

Let it shine! Vice President's letter October 2018

Dear sisters,

It is a pleasure to be writing the October paper. There is so much to praise God for. For example, the fact that we are able to fellowship with our families, churches and friends. We are looking forward to another wonderful year where we can continue to do the work of Jesus.

We look to Jesus as an example of selfless humility. In our daily lives, with so much in the media, are we equipping ourselves to follow and do what he did? On the news there is grave concern for the loneliness of our over 50's. How do we identify these people and reach out to people when there are government cutbacks in places where many people go for companionship. We should reflect on our attitude and our actions. Church facilities could be more utilized. Just as the food bank has much hope to families in need. Let us use our skills and expertise to aid our communities.

Dear sisters, it is a known fact that people are drawn to God by our good works. Thank you to everyone in the MWA for showing us the ways of God's goodness towards others. Remember that we should be lights in our community, helping those who feel lost.

Recently travelling to Wales, Carmarthen, I found out so much more about the passenger sitting next to me in the four hours travelling, than I ever could have in a day or a week of my regular routine. It is interesting meeting people who are willing to embrace and talk about their deep hurts and pains as well as their joy and happiness. There's always an opportunity to experience examples of God's goodness. We just have to step out of our comfort zone and step into God's blessings.

Our communities are vastly diverse and many things can be learnt if we take the time to get to know the people within them. As we are all unique, there may be people out there that only you can reach. Go forth with the confidence that he who lives in you will guide you and that his love will bring communities together.

In this season, I pray that God will continue to walk with all of us and bring out the best in us. May God's grace and favour continue to shine on us all.

Yours in God's everlasting love

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