

**ATLANTIC BAPTIST WOMEN**  
**Clementsvalle United Baptist Church, Sept 30, 2006**

The Annapolis-Digby Atlantic Baptist Women met at the Clementsvalle United Baptist Church on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006. President, Mary Billard welcomed everyone and led in prayer. The Mission Statement was repeated in unison. This was followed by a prayer time with many prayer requests for those who were hurting, those who were ill, suffering loss of loved ones or for crisis in our families, our churches and communities. A hymn, "Here I am, Lord", was sung and then an offering for missions was taken which amounted to \$410.00. The members answered to the Roll Call for each society.

Past President, Bernice Mac Lean, introduced Dr. Muriel Bent, who is a Registered Nurse and Missionary. Muriel has spent many years as a missionary in India with CBM, and also in Bolivia, as well as spending time with other mission projects in other parts of the world. Muriel went to Guatemala in 1996 for one week with the CBV team from Clementsvalle and has accompanied other teams on their mission trips. She just recently returned from Sri Lanka, where she journeyed with her brother for the Church of the Nazarene to find out how the people there were faring after the Tsunami disaster in 2005.

Muriel gave us a vivid picture and account of what life was like in Sri Lanka at this time and showed photos of the landscape, the people and some of the areas which had been damaged by the Tsunami. She stated that there was still a great deal to be done, and although money was available, it was difficult to get people organized who could do the work. The clean-up and restoration of homes and businesses was slow, and people were having difficulty in getting back to work and back to their former way of life.

Muriel was dressed in a native Sri Lankan costume and brought along many articles and artifacts from Sri Lanka for display at our meeting. She invited people to come up and look at the articles and she answered any questions that the WMS/ABW members had about her visit to Sri Lanka and the articles she brought to show us.

Wendi Bradley thanked Dr. Bent for her interesting presentation and presented her with an honorarium from the Association.

President Mary Billard thanked everyone for coming and announced that Wendi Bradley will be taking over as the President of our Association WMS/ABW. Mary then closed with prayer. The rest of the delegates to Association joined the ladies in the sanctuary for the closing of the Fall Association under the direction of Rev. Bill Patterson, Vice Moderator.

**NOTE:** We still do not have a secretary for the ABW of Annapolis-Digby. Your President has been doing both jobs. We need two members to go on the nominating committee. Pray that God will speak to someone to fill these positions.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Mary Billard, President