

# Response to Sister Question:



Aldine Musser

**Editor's note:** Each issue, we print responses to our Sister Question.

The question for January–February was: What experience with Mennonites from different ethnic/cultural/gender perspectives has most affected your understanding of God or your relationship with God? **Aldine Musser, from Stephens City, Va., responded:**

“As a girl, I was the mother in my childhood play. Dressing Baby Doll, styling Cabbage Patch Kids’ hair and sewing doll clothes was my play. As I matured, I enjoyed baby-sitting. Others affirmed me, declaring, ‘You’re going to be a wonderful mother someday!’

“Observing my parents’ self-giving love and humble identification with others in a culture different than one with which they were familiar, taught me that God died for the world-cosmos. God continued to transform me through the teachings of Sister Willie Mae Thomas, an African American disciple of Jesus, at South 7th Street, Reading, Pa. It didn’t faze me that I was the only white person in her classroom.

Jung Lim, a Korean disciple of Jesus and my sister in the Lord, continues to teach me today how to see the scripture truths through new eyes. As we converse and learn about each other’s culture, world view, and beliefs, we are both enriched. When we discuss what each of us values, evaluating them in comparison to the standard of the gospel and the kingdom of God, we both become transformed. ☑

## Cup of Water

Maria Gomez, 2009 IWF recipient, is planting churches and working for her Bachelor’s degree in Columbia.

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