



A Word from L♥VE GIFT Coordinators Prudy Bannick and Connie Kemner

We are looking forward to 2010 – 2011 serving the Our Lord through our service as L♥ve Gift co-chairman. It is a great privilege to work as a Mother & Daughter team.

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, remember to count your blessings and give to the L♥ve Gift as you are blessed. Need some ideas? When you buy school supplies, whether for your children, grandchildren, or for the donation box somewhere, watch your sale ads for great buys and give the difference to L♥ve Gift. I know that White Cross supply lists will come soon and, again, watch for sales and give the difference to L♥ve Gift. When you give cheerfully each time you are blessed, you will find that the blessings increase because you can't out-give the Lord. When you get answers to prayers, do you think of giving to L♥ve Gift? When you are praising the Lord, are you giving to L♥ve Gift? All those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters do add up in a mighty way when we combine our efforts. Remember, you can contact us anytime if you need more boxes to hold offerings from your blessings!

Have you thought about how many American Baptist churches we have in Michigan? Did you know that we have **37** American Baptist Churches in the Central area, **11** in the Greater North area, **48** in the Metro Detroit area, **26** in the Mid-Michigan area, and **28** in the West area? That's **113** American Baptist Churches. Do you know that only **14** in the Central area, **5** in the Greater North area, **6** in the Metro Detroit area, **7** in the North area and **6** in the West area are getting credit for their L♥ve Gift giving? That's only **38** American Baptist Churches supporting L♥ve Gift. **Which either means 75 American Baptist Churches are giving to L♥ve Gift and it is not being reported correctly or they are not giving to L♥ve Gift.** Just think if every American Baptist Church was giving to L♥ve Gift what a blessing that would be! If you need help with making sure your church is being credited for your donations, or anything else, please let us know. We are more than happy to help get the problems fixed.

We are still collecting "L" and "G" dollars. If you have other ideas for improving L♥ve Gift collection that you would like to share, please tell Connie Bannick Kemner (586-822-7229, ckemner@juno.com) or Prudy Bannick (989-892-9014, kpbannick@att.net). We would appreciate your input as it makes our job that much easier and we enjoy hearing from you. We also like to hear what your church did that was successful so that we may report it to the other women looking for new things to try.