



On June 27th Fawn Marie Winsted, wife of CMI Director, Brad Winsted, went to be with her Lord after an eight-month bout with cancer.



Fawn was the chief editor at CMI for over fifteen years. She was a prime motivator even in the 1980's with the founders to get the "Bible Building Blocks of the Faith" into a colorful, usable format. At that time, Brad, was a Navy pilot and they moved to many overseas locations. CMI materials were tested at this site. Fawn spoke at numerous training seminars and coordinated all overseas mission trips since the mid-1990's. Her enthusiasm with teaching the kids made for memorable occasions, especially with missionary children around the world. Fawn's goal was always for the children to truly know the basic questions and answers of the Faith along with the Bible associated Bible verses. This meant repetition and constant practice. But Fawn always

Fawn Winsted

thought that this could be a fun exercise.



Fawn was born in Nebraska in May, 1954. Her father was in the Air Force and they moved around the country quite a bit. In the 1960's the family ended up in Santa Cruz, CA where her Dad purchased a art and office supply business. That business, Palace Art and Supply continues in operation today. Fawn worked there, along with attending school. After high school,

she went to Cabrillo Junior College and obtained a B.A. at the Monterey School for International Studies, majoring in Russian. Her interest in languages and linguistics were used throughout her life around the world. Her majoring in Russian was due to her being converted to Christianity at an "underground church" in the Soviet Union on a tour during the early 1970's. Her excitement for missions led her to join the Slavic Gospel Association and being accepted into the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA as a transfer student. She met Brad at the Navy Postgraduate School chapel in 1977. They were married on June 24, 1978. They celebrated their 32nd Wedding Anniversary after Fawn was admitted to the hospital the last time.

As a wife and mother for 32 years, Fawn mothered eight children (6 girls and 2 boys) ranging in ages from the oldest at 30 to the youngest at 12 years old. Brad and Fawn's oldest daughter, Rebekah, is married and a missionary in the Middle East, they have 4 children with a fifth on the way. The



second daughter, Rachel, is married and living in Jacksonville, FL with 2 children. The third daughter, Ruth, was helping the eldest in the Middle East as a Art Teacher at an international school and assisting Rebekah with her four young children. Their two sons are serving in the military. Bradley, the oldest, as a 2/LT in the army in Germany (to be deployed to Afghanistan in August in an armor/Stryker battalion) and Samuel as a 2nd class midshipman at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A set of 17 year old twins, remain home, Sarah and Emily. Lily is also home. Fawn home

schooled all the children from 4 years old on. A seventh grandchild is now in Rebekah's womb.



With Fawn's love of teaching, missions and children combined to make her a key asset to Children's Ministry International. Not only did she use the opportunity to teach missionary children at mission conferences throughout the world, often bringing her children to be teachers, but used the catechetical material at these conferences a test

platform. She was a tremendous motivator and encourager. And she had the unique ability to produce, proofread, screen and encourage other workers to do their best. To sum up her personality one would use the word "passion in people and Christ". She studied the Bible everyday and was an accomplished Woman Bible Study leader. She counseled young and older women in life problems and was always pointing people to Her Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CMI will never quite be the same, without Fawn's ready smile, hearty laugh and motivating personality. She was, at heart an optimist who looked at every problem as an opportunity to expand the Kingdom of God by reaching "Kids for Christ". Everyone who knew Fawn got excited about the possibility of teaching children the timeless truths of Scripture.





For more information about Fawn and her impact in CMI, the church, and her home go to Brad Winsted's Facebook page. Her Memorial Service at Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Atlanta was a gigantic and wonderful experience of testimony to Fawn's friendship to others and service in expanding the Kingdom of God to children and their parents.

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She has finished the race well, glorifying God in all she accomplished.