



Merry Christmas from Christian World Missions

2015 Year in Pictures

January/February

Now in its 4th year, the North Starkville Outreach continues to thrive. Almost monthly Neighborhood Parties bring together families and neighbors for fun and laughter. In January, we hosted Family Game Day, and in February a "Love your Neighbor" Party. Those who didn't have biological families present were welcomed into other family groups. We've had movie nights, tailgate parties, harvest festivals, and water games, among other special times. These days have helped us to build relationships with those who really need God's love. As Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."



March

Few pleasures match the joy of going back "home" to be with old friends. We had the opportunity to share the program for the Sedalia, Missouri, 1st United Methodist Church annual women's gala. Several women came forward to receive Christ and others came for prayer for healing, comfort, or courage.



Several friends from our years in Blue Springs, MO, and from Missouri FaithLift Women's retreats joined us for this special night.



APRIL

During the seasons of Lent and Pentecost, we led a series of worship concerts, "From the Cradle to the , " Pentecost, in which we traced the life of Christ in Scripture and song. While we experienced powerful visitation of the Holy Spirit, our partners in Nepal had their world shaken by one of the most powerful earthquakes on record. Many of our friends and partners have helped to rebuild 2 churches and several homes. Please continue to pray for them.



May

Through prayer with our partners in Ghana and Nigeria, it was determined that 2015 would be a year for follow-up rather than planting more new churches. Training was held in both countries during the day, along with free medical clinics and village evangelism in the evenings. Hundreds were saved, healed, and delivered. The Lord's caution in our hearts kept us from joining the mission, and when the Nigeria mission had to be postponed for 2 months due to elections, we understood why.



June/July

The summer months saw the birth of Youth Community Explosion and the joy of watching the hearts of teenagers unfold in the presence of God's love. For seven weeks, the students memorized Scripture, played crazy games, learned what it means to be a disciple, made fun field trips, and reached out to serve those in need. New staff, provided by God Himself, are gifted and anointed to lead this ministry in such a time as this. Pray for Brittany, Tiffany, and Delores as they lead these precious youth — they are all world-changers!



AUGUST



August saw the miraculous provision of God bring dreams closer to reality on two continents. In India, Gospel Friends was able to begin construction on the long-anticipated VBS pavilion, dedicating it in a ceremony in November. And State-side, sale of property in Missouri enabled us to move quickly toward completion of the CWM Ministry Center in Starkville, Mississippi. We also enjoyed a visit from Joseph Otsin, our evangelist in Ghana.



SEPTEMBER



Construction continued when school began with volunteer crews coming from several groups on campus. Bob Coblentz continues to serve as our foreman, and Michael Jack has become his fulltime assistant. Michael also works with Youth Community Explosion.

Lori and I also had the opportunity to lead the MS Conf United Methodist Clergy Spouse Retreat. What a privilege and joy to share with them!



OCTOBER



With the cooperation of Starkville Community Theater and Modern Woodmen of America, we conducted our first annual dinner theater, "A Night Under the Stars." MWA made a matching gift of \$2000, and thanks to the generosity of the Starkville community, nearly 3 times that amount was raised for our North Starkville Outreach and Youth Community Explosion.



NOVEMBER



One of our guiding values is service, and throughout the year, we have had many opportunities, even with our youth, to serve our community. On Make A Difference Day, we cleaned up around the Salvation Army Building. Our staff is pictured here preparing Thanksgiving Dinner for our neighbors. And just before Thanksgiving, our youth experienced what it is to be homeless, sleeping in cardboard boxes overnight and serving a meal to the homeless in our area the following day. In December, they rang bells for the Salvation Army.



A Prayer from Delores

As a nation, God, we need to confess our sins. Our nation needs to admit our shortcomings. Tragedy in our public schools; Injustice in our courtrooms—why? When national disaster strikes, people say, "Where was God? Why did He let this happen?"

But we kicked You out. How can a nation that is slowly ridding itself of God from the public and private sector expect God to come to our aid when disasters strike? Unless a person or nation confesses our sins, You will not forgive us. Until we humble ourselves, fall at Your feet, and ask for forgiveness in repentance, You will withdraw from us. Until a nation exalts You, You will not exalt us.

Psalms 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." We sing "God Bless America" and You have blessed America more than we deserve. How do we repay you?

O God, I am afraid of what kind of destruction may be ahead for this nation if we don't seek Your face and follow Your instructions.

Have mercy on us, O God. Lead us in the way that leads to life everlasting.

Delores Bradford, CWM Community Liaison

DECEMBER

Lori and Lee Ann are singing Christmas concerts; Tiffany, Delores, and Brittany are loving our youth; Michael & Bob are building; Christian & Ramzy are entertaining us; and Rosella has been holding the fort down for all the rest of us! Occasionally, we get the opportunity to have a really good visit with each other, but like every other month of the year, December is filled with opportunities to show the love of God to others. Make sure you make time to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas!

Brittany, Tiffany, Delores, Rosella, Lee Ann, Lori, Michael, Zedd the dog, Bob, Christian, Santa Tate, & Ramzy

