"Surviving One Bad Year: Spiritual Strategies to Lead You to a New Beginning."*

## The What, Where and How of the Word

*Fill your heart with Jesus  
and there will be no room for the enemy.*

...What do you do when all around you there is chaos, earthquake, tornadoes, fires, tsunamis and political upheaval?

2 Chronicles 7:14

...What do you say when someone in your family or a close friend dies suddenly of no apparent reason? Unceasing prayer is the key.

Acts 12:1-17

...Where do you go when challenging circumstances close in around you and you feel stuck?

Psalms 41:1-3, 12

...How do you respond when a child asks for an answer to a question like, "Mommy, Daddy, why doesn't God do something when people are mean to one another?"

John 13:34, 35 – James 2:1-9 – Psalms 15:3

...What do pastors do when their congregations decide that he/she should no longer preach about the wages of sin when it makes them feel uncomfortable?

James 3:1 – Acts 26:19, 20

...What does a pastor do when half his people have no jobs and no tithes to give and the mortgage is overdue?

Matthew 17:19, 20

...How do you respond to God when He says "Go" and you have no financial means to do so?

Romans 12:1, 2 – Mark 11:24

...Who do you turn to when there seems to be no answers to your problems?

Mark 11:22, 23, 24

**Questions can be sent to Dr. Phillips and will be answered on the website and the Quarterly PURPOSE.**

# National News/Outreach/Upcoming Events

[www.womenofpurpose.com](http://www.womenofpurpose.com)

Our NEW website is up and you are invited to comment. Dr. Phillips will be on FACEBOOK after September 24th!

Our webmasters, the Kramer's of Pneuma33 have been a great blessing to the ministry.

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## WASHINGTON

Women of Purpose leader, Valerie Issiac and the group in Tacoma distributed school supplies again this year to low income children returning to school. Our National Director was there in July to do a Mentor Training and will be returning. The training was well received and new women are on board.

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### MENTORING - Oregon - Washington

Monthly Mentoring Training continues with Women of Purpose, Int'l Director, Gloria Stidum.

### MENTORING - Columbia , Missouri

Director: Deloris Hill

***Requests for Mentoring Groups - please call Director Gloria Stidum (503) 490-9002.***

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## CALIFORNIA

Women of Purpose leader, Pam Boggus, Founder of Heart of the Father Ministries is also Director of Women of Purpose Intl. in Lodi, California. The 2012 Conference will be hosted by the California group.

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## MISSOURI

The Missouri Women of Purpose, Intl group leader, Minister Deloris Hill and Young People of Purpose leader, Wanda Hayes Epps actively support the Sierra Leone Children of Purpose School. There are 350 students and a group of 11 orphans are being supported by the Young People of Purpose group.



## HOUSES OF PRAYER

*We are to always pray and not give up.  
Luke 18:1*

In this season our prayers should be especially focused given the state of the world. In response to this command to pray, we are seeking Prayer Houses in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California. Each house will receive a prayer plaque to place on their front door from Women of Purpose, International and each month, a prayer list will be sent to each home with prayer requests.

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## OREGON

### HOUSE OF RECONCILIATION

Sherwood, Oregon - Home for women.

The Intercessory Prayer Group is quite active and the intercessors pray for prayer requests that are telephoned in, e-mailed, written or spoken to the intercessors each week from 10 a.m. - noon. The group support events to fund Kenya where there are now three Women of Purpose, Intl groups.

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**His Heart Ministry** - Tolbert and I are pressing toward this goal of being in sync with the heartbeat of our Lord. Our desire is to share His heart, knowledge and understanding with all of those He leads us to.  
Pastor Mary Jo Lovelady

***Dedication of the Portland, Oregon office will be held in September***

***Watch for details out soon!***

SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

# Raise the Praise

Shout unto the Lord with the voice of Triumph  
Psalm 47:1b

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
Psalm 48:1a

**Saturday**  
**September 17, 2011**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Tigard Covenant Church**  
**11321 SW Naev**  
**Tigard, OR 97223**

**Presented by WOP Int'l**

**Refreshments following**

**Special Offering for:**  
**Orphans & Widows in Kenya**

**For more information contact:**  
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OCTOBER 1, 2011



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**OF PURPOSE**  
*International*

## Harvest Time Fair

**Gifts** 🌿 **Collectibles** 🌿 **Crafts**

*"All proceeds go to the mission outreaches  
of Women of Purpose International."*

**Saturday - October 1, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Tigard United Methodist Church  
9845 SW Walnut Place  
Tigard, OR 97223

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www.womenofpurpose.com

**VENDORS:** Registration Forms upon request:  
Tables 8' x 2-1/2' - \$40 (plus 15% of sales)

**Business Advertising Space Available:** \$25

**Registration Deadline:** August 22, 2011  
Your payment reserves your space.

### MENTOR TRAINING - OCTOBER, 2011

**October 16 - Portland, OR**

Mercy Corp  
1818 NE Martin-Luther King Blvd, Suite C  
Portland, Oregon  
**6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
Investment Fee: \$15.00 per person

**For more information contact:**  
Donna Isaac - 503-936-5835

**October 28-30 - Columbia, MO**

Please contact Deloris Hill,  
Women of Purpose, Intl Director:  
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or Young Women of Purpose Leader  
Wanda Hayes Epps  
573 214 2890  
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NOVEMBER 11-13, 2011

## *3rd Annual Virtuous Women of Integrity Retreat*

PLEASE SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS

### JANUARY PRAYER RENEWAL

*Planning Meeting will be held in December*

# International News

## KENYA

Our International focus is on Kenya, due to the desperate needs of the widows and orphans and food, water and medicine for the drought stricken areas as well as those millions fleeing Somalia into Kenya. There are now three villages where Women of Purpose, Intl. operate. The minimum need is \$350 for each. Last month we sent \$700 for the two that our Director, Judith Sellenga and her husband provide oversight to. Our goal is to send the Sellenga's \$1,000 monthly for two villages, which will also provide for teachers at the sewing school.

It is our prayer that we can get commitments, primarily we want Prayer for favor for the work there. We are thankful for our Board members for their help to the ministry and to those who contribute to the general expenses which increased when we moved the National office to Portland. Your giving is tax deductible. Your donations are recorded as they are given and end of the year Giving Statements are sent in January of each year.

### **Priscilla Hernandez Brado**

Born with a heart for Widows and Orphans, Priscilla was born on April 25, 2000. Her mother taught her early that giving is a way of life for a

believer in Jesus Christ. Rosie Brado has been a part of the Women of Purpose, Intl Intercessory Prayer Group for more than two years. Priscilla, her daughter, makes flower pins to raise funds for the orphans in the village of Bondo. It would be a great encouragement to her if you sent a donation for the orphans in Bondo, Kenya. You will receive a pin which represents the different cultures in Women of Purpose, International.

## SIERRA LEONE

We still need supporters of the orphans at the Children of Purpose School. We are grateful to those who have been so faithful to send funds.

## HAITI

October 10th through the 25th Renae Warren is returning to Haiti for two weeks serving with Missionary Vera Boudreaux in Gonaives with People Concerned for Missions in Haiti. She is committed to God and He has opened up her heart to missions. Missionary Vera Boudreaux mentored O. Virginia Phillips in the 60's which changed her life and has been a light in her life for fifty years. Vera has mentored Renae and the heart to heart connect of these women has reaped a great harvest in the Kingdom.

### ***New Portland Office***

### ***Being Chosen to Serve - Kendra Hand, Administrative Assistant***

Hello and blessings to one and all. I have attended and participated in the Women of Purpose Int'l support group in Newberg since January of this year. I have fallen in love with this ministry because I can see it touches the Master's Heart. I have been blessed time and time again and I began to cry out to the Lord that I wanted to serve in any way He wanted to use me. This is when the Lord gave my name to Dr. Virginia for the Portland, Women of Purpose Int'l National Office.

I've been working at the Grand Avenue office

since July 12, 2011. Since that time, I've been getting acclimated, settling in and have already begun working with one young woman in transition. She's a brand new Christian and it has been a joy to come along beside her and mentor her as the Lord leads me. I'm looking forward to each new step that the Lord leads and guides us in this new office. I have a sense of excitement when I think about the future working with this ministry and I'm really grateful that the Lord chose me to serve.

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## *Virtuous Women of Integrity Retreat 2011*

**November 11-13, 2011**

# *Refreshing...*

### **Location**

*Crestview Manor House  
1601 NE Crestview Lane  
Corbett, OR 97019*



**Prophetess Gloria Stidum**  
Founder of GPIM and Hostess  
Vancouver, WA

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To register contact Donna Isaac  
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