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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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THE PERSPIRATION OF LOVE



"It saddens me that I feel I can do more. More than just attend Bible studies. More than just go to church on Sunday. More than just oversee a youth ministry. I want to feel the heartbeat of my city. I want to taste the pain, anger, and disengagement that rolls off my youths' lips. I want to cradle the brokenness of their families. I want to move due to the perspiration of love. Seeing the things my youth face in their neighborhoods and homes makes my soul weep. I want to protect them, strengthen them, and allow them to take snapshots of their destinies. A soup of chaos is brewing within. Dear Lord, show me how I can best serve you and them." B. Radford

For over a year, I have observed Brittany Radford as she leads and serves in our youth ministry, and I know that these thoughts are a true reflection of her life and desires. Raised in the inner city herself, she understands the challenges our youth face, and longs for them to follow Christ and set a trajectory in their lives that will lead to purpose and meaning, to glorifying God in all they do.

Brittany has challenged me. And like Paul and the Thessalonians, I "continually remember before our God and Father her work produced by faith, her labor prompted by love, and her endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:3) Like her, let us remember another encouraging word from Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:58—"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."



Brittany Radford is the director of Youth Community Explosion, our local ministry outreach to junior high youth in Starkville, MS. Brittany grew up in inner-city Cleveland, Ohio, and has a passion to reach youth who face the same challenges she knew. After graduating from Case Western Reserve Univ. with a bachelor's degree in sociology, she worked in inner city youth programs in New York City and Washington, D.C., before coming to Mississippi in 2014.



The Ambassador

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Open the Door of Hope THROUGH PRAYER

"Is not the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free... to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away..." Is 58:6-7

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27

His mother had to work late, so she dropped him off at his sister's house. She was there, but she was high, almost completely out of her mind, and hanging out with friends who were also intoxicated. The next week when she took the boy home, sister came to sit in her car and said, "Please help me. I have to get out. I can't do this anymore." "You don't have to. Let's walk out of this together."

"Those church people told me I'm going straight to hell. God doesn't love me anymore," the burly young man said. She said, "Get up and let me give you a hug. You are loved. Don't you ever forget that. I love you and so does the Lord. He gave His only Son for you."

"They said my baby will die if we can't get him to the hospital and we don't have the money for that. What can we do?" the young mother cried out. As one group of Nepali women gathered 'round to pray for her, another group was already making plans to help. Sadly, the baby died, but the mother learned to live.

"Their homes were all destroyed by fire, and their work in the brick yards makes them little more than indentured servants. They really have no hope. What will God do for these precious people?" It was the desperate cry of our partner in Pakistan, and a group of praying men in the U.S. heard their cry and helped.

These situations are real and have all occurred within the last 6 months in the day-to-day activities of our ministries

ACROSS THE STREET...

On February 22, while on the way to a one-day retreat, our ministry van caught fire. All the youth and adults were able to escape unharmed, but the van was completely destroyed. We rely on this vehicle daily — transporting students from school and home, and on field- and service trips. Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses and individuals, we were able to purchase two gently used 7 passenger vans. We have been all over the State since then!



During the fire, Reona got stuck in her seat-belt, and without hesitating, Shamiya jumped back into the burning van to rescue her. These are some pretty special kids! The group continued on to have a great day celebrating God's love at Lake Lowndes State park. During our closing program for spring session, our mayor proclaimed "Shamiya Bell Day," and presented her with a certificate.

...AND AROUND THE WORLD

On Palm Sunday, our partners in Pakistan boldly marched through the streets of Gojra singing, "Hosanna! Blessed be the Name of the Lord!"

"Hundreds of people gathered at our home church to offer prayer on the occasion. Commemorating the incident, a large number of people joined in a procession holding palm leaves blessed by Pastor Asif & Team. All the people said this celebration actually signifies the glory of Jesus Christ."

Our partners in Nepal held a similar march. Hallelujah!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUL—AUG 2016

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

North Starkville Outreach Youth Community Explosion (YCE)

Summer Session Closing—July 14

Fall Session Launch — September 12

Door of Hope Banquet

Tuesday, July 26

International Partners

Nigeria Church-Planting

3 churches planted in June
7 more to be established when tensions calm

Lori & Lee Ann's Ministry Schedule

Sundays in August

Lee Ann teaching @ Sandtown UMC,
Philadelphia, MS

August 12-13

Lucedale, MS

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Special Prayer Requests

Finances for CWM Center

\$115,000 needed to complete construction

India—Gospel Friends

Monthly budget \$25,000

Need more regular supporters

Pakistan—Catch the Holy Fire

\$24,000 is needed to complete one church and
construct another on donated land

Nepal

\$1800 is needed for completion of earthquake
repairs and security fences on two church
campuses.

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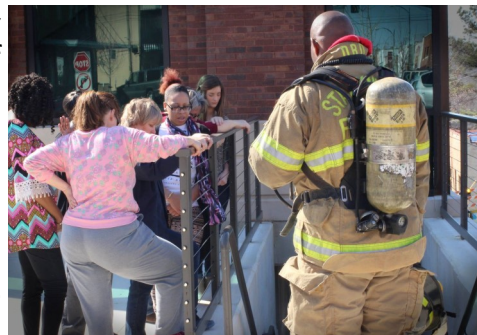
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around the world. Needs threaten to overwhelm us, but through prayer, God opens a door of hope for every person.

Prayer is how we come to know Who God is and what God is doing in our midst. It is how He shapes our hearts to love.

For the last few months, we have spent many Fridays in fasting and prayer, going on location around the city to ask God to do what only He can do. When we get that desperate for a move of God, He comes. Here are just a few ways we have already seen Him work:

- Our first on-site prayer was on the plaza of City Hall. Sirens started blaring while we were there — a false alarm—and staff spilled out every doorway. Several joined us, including two fire-fighters. Two days later, building permits which we had sought for six months were granted.



Ghuna Kumar in India with a joyful new believer.

- Another local after school program recently experienced several break-ins. Our youth prepared boxes of supplies and art-work for them, and then we prayed on-site the day we made the delivery. Since then, we have continued to partner with them to reach our local community.

• Our Nepali partners pray early every morning for their non-Christian neighbors, and then social outreach ministries in nearby villages. After years of very little “movement” in evangelism, in February, three Hindu families were baptized into Christ, in May, eleven individuals, and in July, fifteen more. Many new believers have been baptized in India and Pakistan over the last few months, too. The decision to be baptized is no small matter in these nations, for it can mean loss of family, jobs, and even persecution. But when someone finds the joy of Jesus, they are willing to pay whatever price is necessary.

I could go on and on concerning the many ways God has intervened in CWM ministries everywhere. Join us in prayer, and let's open The Door of Hope all around the world!

LOCAL MINISTRIES — YOUTH COMMUNITY EXPLOSION

OPENING A DOOR OF HOPE IN STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Sometimes, people, events, and circumstances all converge to make God's plan



Cleaning up the neighborhood

obvious. Such is the story of Christian World Mission's local ministry, The North Starkville Outreach. There is a crescent of neighborhoods in North Starkville that have as many as 37% living below the poverty level. CWM has a beautiful facility right in the center of that area. In addition to our senior staff and office associate, we now have 3 fulltime employees from grants and a steady stream of volunteers and student interns on our staff, all with a passion to help youth escape the cycle of poverty.



Shamiya and Kedarius enjoying water games



Maggie and Kedarius

Youth Community Explosion was established in June 2015, and over the last year, we have had as many as 26 youth involved in our daily program. Right now, because of construction, we are limited to 12 participants, but with your help, we can finish the construction, and OPEN THE DOOR OF HOPE so that more youth can join us!

Our program includes daily devotions, with worship, scripture memory, and life lessons; a meal or snacks; crafts and games; field trips, retreats, and lock-ins; and visits to industries, colleges, and other sites that might inspire thinking about their future.



Shamiya Bell Day! With Mayor Parker Wiseman

Because we are also a Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club, we regularly serve our community in a variety of ways — cleaning up neighborhoods, playing games with the elderly, ringing the Salvation Army bell, and taking gifts to first responders.

Our nation has reached a critical juncture — the collapse of our moral foundation and the rise of violence in the streets has created a darkness and captivity unlike we have seen in over a century. Our poor communities are desperate for a way out of the cycle of poverty and hopelessness, but they can't find the door.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE DOOR OF HOPE & WE NEED YOUR HELP TO OPEN IT!

Karl Marx said, “Whoever holds the children holds the future.”

We, as followers of Christ, should not only embrace and reclaim that truth (spoken by a Godless Communist, no less), but we should live it out in our every day lives! We can't do it without you!

- Construction on our outreach Center is 70% complete
- \$115,000 needed to open the door to more youth
- You can make your gift now in one of several ways:

PLEASE MAKE THE MOST GENEROUS GIFT YOU CAN

