



MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS

Joy is like the Rain



In October of 1955, 17-year-old Miriam Therese (M.T.) Winter entered the Medical Mission Sisters (MMS), right after graduating high school in Passaic, New Jersey. She arrived in Philadelphia with hopes of becoming a missionary doctor in Africa. In addition to having the dream of being a doctor, she was a poet at heart and was always singing. During this time, the Church was looking to transition from traditional Gregorian chant music to modern music, but MMS needed someone who could write and teach the music to the Sisters. Sister M.T. was selected by Mother Anna Dengel to study music. She felt devastated because this crushed her dream of becoming a doctor in Africa. Sr. M.T. was sent to a vacation home by the unit leadership because she was so depressed.

While there, she was on the porch of the home, screaming at Jesus, "Now, look what you did. I gave my whole life to you and now it's gone down the tubes. I'm never going to Africa...". While on the porch, crying and looking at the rain, Sr. M.T. penned the song *Joy is like the Rain*, which would go on to be the title song for her first album. That album was a gold album in the U.S. and Australia, bringing worldwide recognition. Sr. M.T. continued to write music and has recorded over a dozen albums and has toured Africa, Australia, Europe, New Zealand, and North America. When she speaks about her life she says, **"God has a plan, the divine has a plan, we don't always see it..."**



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