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**PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:**

**VOLUNTEER MISSION GROUPS:**

Aug 10 – MSU Wesley Foundation Construction Crew

Aug 11 – MSU Service DAWGS Construction Crew

**WEEKLY LOCAL MINISTRIES:**

Wednesday, beginning Aug. 19, 5:45 pm

Bible Study: “Living Life by Faith in Him,” led by Lee Ann & Jean Ferguson
1st UMC Starkville

Thursday, beginning Aug. 20, 6:30 pm

Home Bible study, hosted by Lee Ann
205 Winterset, Starkville
The Minor prophets

Friday, 6:30 am

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

CWM Outreach Center, Cecil Williamson

Daily, Mon – Thurs, Beginning Sep 28

3:30 – 6:30 pm, 6-8th graders
Youth Community Explosion
CWM Outreach Center

Tuesday, beginning Sep 29, 6:30 pm

For parents of YCE program and others
“Parent 2 Parent”

CWM Outreach Center

**UPCOMING**

Aug 24-27 – Ghanaian pastor,
Joseph Otsin visits Starkville area

October: Training of 20 new pastors begins in GHANA AND NIGERIA in advance of church planting program in Feb/Mar 2016

Oct 3-4 – Forest UMC, Mississippi

Women’s retreat and Sunday services

Oct 8 – Dinner Theater, “A Night Under the Stars” CWM Outreach Center

Fund raiser; call for ticket info

Oct 9-10 – Clergy Spouse Retreat, Mississippi Conference, Brandon, MS

Oct 17-18 – Calvary UMC, Stockton, IL

Women’s retreat and Sunday services

Nov 29 – December 23 –

Lee Ann & Lori offering Christmas concerts; don’t wait! Book yours now!

**Looking for a Mission Opportunity?**Join one of our International missions, or Gather a team and join us in completing the construction in our Outreach Center!

See our website for event details:

<http://www.christianworldmissions.org/news-and-events/ministry-eventsmissions/>

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**August 2015**

Hope you’re managing to stay cool! I think we had a 30-minute cold spell today, but that might have been when I passed out from the heat! What a summer! Or are they all this way?

You know, weather is like life. Whatever is happening right now is usually the worst or the best that we’ve ever had. For example, every time we lead a retreat or conference, several people are sure to say, “I love them all, but this one is the best you’ve ever done!” We live in the moment.

I’ve had a lot of thoughts like that this summer. I never dreamed that at age 55, I would be working with junior high youth again. It was the most challenging ministry I’ve ever engaged in, including missions to remote regions of the world that are hostile to Christians! But it was also the most rewarding. When you see the change that God is making in lives, it’s hard to focus on the difficulties.

During the closing ceremony of our summer youth program, the kids did “cardboard testimonies.” On one side of a piece of cardboard, they wrote a description of their “old” life, and on the opposite side, a description of the change God made in them. Here are a few examples:

* “I used to be mean to everyone; God is helping me to be kind and helpful.”
* “I had anger issues; God broke my heart.”
* “I was shy and uncomfortable; God gave me joy.”
* “I used to get in trouble all the time; God is helping me be better.”

We are anxious to begin the school-year program in September. Meanwhile, construction on the warehouse has begun again, and we hope to have several more spaces completed by then. Pray about bringing a volunteer construction crew to help us. We’d love to have you!

I thank God that this year I was able to be in the U.S. for most of the year so that I could help launch the North Starkville Outreach. But our international ministries are continuing to produce great harvest for the kingdom, and I look forward to returning to Ghana and Nigeria in early 2016 for another church-planting mission. Pray about joining us for this trip! We need preachers, prayer warriors, children’s workers, singers, etc. If God is calling you, we have a place for you!

Traveling and teaching,



Lee Ann Williamson