WAYFARERS MINISTRY NEWSLETTERS OF BETTY ANN WAGNER
1982-2009

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Biographical History

Betty Ann Wagner (died c.2012) grew up on a farm in Danville, Iowa where her family attended the Methodist Church. She and her sister Juanita had a brief pen pal exchange with Anne Frank in 1940. The Wagner girls were given her name by their teacher Miss Matthews who had gathered names of schoolchildren while on vacation in Europe in the summer of 1939. The exchange was brief and the Wagner girls did not know of its importance until many years later.

Ms. Wagner taught in a one-room schoolhouse in 1945. The following year, she went into the cement block manufacturing business and then moved to California with her mom and sister. Ms. Wagner then worked at a men's' clothing shop in Pasadena and later at Aerojet, in Azusa. Learning of a need for English tutoring for international students at Fuller Seminary, she volunteered. In 1955, Ms. Wagner became a secretary at Jack MacArthur's Church and for his radio program.

By 1960, Ms. Wagner knew that she wanted to be involved in Christian missions. She worked as an aide to Bob Pierce at the beginning of his Samaritan's Purse ministry. After Pierce's death, she started Wayfarer's Ministries in 1979. Wayfarer's Ministries was created to help with small needs overlooked by larger missions organizations. Many Fuller Theological Seminary students, especially international students who needed assistance with rent or groceries, were helped by the organization. Her long monthly newsletters contain many quotations from letters sent by grateful students had returned to the ministry outside North America.

In 1988, the sale of her pen pal letters from Anne Frank (now on display at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Belt Hashoah Museum of Tolerance) helped build an office for the ministry. Wayfarers Ministry has supported hundreds of missionaries around the world, as well as international students preparing for ministry in the US.

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Scope and Content

This is a collection of Betty Ann Wagner's newsletters, called "Wayfarers Ministry" newsletter, or *Monthly Report Letters*, 1982-2009.

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