



## JOIN US FOR MISSION AFRICA 2013

Plans are underway for the 2013 Africa mission to Ghana and Nigeria. The mission team will leave for Ghana on March 1. We will be in the historical Cape Coast area of Ghana and will go out to rural areas to plant churches and minister to the villages. We will also take some time to visit the Cape Coast castle used in the Atlantic slave trade. The team will leave Ghana on March 11.



The Nigeria mission will begin on March 10 in the Ngbo diocese in the southeast region. As in Ghana, we will plant churches, provide medical clinics, and other programs in the surrounding villages. The team will arrive back in the U.S. on March 18.

We encourage you to pray about your participation in this ministry. Consider joining us on the March mission as a preacher, teacher, nurse, children's ministry worker, prayer warrior or a servant in another area. You can join us for one or both countries. Contact us now for additional details or visit our website for a brochure and application.

## 2013 HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

### *Abandoning Your Posture of Strength*

Mark your calendars now for the 2013 Holy Spirit Conference. It will be January 25 and 26 at Alta Woods United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS. The theme will be "Abandoning Your Posture of Strength...Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Additional details are pending.

We will continue with the worship and workshop format as we seek to equip the church to move in the power of the Holy Spirit. Individuals and churches abandon their posture of strength through outside **circumstances** beyond their control, through **consequences** of poor decisions or by **choosing** to abandon their own strength and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us as we explore our personal and corporate response to God's call to find His power in our weakness.

Church groups will work together in developing a plan for implementation. We encourage you to bring your church leadership so you can work together as a team.

## 2012 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Call now to schedule a Christmas Concert for your church, community or organization.

### *"Be Born in Me Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary"*

with Lee Ann Williamson and Lori Smith

This concert will feature music such as *Be Born in Me* (from *The Story*), *A Baby Changes Everything*, *Breath of Heaven* and much more.

We ask for a love offering to support the ministries of Christian World Missions.

Call 662-324-0390 or  
email [info@christianworldmissions.org](mailto:info@christianworldmissions.org)  
to schedule.



## INDIA MISSION 2012

We had the opportunity to minister to Bible college students, pastors, nursing students, and thousands of children. See the insert for more information about the CWM 2012 India Mission.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST - DECEMBER 2012

### **Sandtown UMC Bible Class**

August 5, 12, 19, 26  
Philadelphia, MS

### **Oktoc Community Club**

August 10  
Starkville, MS

### **The Potter's Hand**

August 23  
Various MSU Extension Service Sites

### **Starkville Community Movie Night**

August 25  
CWM Headquarters, Starkville, MS

### **Women's Retreat**

September 14-16  
Grand Lake, OK

### **The Potter's Hand**

September 15  
New Hope Baptist Church, Clarkdale, MS

### **Starkville Community Event**

September 22  
CWM Headquarters, Starkville, MS

### **Henry's Chapel UMC Revival**

September 23-25  
Philadelphia, MS

### **Missions Concerts**

October 4 - Charleston, MO  
October 7 - Toulon, IL

### **Concert and Worship Service**

October 6 - 7  
Stockton, IL

### **Christmas Concerts**

December 9 - Tylertown UMC, Tylertown, MS  
December 16 - Shaw UMC, Shaw MS

*We would love to come to your church for a renewal event, women's retreat, concert or to share about the work of missions. Please contact us to begin the process of scheduling.*

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## THE POTTER'S HAND



A lump of clay in a potter's hand can become a beautiful, useful vessel. In a similar way, if we give ourselves over to the Master Potter, we too can become beautiful and useful for His purposes. Recently, Lee Ann shared the Potter's Hand



Mac Alford and Peggy Fowler get a closer look during The Potter's Hand.

program at Henry's Chapel UMC in Philadelphia, MS. She combined the art of pottery with music and teaching. Five different denominations were present for this community-wide event.

The Potter's Hand will also be presented as a Mississippi State University Extension Service Program on August 23rd from 12:00-1:00pm. This program will be conducted over video-conference to Extension Ser-

vice offices across the state. Contact the Extension office in your county and plan to attend.

Lee Ann will also present The Potter's Hand as a ladies' luncheon in the Meridian, MS area on September 15th at New Hope Baptist Church. If you are interested in having The Potter's Hand or another program at your church, contact us, and we'll tailor the event to fit your specific needs.

## NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE SOON

### Bible Study

Lee Ann has spent much of the summer writing a Bible study based on finding Jesus in the first five books of the Bible. Each section includes an opening chapter on a specific area of each book, such as "Revealing His Glory" in Exodus. This is followed by daily lessons that provide deeper insight and personal exploration and study for the participant. After editing and feedback from small groups, we will then pursue getting the study published and possibly the teaching sessions video recorded. There seems to be a real need for good, solid Biblical teaching in this format for small groups. We look forward to having this resource available soon.

### Devotion Book

As you may know, we have a one minute radio ministry that airs each weekday during the noon hour on American Family Radio. We have received several requests for having those published in a book. Therefore, we are currently editing those devotions to be suitable for a printed format and will pursue publication within the coming weeks.



## NEW CWM LEADERSHIP

The June CWM council meeting included ministry, financial and outreach reports as well as discussions regarding future plans and bylaw changes. In addition, the council's presidential leadership was passed from Thomas Terral to Bill Buckley. We celebrated Thomas' many years of service and showed appreciation for his leadership of the council by presenting him with "The Sower", sculpture by Okke Weerstand. Thomas is the founder of Terral Seed in Lake Providence, LA.



Thomas Terral receiving "The Sower" in appreciation for his years of service.

Bill Buckley, Director of the Mississippi State University Fellowship of Christian Athletes and football team chaplain took the gavel of leadership with great passion for Jesus Christ and for the ministry of CWM. In addition to a new president, the council also approved Carol Read as the new Vice President.

Carol commented, "I had been a supporter of Grace and Gladness for close to 20 years. As the ministry merged with CWM, I became even more impressed with the potential impact locally, nationally and internationally. I am indeed honored to be a part of the leadership team"



Council Member in attendance at July meeting Front row L to R: Cecil Williamson, Susan Seal, Lee Ann Williamson, Lori Smith, Bill Buckley, Back row L to R: Julie Williamson, Nancy Mulford, Horace Hankins, Leroy Schmidt, Judy Schmidt, Linda Hankins, Thomas Terral, Mary Buckley, Martha Ball, George Ball, Bill Jones, Carol Norcom and Mike Norcom.

## STARKVILLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

In May of 2012, we began hosting community events that provide an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ as we build relationships with those in our own community. In May, we hosted Ice Cream and Intercession for Africa, and in June, we had movie and popcorn night. We showed the film, *Soul Surfer* and shared how even during the most difficult time in her life Bethany Hamilton found that Jesus was truly her strength. We had a wonderful time meeting our neighbors, sharing popcorn, praying with them and beginning relationships that we trust will bear fruit.



In July, we were able to share the Gospel through the message in the movie *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. As we ended the event, Susan said, "Let's pray together." Before she could begin, the voice of a 5 year old child started, "Dear Lord..." The little girl

continued and closed our evening with a sweet prayer to the glory of the Lord.

We're planning another movie and popcorn night in August and then a final "summer" event in September. Our September event will be a partnership with the MSU Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The athletes will lead a devotion, games and group activities for children and adults. We will also serve hotdogs and drinks and continue building relationships with our neighbors and sharing the Gospel across the street and around the world.

## HAND-IN-HAND

As we move toward fall, please begin praying how God would have you partner with us. Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses to Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." We are faithful to not only be Christ's witnesses but also good stewards to what He has entrusted to us.

Look for the Hand-In-Hand publication coming out in September that will highlight ways you can be a part of the ministries of CWM. If you or your organization would like a personal visit, please contact us at 662-324-0390.

## CWM MEDIA

**Website:** Don't forget to check our website frequently for updates and new features and share it with your friends. [www.ChristianWorldMissions.org](http://www.ChristianWorldMissions.org)

**Facebook:** We post photos, announcements, prayer requests or just thoughts on our facebook page. Like us at [www.facebook.com/christianworldmissions](http://www.facebook.com/christianworldmissions)

**Twitter:** Follow us on twitter @christianworldm and keep up with what's going on in ministry across the U.S. and around the world.

**Radio:** Listen to American Family Radio during the noon hour for our one minute ministry spots. You can find a station or listen online at [www.afr.net](http://www.afr.net).



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*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." John 15:16*

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## GOOD MORNING, HOLY SPIRIT!



Is it okay to pray to or talk to the Holy Spirit? Is that allowed? Most of us can relate to the idea of God the Father because He's...well, a Father. We have many chapters in the Bible describing to us the life of Christ. But the Holy Spirit doesn't seem to get His due, even if He is the third Person of the Trinity. It's like He's not really as real as Jesus or the Father. After all, they call Him the "Ghost". It reminds you of some divine form of gas that floats in and out of rooms and through walls.

When people talk about the fruit of the Holy Spirit they say, "I have a lot of joy, but I just don't have patience." What is that - I have the Holy Spirit, but I only have one leg of Him? When they talk about the gifts of the Spirit they say, "My gift is discernment." Does that mean I have the Spirit but only one eye of Him? He is either a Person, or He's not. You either have all of Him, or you have none of Him. The only requirement for having all of Him is to be born again, having surrendered your life to Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:13). And He is not a ghost. He is a Person. As an athlete, I love it that He is called the Great Paraclete (John 14:16). In the original Greek Olympics, a paraclete was one who ran alongside of the long distance runners shouting encouraging and challenging words. He provided strength, companionship, direction, and probably Gatorade®! But he was real, and he was really there.

For us today, the Holy Spirit is the Myth Buster, guarding us from deception and leading us into truth (John 14:17). He is the Attitude Adjuster, filling us with the life and attitudes of Christ (14:19). He is the Ultimate Adventurer, leading us valiantly and fearlessly into the great unknown of our futures. He is the Divine Reminder, convicting us about our thoughts, words, and actions (John 16:8). And, by the way, you have all of Him. All of His fruit dwells in you (Galatians 5:22,23). By your Spirit-led choices today, you can let that fruit grow up. All of His gifts dwell in you (1 Corinthians 12). You don't have to ask for the gifts. You have them. You've got it all because you have all of Him! How good is that? Give the Holy Spirit His due then. If you are a believer, then the question isn't is the Holy Spirit in you.

*"And I will ask the Father,  
and He will give you another  
Helper, that He may  
be with you forever."  
John 14:16*

So, we can pray, "Good morning, Holy Spirit! We welcome you into our lives today. Because Christ sent you to dwell in us, we have everything we need today to be all He called us to be. May your fruit and your gifts flow out of us, as you will, that Christ might be seen in us! Amen!" ~ Bill Buckley



*Rev. Bill Buckley is the Director of the Mississippi State University Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well as the chaplain of the MSU football team. Bill also serves as our Christian World Missions' Council President.*