

# Atlantic Mission Society (AMS)

**“The purpose of the Society is to glorify God and to support with prayer, study and service, mission endeavours of the Presbyterian Church, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces and the Presbyteries within its bounds.”**

**The afternoon AMS** meets at two p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the homes of various members. We warmly welcome anyone who may be interested in joining us.

Each year we follow a study submitted by the WMS (Womens Missionary Society) and this year, we are learning about the ministry in British Columbia entitled Making Connections. Ride the Cariboo Trail. These are fascinating communities which cover 80,000 square kilometres and have a population of 70, 000 people. The Rev. David Webber and his wife, Linda, along with several other clergy, minister to the needs of these isolated people.

The AMS supplies food to the F.O.O.D. program at Margaret’s House, bi-yearly supplies snacks and personal items to Phoenix House, sends cards and messages to the sick, bereaved, birthday and anniversary greetings. Christmas cards are sent to missionaries and visits and small remembrances are given to shut-ins. We coordinate the gifts to the N.S. Hospital at Christmas. Babies receive white Bibles at their baptism and we follow up with small books on the anniversary of their baptism for the first three years. Members take part in the Mission Awareness Sunday Service.

The AMS has begun a Prayer Shawl Ministry, and with the help of our blessed volunteers, we have distributed fifty-three shawls and have sixteen on hand for distribution. Please call Eileen MacLeod or Dorothy Fraser for more information.

There is always a time for a cup of tea and good fellowship and laughter after each meeting. Anyone interested in learning more about AMS may call our president, Joyce Jack at 463-4799.

**The Iona Evening AMS** meets in the evening hours of the first Thursday of each month. We meet in the homes of the members and welcome anyone interested in attending one of our meetings.

We are following the same studies as the Afternoon AMS. Each member taking a turn to lead the study for the evening.

Our group is relatively new. We got together for the first time in February 2011. And we are excited to be participating in this years study and a few missions.

The Iona Evening AMS is helping with a mission for Mount Edward School. Along with the help and generous donations of the congregation, we are providing snacks to the children who come to school without enough. There are approximately 180 students enrolled in the school and about 20% come without sufficient food for the day. We have a box for donations in the narthex and when its full make a delivery to Mount Edward School.

Our group is also planning on helping at Oakwood. We will be helping residents to get to the chapel for services.

We are assisting with other Iona events as well when we are asked and able.