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Thank you for your interest in Youth on Mission!

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and Youth on Mission welcome your participation in one of the most exciting opportunities for today's Christian youth. Through a comprehensive approach to curriculum, the Youth on Mission organization informs, equips, educates, and motivates teenagers to be on mission for Jesus Christ.

For over 108 years committed Christians, through WMU, have seriously responded to the mandate of the Great Commission. Having heard the call of missions, they have gladly given their time, talents, and financial resources to advance the gospel both at home and throughout the world.

Your interest in Youth on Mission indicates that you are following in this long line of faithful witnesses and you want the youth in your church to have an opportunity to hear and respond to the needs of the world.

We live in changing times, and the challenges of this generation need creative solutions. WMU and Youth on Mission provide resources to help you and your church meet these challenges and participate in bringing a lost and hurting world to Christ.

In this packet you will find help in beginning this journey. An overview of Youth on Mission as well as a starter meeting plan will enable you to begin this adventure right away! Also, a special discount offer is included to help you purchase additional resources you will find useful in making Youth on Mission even more meaningful to your members.

We want to serve you. Each state convention WMU office has a staff person who can help you find training or local support from another church in your area. A listing of state offices is also included in this packet. Please contact your state office or call us in Birmingham if you need specific answers to your questions.

Thank you once again for your interest in Youth on Mission. Please let us know how we can help you as you seek to offer your best to the Lord.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah S. Groves". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sarah Groves
Youth Consultant

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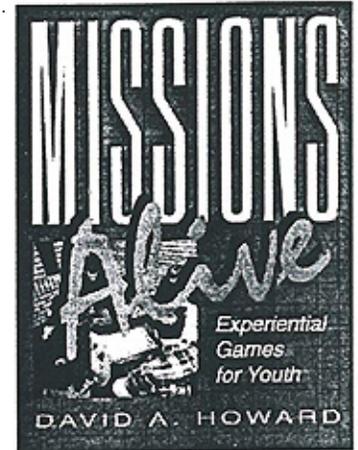
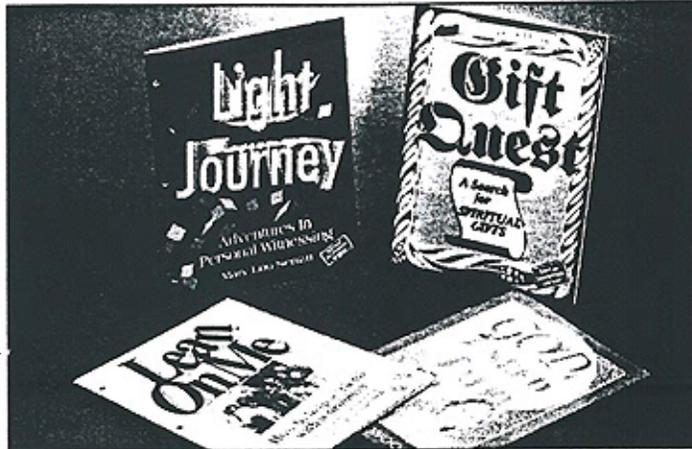
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Gift Quest (A Search for Spiritual Gifts)

Loyd Allen

Gift Quest is a workbook written with youth and their understanding of spiritual gifts as the focus. It is creatively designed to help youth recognize, study, and use their spiritual gifts in Christian service.

(C946102) \$4.95

Lean on Me (How to Help a Friend with a Problem)

Pam Brown

Help youth stretch their spiritual development through involvement in peer ministry through *Lean on Me*.

Examples are provided to help youth learn how to get along better with their friends, their families, and how to care about and minister to people through difficult situations. (C936101)

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Light Journey (Adventures in Personal Witnessing)

Mary Lou Serratt

Designed to exercise personal witnessing skills, this workout book helps youth determine to go adventuring with Christ by witnessing, which can hold the elements of both danger and unknown risks. Youth learn that witnessing is not an option but a commission to all followers. (C936103)

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God, I Need to Talk!

Randy Wood

God, I Need to Talk! is a resource designed to help youth strengthen their prayer lives. It can be done individually or with friends in a group and will help youth develop their own ideas and commitments toward prayer.

(C936102) \$4.95

Missions Alive (Experiential Games for Youth)

David A. Howard

Missions Alive is designed to make missions come alive for youth. This new experiential approach to missions is encounter-centered and helps the learner encounter missions for themselves.

(C936107) \$5.95