



No matter what time of year it is, there is always a sport or a team to cheer on. I'm no exception, with a favorite college football team, a special baseball team, and—perhaps especially—a favorite missions team. The work accomplished through the WMU Foundation is truly a team effort, and I am privileged to have served on its board. Its goal is not for just a single game but to be a working part of the game of life. Every time anyone gives through the WMU Foundation, he or she helps the whole team undergird missions both now and into the future.

WMU is part of my family at least back to my grandmother Ann Judson Wells, who was the backbone of her WMU in Sumter, South Carolina. My grandmother had two daughters who became missionaries to China. My mama, Alice Mellichamp Wells, went to seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, on a WMU scholarship. When she was appointed to serve in China in 1929, the International Mission Board (then the Foreign Mission Board) said it could not send her at that time due to lack of funds. Kathleen Mallory and WMU said, "Send them. WMU will pay the full salaries of that group of new appointees." Thanks to WMU, my mama went to

China. She met my dad, a single missionary serving in a city near her, and they married in Shanghai. You can see why WMU is in my bones!

I love the fact that every penny my husband, Bob, and I give to the WMU Foundation goes toward keeping missions alive and well through WMU. Several of the WMU Foundation endowments are favorites of ours, but we especially enjoy unrestricted giving because we know the WMU Foundation will use it for the most urgent needs. The WMU Foundation is truly the foundation of support for the work of WMU.

Longtime missionary friends of ours in Indonesia have had three daughters attend college on missionary kid scholarships through the WMU Foundation. One of those young women is now a missionary herself, another is a pastor's wife, and the third is a nurse. Another young woman who attended seminary on several WMU Foundation scholarships is now serving as a missionary in the Middle East. It's wonderful to see our giving to the WMU Foundation being invested in the lives of people who go out and serve. Thank you for being a vital part of the team and working together to make a difference for God's kingdom. We could aptly name our team The Legacies.

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