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Living Life...Together! series focuses on an issue close to women's hearts — beauty — and gives them the opportunity to walk in the freedom of who God created them to be.

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Blogger of the Week:

Ruth Martin

Author, *Setting Up Shop as a VA Blog*



Who is Ruth Martin? Besides being the owner of **Maplewood Virtual Assistance, LLC** (based in western Maryland) and **U Write Santa** (operating from Santa's Maryland satellite office), she is wife to Darwin, mother to Joshua and the primary warm lap to felines, Oreo and Cosmo. She began her work-at-home career in 2000 after becoming a new-Mom, leaving her management job, and having a nearby Mennonite church contact her about being their administrative assistant. The seeds for this

incredible journey to becoming a virtual professional were planted and quickly began taking shape. Ruth was officially leaving behind the 15 years of corporate work life she'd known for a new way of doing things – virtually, of course.

God lovingly opened the doors of opportunity for this full-time Mom to steadily grow her business as her child grew. She shares, "It's been fulfilling to bring value, impact, and services to others while I continue to serve my family. Some talk of only Going Big to measure their success while my businesses are the right size for me, my goals, and my family's needs – defined by my personal definition of success and where God leads me."

To learn more about MaplewoodVA's services or subscribe to her newsletter, In the Details: Looking at your business with new eyes visit her website at www.MaplewoodVA.com.

Ruth Martin is the author of CWAHM's Setting Up Shop as a VA blog, which is published on CWAHM alternating Tuesdays. Ruth just started a multiple-post series this month. [Catch all of Ruth's articles here.](#)

