

# Marianne Wieland

## World Hunger Relief Prints

### Inspiration for the prints

In 1979 Marianne was attending an adult Bible class led by Pastor Rick Halvorson at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Anchorage, Alaska. When Pastor Halvorson asked the group what subject they would like to study next, a nurse suggested "world hunger." Pastor explained that it was a difficult subject since it was so hard for one person to make a difference in such a universal problem.



It was this challenge that began what has become known as the "hunger prints." Every year an embossed print is designed with a different biblical theme and sold during the Christmas season.

Pastor Halvorson was correct in saying that one person cannot make a difference, but together, in Christ, it has become possible. Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped produce these prints, and most importantly, the people who have supported this project; proceeds through 2015 have totaled more than \$275,000. The entire proceeds are designated to hunger projects both locally and worldwide.

### About Marianne

Marianne came to Alaska in 1949 with her father, Buell A. Nesbett, Alaska's first supreme court chief justice. She studied art at the University of Alaska, California College of Arts and Crafts, and San Francisco State College, receiving degrees in Fine Arts and Science. America Artist magazine featured her in their October 1983 issue, and she has received numerous awards in juried shows.

She is married to Dr. Tryon A. Wieland, an Anchorage family physician, and they have two adult daughters, Jennifer and Allison. Every year, Marianne and her husband choose some remote area of the 49<sup>th</sup> state to explore, an enterprise that is reflected in her art.

She furthers her studies every year with nationally recognized artists.

The 46 page hard-cover book showcasing each of Marianne's 38 annual prints is [available for order here.](#)

This book, as well as Ms. Wieland's prints, are being sold at the ELCA churchwide assembly; proceeds are donated to world hunger relief.