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## ANOTHER HERO

Holidays are here again! Thanksgiving and Christmas bring so many warm thoughts and feelings to my heart.

**Last month I wrote about heroes and at this time of year I want to tell you about one more; my mom, Sylvia Laverne Burr Odenwald. We call her “Sibby” because when her sister Bettye was young, she couldn’t say Sylvia so she called her “Sibby” and it stuck!**

My mom and dad wanted to be missionaries to Brazil, but my dad had a back problem that hindered their ability to go. After Dad’s suicide in 1966, she had to deal with the trauma of his death and 4 children; ages 3, 6, 10 and 11 years. **She managed to take care of us kids while going back to school to get her Master’s Degree and finish all the class work for her PhD.**

She started her own successful company and worked as a consultant, author, publisher, editor, booking agent and so much more. However, **the thing she does best is just being Sibby to 6 children (including spouses), 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.** She’s also a mighty prayer warrior and loves on our cousins and her own church family!



*Mom saw us kids through literally "hell and high water!"*

## *You're Invited*

**WHAT:** An afternoon of fellowship with friends and partners.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 8th,  
3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Charis Christian Center  
720 Elkton Dr., Colorado Springs

**RSVP:** [contact@carolodenwald.com](mailto:contact@carolodenwald.com)

I will speak around 4:00 P.M. and maybe sing a song. Cake and coffee will be provided, but you're welcome to bring something to share if you'd like.

I'd love to see you all!

**Even though she never got to go to the mission field, Sibby gets to live a bit vicariously through me! If you are getting this newsletter in the Temple/Waco area, chances are she forwarded it to you because of her love for missions!**

**She has seen all of us kids through literally "hell and high water." Even while overcoming breast and colon cancer, congestive heart failure and severe arthritis she has been there for us in every way!**

Next year, she will be 85 glorious years of age and is still editing books with me when we can. I just want to say, **"Mom, I love you so and I'll be home for Christmas! Did I ever tell you you're my hero?"**

Just like Sibby, **you have been there for me at all times as well. You may never know this side of heaven how much that means to me.** I thank the Lord for you, my family!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, family! I love you so very much!

*love, Carol*

P.S. CBC Hong Kong will open on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013! More to come soon!



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