

## ***Tidings Magazine*: a program tool**

*Tidings Magazine* includes articles, updates and prayer letters from our Canadian Baptist Ministries Global Field Staff and National Field Staff. These articles can be used as part of your WMS / ABW group program; with a little bit of creativity.

- 1. Interview:** Use the information to develop questions and answers. One person asks the questions as in an interview. The other person responds, using the information from the article or prayer letter; role playing as the Global or National Field Staff.
- 2. Create a newspaper:** Copy the article(s) and begin cutting it up in paragraphs/topics. What are the topics of the paragraphs? You may discover: family news, a ministry trip, new endeavours, graduations, health issues, visitors, games, pictures, etc. On a large sheet(s) of paper design a header and name for your newspaper. Create subtitles using the topics of each paragraph. Include pictures as available. If you have a small group give each person a paragraph to read and place it in the correct space. If you have a large group select a number of women to participate and watch your newspaper develop.
- 3. Quiz:** Provide each person with a copy of the *Tidings Magazine* article or prayer letter. Create questions using the article/prayer letter. Pay attention to details given that may not be evident in a quick scan. Give a bonus question. Some may be more comfortable doing this activity in pairs. Give a time limit. Give a small prize to those who gave the most correct answers.
- 4. Information Search:** Give each person or small group a picture of one of our Canadian Baptist Ministries Global Field Staff (GFS) or National Field Staff (NFS). Provide several *Tidings Magazines*. An article about each of the GFS or NFS, whose pictures were distributed, should be in at least one of the recent issues. Ask each person or group to find information about the GFS or NFS whose picture they have received. Ask them to find: information about their ministry, family news, a prayer request, etc. You may need to give a time limit. Have each person or group share the information found with the large group. Spend time praying for the GFS and NFS remembering the prayer requests mentioned.
- 5. Role Play:** Pretend to be the writer of the prayer letter. Act it out as a monologue giving appropriate expressions. Use some costumes and props.
- 6. Game:** Create a game by using the information in the *Tidings Magazine* article(s) to make up questions. Divide the group into pairs or teams of 3-5. Give each group a bell or noise maker. After the leader asks the question the first group to ring the bell may answer. If the answer is correct points are given to the pair or team. If the answer was incorrect the other pairs/teams will have an opportunity to answer. Have someone keep score and give a small prize for the winners.