



NE ABWM NEWSLETTER

JULY 1, 2026

Hi everyone here is a paragraph about the Trout's ministry and our project for 2026-2027 and the logo for it. I've also attached a picture of the Trouts and the truck we are assisting to purchase. Please share with your churches and your women's groups.

Blessings,
Nola Crooks



2026–2027 Nebraska American Baptist Women's Ministries Mission Project

Nebraska American Baptist Women's Ministries, in partnership with the American Baptist Women of the Central Region, is excited to support Aaron and AmyEstelle Trout and their family as they serve with International Ministries in the Philippines. One of the Trouts' primary ministries is the development of Tatay's Farm, a growing mission center that will one day provide camp and retreat opportunities for small churches, children, and ministry leaders. While working toward that vision, the Trouts are already using the property to share God's love through agricultural outreach, providing food and encouragement to pastors, church leaders, and families in need. Recent blessings at the farm include abundant squash harvests, expanding rice fields, and thriving tilapia ponds that help support and bless local ministry leaders.

As this ministry continues to grow, reliable transportation has become a critical need. The Trouts currently depend on an aging used truck that requires frequent repairs, making it difficult to transport supplies, equipment, produce, and people. Our 2026–2027 Mission Project goal is to raise funds for the purchase of a Mitsubishi L300 truck. This vehicle will provide dependable transportation for farm operations, construction and development projects, ministry outreach, and the transportation of individuals served through the ministry. By contributing to "A Truck for Tatay's Farm," you are helping equip the Trout family with a practical tool that will strengthen their ministry and expand their ability to share Christ's love throughout the Philippines.



The National Board of Directors has made it a priority to find out what the American Baptist Women of America need from them. We have often felt distant and out of touch with the women we are wanting to serve. And I'm sure you have felt the same way.

A few weeks ago a survey was sent out nationally to ask just that question....What Can we Do For You? We sent surveys out and received 89 back. I'm sorry if a survey did not get to you. We used an email list that we had available at the time. To be part of the email list, get on the ABWM website and register to get the newsletter.

The most requested topic was Women's Spiritual Growth. A close second was Women's Mental Health and Wellness. In response to that result, we are planning on publishing an Advent Devotional written by you. We are also looking for women who would like to write a Bible Study. These publications will be available on the ABWM Website.

The biggest issue that women told us about was the lack of communication at the Regional/State level. I think Nebraska does a great job with the monthly newsletter but I know communication can always be better especially considering the size of our State.

I would love to hear from any women who would like to write a devotional to include in our Advent Devotional or who would like to write a Bible Study.

My email is howellsusan64@gmail.com. My phone number is 402-416-5112 (texting works best as I don't answer calls from numbers I don't recognize!)

In Christ's Love,
Susan Howell
ABWM Board Member at Large

UNLOCKING THE PROMISES
of Psalm 119
LETTERING CHALLENGE
Hosted by @bydesignnorg

Day 1: "God's Word Blesses" Psalm 119:1-8
Day 2: "God's Word Purifies" Psalm 119:9-16
Day 3: "God's Word Satisfies" Psalm 119:17-24
Day 4: "God's Word Revives" Psalm 119:25-32
Day 5: "God's Word Delights" Psalm 119:33-40
Day 6-7: Rest Days

Day 8: "God's Word Liberates" Psalm 119:41-48
Day 9: "God's Word Comforts" Psalm 119:49-56
Day 10: "God's Word Motivates" Psalm 119:57-64
Day 11: "God's Word Informs" Psalm 119:65-72
Day 12: "God's Word is Unashamed" Psalm 119:73-80
Day 13-14: Rest Days

Day 15: "God's Word is Principled" Psalm 119:81-88
Day 16: "God's Word is Unchanging" Psalm 119:89-96
Day 17: "God's Word is Enlightened" Psalm 119:97-104
Day 18: "God's Word Illuminates" Psalm 119:105-112
Day 19: "God's Word Protects" Psalm 119:113-120
Day 20-21: Rest Days

Day 22: "God's Word Justifies" Psalm 119:121-128
Day 23: "God's Word Directs" Psalm 119:129-136
Day 24: "God's Word Consumes" Psalm 119:137-144
Day 25: "God's Word Captivates" Psalm 119:145-152
Day 26: "God's Word Awakens" Psalm 119:153-160
Day 27-28: Rest Days

Day 29: "God's Word Safeguards" Psalm 119:161-168
Day 30: "God's Word Sustains" Psalm 119:169-170

How many have you said? Me - most of them!

MOM'S FAVORITE SAYINGS

1. What part of no don't you understand?
2. I don't care who started it!
3. Money doesn't grow on trees.
4. Your face is going to freeze like that.
5. Your hands are not broken.
6. Beds are made for sleeping, not jumping.
7. No one said life is fair.
8. Eat your vegetables.
9. I don't know is NOT an answer.
10. Because I said so... That's Why!





Drs. RICK & ANITA GUTIERREZ Durban, South Africa

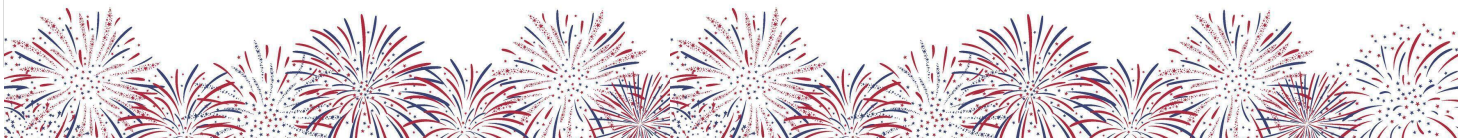
Rick and Anita develop ways to partner with people in Southern Africa and beyond for the Gospel of Jesus while ministering to their health, nutritional, economic, and spiritual needs. Training people in health, work, home gardening, poultry and tree production techniques are ways to say "we love you" while challenging people to solve problems locally and creatively. The themes of life promotion and using scripture to understand our place in God's family and order make their mission variegated. Support from skilled, praying, faithful, generous people enable these merciful activities to continue by the grace of God.

Gratefully, all seasons are profitable for growing food in South Africa. Gardens, mushrooms, and fruit trees thrive in this season. Outdoor temps are more than pleasant for gathering by day. In April they started their first weekly health builder groups combined with a blood pressure skills training course. Each weekly session is divided into four parts - social, spiritual, physical, and mind. All group members are encouraged to choose something they have learned that week and make commitments towards healthy change in their life. The group reads and discusses the Bible. The people are encouraged to apply what they read in the Bible to daily living. The Christian life is never easy, and from the prayers of our brothers and sisters, we see just how difficult daily life is for them. Violence, crime, unemployment, debt and disease make life harrowing. And yet people gather, learning new skills and learning to trust in God and His Word. We honor our South African brothers and sisters, who live boldly and show up for training despite the enormous difficulty of their lives. It is a continual honor to live and work amongst them, who show us what living with grace in adversity looks like.

Rick said that he could not express how excited he was with the success of raising avocado trees. They have been waiting for this moment for 20 years (a new technique) It will be possible for families with land to have orchards of successful avocado trees. This will be a large ambition for work in the South African spring. He thinks they can begin in August. The nutritional value of avocados, as well as their on-street proven sales potential makes this a huge advance for their ministry.

PRAYER:

Anita's family in the loss of her father
Stamina for Jabulile (a local missionary) as new groups are starting
Openness for groups and earnestness in prayer
Students to make healthy changes in their mind, body and spirit
That 3 new sites for local tree nurseries will be established



CHURRO CRAACKER CANDY

Base

- 1 sleeve of saltine crackers (about 40)
- 1 c. butter
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Topping

- 1 ½ white chocolate chips
- ¼ c. granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon



Marcia's candy recipe from
Conference!

1. Preheat oven 350 .Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Arrange crackers in a single layer.
space evenly.
2. Caramel Sauce ---In a medium pan, melt butter over medium heat. Once melted add brown sugar
and stir till combined. Bring to a boil and let simmer 3-4 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat.
3. Pour over crackers—cover all the crackers. Bake 7-8 minutes or till caramel is bubbly and slightly
darker—-watch to avoid burning.
4. Remove from oven and immediately sprinkle with white chocolate chips over the hot caramel and
crackers. Let chips set for a few minutes and spread evenly over crackers.
5. Mix sugar and cinnamon and lightly dust the top of melted chips.
6. Allow to cool at room temperature or refrigerate for 1 hour till chocolate is firm. Once set
break
into pieces.

ENJOY Serves about 20 but may depend how much you eat first 😊😊😊😊

Coming up for October!

**Save the dates! Hope to see you
there!**

