

# 2015 MCC Creative Writing Contest

## Fiction Category

**Honorable Mention:** Excerpt from “*Tremon*,” by Amber Dimond

Jethro dragged his fingers lengthwise down the edge of a thick, yellowed page. Two years of ambassadorship spurred more need to handle books than the rest of his life combined. He could barely read the twisting, pompous font. Thinking of the years wasted in handwriting these encyclopedias made his lower back muscles clench in irritation and sympathy. Still, the look and

“Have you ever been to Tremon?”

“No.”

“I will give you a suggestion. Given as an old man who’s transcribed thousands of



*Valley State University. She is the author of *Desires of the Heart: A Daughter Remembers Her Missionary Parents* (Cold River Studio, 2010), in which she uses her parents' letters, journals, and other research to write about her parents' 40 years of working in Papua New Guinea and the costs to their children. Currently, she is working on a book that explores her relationship with her three Sudanese children whom she foster-parented for seven years and who have remained her children.*