

I remember my mother talking about her teenage years, when she would travel across the state by train in order to be part of youth missions programs. Then when I was a boy and she was a WMU leader and pastor's wife, she would sometimes take me with her to speak at a church on the importance of missions. It was almost worth the number of times my cheek was pinched to now have those memories of her passion for missions. Just a few days ago, she wrote me an e-mail about an ad she had seen in *On Mission* magazine for the RA and GA programs. At 76, Mom was wondering if she could somehow help with those programs in her church. So from 16 to 46 to 76, my mother has poured her heart into Southern Baptist missions, and modeled it for me. I didn't always "get it" then, but I get it now. Thanks, Mom.

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