

This is Mary Hood, author of “The Relaxed Home School” and “The Joyful Home Schooler”. You’re receiving this letter because we know that you’re an experienced homeschooling mom with much to share with younger moms and we thought you might like to know about our new mentoring project.

As you may know, our organization is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization called “ARCHERS for the Lord, Inc.” This name is partly short for “Association of Relaxed Christian Home Educators”, and partly taken from Psalm 127, which talks about children being arrows in our quivers. We have a vision of developing an army of homeschooling mothers and ex-homeschooling mothers who can band together and help change the world! (Sometimes, we get a bit grandiose, I’m afraid.)

Our new mentoring project is called “The Titus Brigade”, based on the second chapter of Titus, which urges older mothers to teach younger ones. Our goal is to encourage many of you to share the wisdom you have gained from the years you spent working with your own children with those new homeschooling mothers who are just starting down the same path.

For more information (and to see our new t-shirts), go to our website, www.archersforthelord.org, and click on “The Titus Brigade”. It explains our vision in a little more detail, and gives you some ideas for starting out.



Please help us to spread the word. I know that some of us, including me, have moved on to other things and might not have as much time as we’d like to devote to a project like this. However, it would mean so much to younger moms who are just starting out, (even if they don’t realize it right away!) to have a little contact with experienced moms. Perhaps you could consider having a once-a-year panel discussion open to the public if nothing else! If you have a little more time, perhaps you might consider a monthly meeting, either a mom’s night out at a local restaurant, or a day at the park, or a meeting at a local library.

Parents who are starting to homeschool now are in a very different position than most of us were when we started out. They are being bombarded by curriculum options, and being urged to seek out accreditation. I even saw something on the web the other day that implied the best way to homeschool your children was to go back to an on-line school to become a certified teacher!

We really need to remind them all that it is okay to simply relax and enjoy their children, letting their own goals drive their interactions and trusting in God to show them the way.

Thanks for listening! Please check out our webpage. We are in the process of trademarking the name and logo. If you start a program in your area, and would like to be listed as an area resource on the website, please email me at relaxedhomeschool@gmail.com. If you want to go even further and help establish a support group, there is a process to go through in order to use the ARCHERS name. Again, just be touch and we’ll do whatever we can to help you serve the homeschoolers in your area.

Thanks for listening!

Mary Hood