

Response to Sister Question:

Each issue, we print responses to our Sister Question. The question for **September-October** was: What was the most significant transition you have experienced in the last ten years? **Ida**

Gehman of Lebanon, Pa. responded:

I knew it was time to move on. The restlessness had started again. That is how God seems to move in my life. I am a single woman in my forties with a part-time child. I was night supervisor at a homeless shelter for women and children, I worked full-time at a prison ministry, and I was part of a church plant in a small city. The stress was getting to be too much. I seemed to be surrounded 24/7 by needy people and their multitude of problems. In praying and talking to friends, I knew it was time to move on to a place of my own for the first time in my life. Yet, never having lived on my own, I had no idea how I could afford it. Working at a ministry is rewarding, but the pay is not top dollar.

Yet, God is so awesome! Habitat for Humanity had an office in the building where I work, and as I talked to the director one day, I mentioned that I wanted to move. We talked of the high cost of living even in our small city. She said, "Why don't you apply here?" I told her I just figured I wouldn't qualify, but, Praise God, I did qualify!

Now, after a year and a half in my new home, I am loving it to the max! God is so faithful in supplying all my needs and some of my wants. It is so relaxing to be able to come and go as I please and not have to worry about so many other people. 📧

Cup of Water

Latin American and African women theologians plan to meet together and offer workshops for everyone in Paraguay at Mennonite World Conference assembly in July, 2009. Prior to Assembly, Latin American women leaders will meet together for the first time ever! Many Latin American women will need scholarships of \$200 to \$1,500, and Africans will need nearly \$2,500 in scholarship help. Prayerfully consider how God might work through your women's group, church, or specific individuals to support our sisters in this way.

For planning purposes, it would be helpful to have funds or commitments by January 10, 2009. Make checks payable to Mennonite World Conference, 2529 Willow Ave., Clovis, CA 93612, USA, and indicate "African and Latin American Women Theologians Travel Fund" on the memo line of your check, unless you want to specify which region you are supporting. All donors will receive an invitation to a "Sister-Link Tea Party" in Paraguay to meet Latin American and African women theologians. For more information and a copy of a Power Point presentation that can be used to promote this project, please contact Edie Tschetter by e-mail <letschetter@gwmc.net>, or by telephone at 605-925-7009. 📧



African and Latin American women theologians meet to pray with one another at the MWC Assembly in Zimbabwe in 2003

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