

History of Girls Ministries

The national Women's Ministries department developed the Missionettes program to establish a systematic plan for the older women to train the younger women (Titus 2:3,4).

The first Missionettes club was chartered in January 1956. Since then, the clubs have continued to be organized across the United States and in many other countries. Along the way, revisions have been made, such as age and grade level changes and additions, and modifications to the achievement programs.

The ultimate purpose of winning girls to Jesus Christ and teaching them to live victoriously has never changed. Here is a brief overview of the development of the Assemblies of God National Girls Ministries.

1955

The Women's Missionary Council developed a structured discipleship program to lead girls to Christ and to instill in them a heart for missions. They wanted to prepare young women for involvement in Women's Ministries through the local church.

1956

The first Missionettes club was chartered. The original program was for girls ages 12-17.

1957

The Pentecostal Evangel received reports from Missionettes leaders stating:

- "Our group is a praying group, and we are catching a missionary vision."
- "Our club of only 18 girls was able to raise \$350 for missions."
- "A sponsor reported that there had been such a wonderful revival among the girls that there had not been much time for working on projects."

1960

The achievement program, Stairway of the Stars, was introduced for Junior and Senior Missionettes. Girls worked toward earning the Susanna, Tabitha, Anna, and Ruth badges to be crowned an Honor Star. The first Honor Star crowning occurred in San Diego, California.

1965

There were 3,700 clubs with 40,000 girls being mentored through the Missionettes program. The Missionettes Sponsor uniform was designed.

1966

Gospel Publishing House began to sell Missionettes skirts, blouses, and crowns.

1968

Prims, a 2-year achievement program for 7 and 8-year-old girls, was organized. Prims stood for Primary Missionettes. Badges, sashes, and beanies were a part of the achievement level.

1969

Young Women's Auxiliary, commonly known as Ys, was organized for high school girls. The Bible Reading pin was developed.

1970

The Stars Sponsor manual was created and sold through Gospel Publishing House for \$5.25.

1972

Daisies, a 1-year program for 5 and 6-year-old girls, was started. Daisies was for Beginner Missionettes.

1978

The Daisies achievement program was written. The club divisions were changed from age level to grade level programs.

1979

Rainbows, a program for 3 and 4-year-old boys and girls, was developed. Two divisions of Ys were introduced: Alpha Ys for high school girls and Gamma Ys for college and career young women. A Leader's Training course was written for Sponsors. Honor Sponsors were recognized.

1980

Puzzles, mazes, and drawings were added to the handbook to add interest to the achievement program.

1982

Paper dolls for Daisies, Prims, and Junior Missionettes was introduced.

1982

There were 119,260 girls participating in Missionettes, 16,354 clubs, and 11,737 teen girls in the Y's program.

1990

Juniors and Seniors became known as Stars. Gamma Ys became a part of Women's Ministries and Alpha Ys became known as Ys. Activity badges became a part of the club options.

1993

The annual Nationwide Girls Ministries Sleepover event launched. Its primary purpose was to promote Coins for Kids (CFK) missions giving through BGMC (Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge).

1998

Club grade levels were reorganized, new clubs were formed, and all new curriculum was introduced. Y's was transformed into the Friends and Girls Only clubs for teen girls. Uniforms were phased out and replaced by club t-shirts. Award celebrations were developed for all club levels. The National Girls Ministries website launched (ngm.ag.org).

1999

Girls Ministries became its own department at the National Office.

2000

Spanish translation became available for all club resources. The Momentum Leadership Development Units were developed.

2003

The first Coins for Kids missions' trip was offered for Girls Ministries leaders. \$111,000 was raised during the Nationwide Sleepover event.

2005

58,016 Honor Stars were crowned.

2007

The name of the clubs was changed from Missionettes to Mpack Girls Clubs and Teen Girl Ministries. The department name was changed to National Girls Ministries.

2008

With the addition of Sunlight Kids (0-36 months), the clubs were again restructured to Preschool clubs (Sunlight Kids and Rainbows), Mpack Girls clubs (Daisies, Prims, and Stars), and Teen Girl Ministries clubs (Friends and Girls Only).

2020

National Girls Ministries celebrated 65 years of ministry to girls. And the dream to mentor and disciple girls continues!

