



Welcome to our first newsletter from Wales.

## Message from the president

Dear Fellow GFS Members

“Challenge and Change - A time for new thinking” was the theme for the 20<sup>th</sup> GFS World Council which met at Kings Hospital School, Dublin, in the summer. What a **Fantastic** time we had! Many thanks to the ‘team’ in Ireland for providing us, with the opportunity for **Fun, Fellowship, Food** and of course **Faith** which is at the foundation of all we do.

During Council, the Solomon Islands were accepted into membership, and designated as the World Project for the next three years - monies raised will provide leadership training. Following the devastation and long term effects of the tsunami and earthquake earlier this year in Japan an Emergency Relief Fund has also set up. Details of which will be available in our next issue.

As some of you may be aware we are keen to rekindle links between the GFS and the Mothers’ Union and, following a speech to Council by Rosemary Kempshall, World Wide President of the MU, I have been invited to speak at the Mothers’ Union Annual Meeting next year.

This first issue of the Newsletter for Wales is very basic but we have included some pictures of World Council. We hope as many of you as possible will send a report for the next issue which will be in the New Year.

We look forward to the challenges ahead and hope that readers will support us and keep us in their prayers.

God Bless you all  
Glenys

Create within us, O God,  
a longing to obey your commandments  
and a thankfulness for all your mercies.  
Let us honour you in the thoughts of our hearts,  
let us glorify you in the words we speak  
and let us magnify you in the things that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
John Wesley (1703-1791)



## Message from the Vice President

Dear Friends Around the World,

It seems ages since World Council but it's only a little over three months ago- so at long last I am getting down to thinking about all the wonderful time that we all shared together. It's hard to pick out all the highlights- surely the opening and closing services were unforgettable, the visit to Donoughmore with the entertainment! The visit of the Worldwide President of the Mothers Union, Rosemary Kempzell, and the All-Ireland Mothers Union President Ruth Mercer; the Irish dancing, Agnes' performance- All these have special memories for us all.

International day was a wonderful event. I would like to thank everyone for their patience on the day, their enthusiasm with which they greeted the girls and of course all the various gifts and crafts. The children are still talking about it- a day to remember!

On a personal note, it was a great privilege for me to greet all the friends from different countries and to thank each and every one of you for your support and gifts which are too numerous to mention. I hope that everyone felt that the meetings were constructive. It was wonderful to hear about GFS in the Solomons and to formally welcome them to World Council. A number of new initiatives were passed and we look forward to supporting Glenys in the days ahead.

Love and prayers

Emila





Glenys with Lady Christine Eames  
past Mothers' Union  
World President



Emila and Glenys at the Closing  
Banquet at World Council



Two World Presidents Meet.  
Glenys with Rosemary Kempell  
World Wide President of The Mothers' Union





Glenys with the Girls of Annaghmore Branch.  
Taken when visiting Ireland earlier this month.





**GFS/USA**

**Press Release**

### **GFS/USA ANNOUNCES**

I would like to inform our GFS sisters of our GFS/USA President, Llyn Carter who has become ill.

Llyn, has been confirmed by her doctor that she is suffering from Chronic Myeloid Leukemia CML, a form of leukemia. The good news, if there is any when someone becomes ill, is that she is in the chronic phase and will begin her 'biologically targeted treatment" (Tasigna, a pill) this past Thursday. Llyn promises to be a good patient .

In the United States we have asked our members to collectively pray for Llyn this past Saturday at 12 noon.

We pray that the Lord lay his love and healing hands on Llyn during this very difficult time.

Please keep Llyn and GFS/USA in your prayers

Yours in Christ,  
Delores Alleyne GFS/USA Vice-President

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