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## Supplying the Seed 2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Most of us understand the value of community and the importance of being and having good neighbors. Our sense of community is often developed or expanded in a church, local park or community center. And although we know it is about people and relationships, having a “place” is important as we gather in that common location.



At Christian World Missions, for many years we have joined hands with our neighbors around the world. But as we have looked around our own community we have found that our local neighbors need us, and we need them. As you may know, we began a local outreach ministry a couple of years ago with monthly programs that helped us to build relationships with our neighbors across the street.

We have been blessed with a core facility in which we could begin to bring together our neighbors, regardless of religious affiliation, socio-economic status, race or any other label that separates us. However, in order to continue to move forward, we need to make necessary improvements. We need heating and air, classrooms, additional bathrooms, parking, etc. This will allow us a “place” for people to come together for discipleship training, recovery programs, neighborhood ministry events, conferences, retreats and much more. It gives those who are not comfortable in a church, for whatever reason, a place where they can feel comfortable, safe and grow closer to God.

No, the church is the not the place, it IS the people. However, since the tabernacle in the wilderness, God has provided a place for His children to gather, to grow and to worship. Please help us to strengthen our community for His kingdom.

See inside for more details regarding our capital campaign. We look forward to talking with you about becoming a part of this exciting, kingdom-building work.



## ACROSS THE STREET...

We are continuing to host our monthly North Starkville ministry events. In April, we had an opportunity to play games and watch the movie, *The Miracle Maker*, a claymation about the ministry of Christ.

Our May event, *Welcome Summer Extravaganza*, will be great fun for the entire family. We will have a cookout with all the fixings, games, ministry time and other activities for everyone. So join us on May 17th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Christian World Missions headquarters on Fire Station Road in Starkville.



Scott talking to the children about the meaning of Easter.

## ...AND AROUND THE WORLD

During our 2014 Africa mission, we saw God do great things. The teams visited with chiefs, kings, councils, religious leaders, a governor and of course with the many people in villages in the Cape Coast area of Ghana and Osun state in Nigeria. See the inside for full details and pictures.



L to R: Bishop John Bamigboye, Governor Rauf Aregbesola and Lee Ann Williamson; Osun, Nigeria

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY - JULY 2014

*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.*

### Monthly Community Outreach: Pre-Summer Neighborhood Cookout

CWM Headquarters, Starkville, MS  
May 17

### FUMC Connections Service

Starkville, MS – Susan Seal  
May 18

### Sandtown UMC Bible Class

Philadelphia, MS  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Lee Ann Williamson  
August 3, 10, 17, 24 -Susan Seal

### Mississippi UMC Annual Conference

Jackson, MS  
June 6 - 8

### Crossgates UMC

Brandon, MS - Susan Seal  
June 8

### FUMC Vacation Bible School

Starkville, MS  
June 8 - 11

### Monthly Community Outreach

CWM Headquarters, Starkville MS  
June 21

### CWM Council Meeting

CWM Headquarters Starkville, MS  
June 27-28

### Aldersgate Conference

Springfield, IL  
July 17-20

### Monthly Community Outreach

CWM Headquarters, Starkville MS  
July 19

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email us at*

*info@ChristianWorldMissions.org*

## NEW PARTNER IN NEPAL

We are excited about a new partner in the ministry. During our Fall SE Asia mission trip, we met face-to-face and continued to build a relationship with James Poudel in Nepal. James is the Vice Chairman of the Dhankuta Christian District and an Elder in the Aashish Presbyterian Church of Kathmandu. Our CWM-US staff visited with the Poudel family, attended community Bible studies, led a women's conference and discussed possibilities of a partnership. In January, our council voted to support two ministry positions in Nepal under the leadership of James.



One position, held by Lydia Poudel, includes teaching, preaching, leading women's ministry in a Presbyterian church in Pakhribas, leading house fellowships and coordinating special events such as regional women's conferences.

The second position is held by Sunitha Shrestha. She will lead the nondenominational-church fellowship in Deurali village, serve as secretary of the Women in Dhankuta District and conduct evangelistic outreach in villages.



We were able to experience first hand the fruitfulness of this ministry and the faith of James, Lydia, Sunitha and many others. Through this partnership, we look forward to establishing fruit that remains in Nepal and will continue to praise God for His faithfulness.

Our plans are to visit Nepal again in the Fall of 2014. We will lead another women's conference, a leadership conference, teach Bible fellowships and see what God has done during the first year of our partnership. Please lift up this ministry in your prayers as well as our mission trip later this year.



James Poudel preaching in Pakribas, Nepal



## A FAITHFUL STEWARD

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*



What would prompt a soft-spoken retiree to spend all his free time doing construction for a non-profit organization, instructing young adult volunteers as they joined in, taking care of his elderly neighbors, and making delicious Amish popcorn for underprivileged children? Bob Coblentz just loves to serve – and besides, it keeps him busy!

Bob and his wife, Barbara, moved to Starkville in 2006 to be near their son, Robbie Coblentz, (VP for Stateside Ministries) and his family. Born into an Amish community in Indiana in the 1940's, Bob exhibits the amazing thrift and sturdy workmanship that this heritage instilled in him. His family left the community when it was discovered that they had a motorized washing machine in their basement. Imagine, "Here comes Brother Herman! Turn off the washer!" But one day, they just didn't get downstairs fast enough.

These days, Mr. Bob, as he is affectionately known to all of us, is often heard using a wide variety of power tools as he undertakes the initial stages of development of the Christian World Missions Outreach Center. There is plenty of new lumber being used, but Bob reminds us that recycling was the way of the world long before Green Building ever came into vogue. Thus far, if a 2X4 was removed from one area, it is repurposed in another, and an entire heating and air-conditioning system, along with the duct work, was transferred from another business to our ministry. And the 40 or so green restaurant lamps that he salvaged from a restaurant will also be used in our classrooms – along with their toilets and vanities!

On other days, when the work is not quite as loud, Mr. Bob can be found by following his tuneless whistle through the big warehouse. When he discovered that we have regular movie nights for our neighbors, he offered to make popcorn that he has shipped from an Amish general store in Indiana. His is a rare breed – happy to work hard, taking pride in his workmanship, and always looking for another way to make a difference.



*Mr. Bob supervising student volunteers*

### OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Thank to our volunteers that have already helped with our facility:

Craig and Maggie Bjorgam—Preliminary Architectural plans

Horace Hankins - Electrical

Robbie Coblentz - Materials

Bill Jones, Wallace Kilcrease, Luke Williamson, Sam Williamson - Stage construction

Volunteers from Mississippi State University's The Big Event - Construction

If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, please contact us at **662-324-0390**.



## AFRICA 2014 MISSION

### WITNESSES TO GOVERNORS AND KINGS

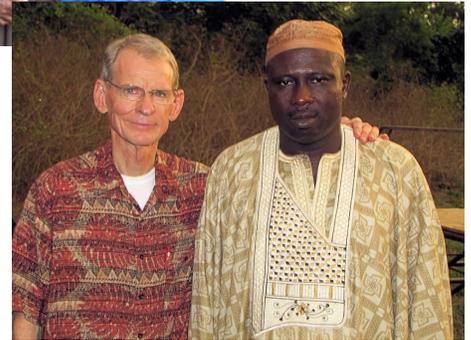
*On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. Matthew 10:18*

Often during our mission, we meet with village chiefs and church leaders. But this year, particularly in Nigeria, we saw the Lord fulfilling to us what He promised to the disciples as He sent them out. In Ghana, we worked closely with the Bishop of the area and other leaders. In Nigeria, we not only met with the Prelate (head of Methodist Church Nigeria), the National Lay Leader, bishops, and other church leaders, but we met with chiefs, kings, and the Governor and Deputy Governor of the State of Osun. Having the support of such men and women is important to our mission. It not only provides a level of security and allows us access to the people, but also may lead to the donation of land, much needed supplies or services. Most importantly, however, it allows us to share the Gospel through words or actions with men and women of influence, many of whom are not Christian. To the right and below are pictures from a few of those meetings.



*Left: Susan Seal with village king of Gege, Nigeria and Presbyterian.*

*Below: Mike Norcom and village king of Odoje Elesi, Nigeria*



*Left CWM Nigeria Team with Governor Rauf Aregbesola, Deputy Governor Grace Layoe-Tomori, Bishop John Bamigboye and wife, Janet, and other officials.*

### LOOKING AHEAD IN AFRICA

*Commit to the Lord Whatever you do and He will establish your plans. Psalm 16:3*

Go wide or go deep? Why not both?

We have planted almost 400 churches in Africa and will continue to go wide and reach the world for Christ. However, we also feel that God is leading us to go deeper.

During our 2014 mission to Africa, we discussed with our CWM-Africa staff and Methodist Church leaders the need to strengthen the churches we have started. So in 2015, we will be conducting training seminars with churches that we have already planted. We will also firm-up the strategy for reaching least-reached groups, primarily in the Muslim northern parts of Ghana & Nigeria, and in many isolated, rural villages.



*CWM Executive Director, Lee Ann Williamson, Advisory Council Member Mike Norcom, and Methodist Church Nigeria Prelate, Samuel Uche*

## AFRICA 2014 MISSION

### MINISTERING THROUGH AGRICULTURE

In 2013 we began an agriculture program in Nigeria. This year we expanded that program to Ghana as well. Dr. Mike Oye, CWM Africa staff, has a PhD in Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology and in Traditional Naturopathy. Dr. Oye taught 2 two-day seminars in the areas where we were planting churches. The seminars helped large scale and small family farmers to increase production by using insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers that are easily accessible in the local environment. MSU graduate student, Alyssa Barrett and Assistant Professor Laura Lemons, PhD also conducted research regarding our agricultural program in Ghana.



### MINISTERING THROUGH MEDICAL CLINICS

When asked if there is medical care available for the people in the village, one pastor replied that it is available, but the person must travel to the city and then pay a lot of money. "So," he said, "it is available but not really feasible for the common person." CWM provides 2 or 3 day medical clinics in the villages where the churches are established. We provide the funds for the doctors and nurses as well as the medicine and supplies. The doctors and usually nurses are indigenous and therefore can communicate easily and effectively for the correct diagnosis. For many, this is the only medical care they have received in a long time.



### EVANGELISM THROUGH WORSHIP SERVICES

Prior to our mission, the caretakers/evangelists spend time in the villages visiting with people, telling them about Christ and inviting them to be a part of the new church we will be establishing. Then, during the mission, we hold evangelistic services in an open area in the village. Many come to know the Lord during this time, and these are the people who make up the membership of the new church. Counselors are on hand each night to help them understand what being a follower of Christ means. There is also prayer time for healing and deliverance, and we often have the privilege of praying a blessing over the new churches as well as their new evangelist or caretaker.



### EVANGELISM THROUGH COMMUNITY VISITS

We are often fortunate to have time to walk through the villages prior to the evening services and visit with people. They are usually busy doing their daily chores but seem to enjoy talking with us and teaching us about their lives. It gives us a chance to share Christ by showing we are interested in them and by having an opportunity to talk informally with them.



## Supplying the Seed

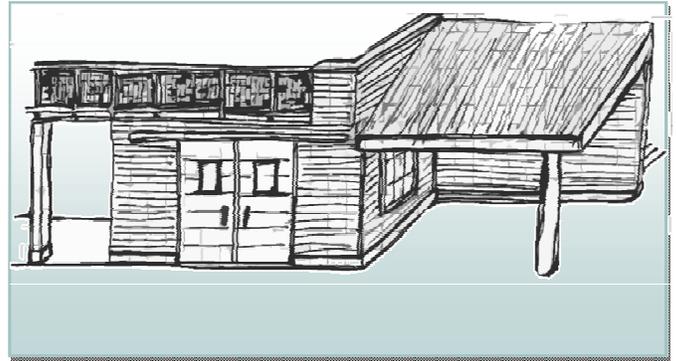
### 2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### Total Capital Campaign Budget: \$350,000

- Main worship area: \$50,000
- Second level rooms: \$95,000
- Studio, Office & Utility rooms: \$45,000
- Mechanical, electrical and other construction: \$70,000
- Furnishings and equipment: \$20,000
- Parking, utility building and landscaping: \$70,000

#### Projected 2015 Operational Budget: \$624,313

- International Missions: \$379,242
- Local/Stateside/General Ministry: \$166,686
- Other Expenses: \$78,385



*Sketch of proposed Art/Pottery Studio and Exhibit space*

## Function & Fruit

- General Worship/Meeting Area/Gymnasium
  - Local Worship Services or other Christian events: Perfect facility for evangelism and discipleship for those who are not comfortable in a church setting.
  - Conferences: Local, Statewide, Regional spiritual growth conferences
  - Youth/Children Programs: Reach out to local young people to share the Gospel and assist them in improving academics as well as give them a safe, Christian environment to build relationships and learn life skills.
- Classrooms
  - Breakout sessions during conferences
  - Small group meetings including recovery and educational programs
  - Bible studies
- Library
- Activity Room: Outreach to children and youth
- Art/Pottery Studio

### Naming Opportunities

*Honor or remember someone by making a donation in his/her name.*

Outreach Center: \$250,000

Worship Area: \$50,000

Classrooms (4): \$20,000 each

Art/Pottery Studio: \$15,000

Activity Room: \$10,000

Kitchenette: \$10,000

Office: \$7,000

*Donated by the Staff of Stromboli's Pizza*

Storage Room (2): \$3000 each

*One room donated by Staff of Stromboli's Pizza;  
One room available.*

Library: \$5,000

*The Norma Williamson/Betty Heflin Library donated by  
Mark and Mindy Heflin*



## SCHEDULE EVENTS NOW FOR YOUR CHURCH

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE/RETREAT

Now is a great time to schedule your women's conference or retreat for fall. Last year, God gave us a beautiful message in the women's retreat, *My Beloved*. *My Beloved* is designed around an ancient Jewish wedding... from betrothal to the marriage supper. With powerful imagery and Biblical teaching, you will be refreshed and renewed in your love for Him as Christ reminds you that you are His bride, His delight, His Beloved. We would love to offer this or another message at your women's retreat/conference.



Picture to the left: Washing to represent the Mikvah; Below: Passing through the huppah.



Call us now to get started.  
**662-324-0390**

### SABBATH RETREAT

“...if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD...” Isaiah 58:13-14

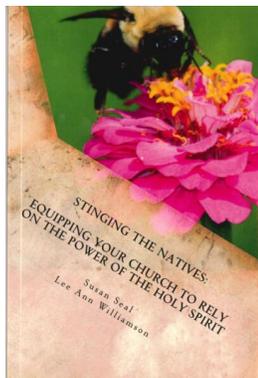
We live in a society where pursuing our own affairs at break neck speed is just part of the culture. And yet, we are empty and tired and have little time for those things that really matter. This Sabbath retreat looks at our view and the Biblical view of Sabbath, helps us find what we've been missing, explores those things that give life, and helps us to stop, remember and anticipate.

This retreat is wonderful for a small group and is best if it begins on one evening with a Sabbath meal and continues the following day.

Call us today to begin rediscovering Sabbath for your church or small group.



### CHURCH RENEWAL



In the workshop or renewal event based on our book, *Stinging the Natives*, you will learn how the Early Church addressed many of the same challenges we face today. We will explore where you are as a church and set you on a path to becoming the vibrant, transformed Body of Christ you were meant to be. This topic is perfect for church leadership or small groups as well as for good ole-fashioned revivals.

Call us to schedule your Church Renewal event now. *Stinging the Natives* is also available by calling our office or online at our website...[www.christianworldmissions.org](http://www.christianworldmissions.org)

### CONCERTS

Contact our office now to schedule Lee Ann & Lori for a house or church Christmas concert. Choose to have them sing a concert of songs featuring their two Christmas albums, or present the Christmas musical drama which features songs from their newest album, “What a Love.”

We are scheduling now for Nov 30 - Dec 21, and Dec 28 - Jan 4, 2014/15.



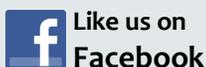


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*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.” John 15:16*

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## PERCEPTION OF GOD’S LOVE



Beautiful picture, isn’t it? Seems like a place you might want to visit – palm trees swaying, calm ocean waters, and clear, blue sky. It depends on your perspective and your perception.

*Perspective* sees from *your* point of view, *your* experience and *your* cultural filters and may have little connection to reality. *Perception* sees *reality*, and is formed through knowledge and understanding. If you have visited this castle, you might perceive that this is the Elmina Slave Castle in Ghana, West Africa. You might know that unspeakable atrocities were committed here and in other, similar places.

You might also remember that the smaller building inside the walls was a church, and that those atrocities were committed while European Christians sang their hymns and praised their God. Today, as many as 800,000 human beings are sold into slavery each year. Do we hear their cries any more clearly than our ancestors did? Is our perception of God’s love for them based on a clearer understanding of His truth?

*Proverbs 21:13* reads: “Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.” We can close our eyes and ears to the truth, but there will be a price to pay. You and I can make a difference, if we just will.

Today, while you’re praising the God who gave His life for you because He loves you so much, ask Him how you can help someone else, someone suffering and poor, to perceive His love through you.



*Lee Ann Williamson is the Executive Director of Christian World Missions and is an evangelist, Bible teacher and worship leader . She began full time ministry in 1981 with her father, serving as youth and music evangelist. Lee Ann has traveled to many countries and across the US sharing the gospel through evangelistic campaigns, church revivals, women’s retreats, concerts and discipleship training.*