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Happy New Year! I hope you had a glorious Christmas and that the new year has started with great expectations in your walk with God. This year is bound to bring many changes, some welcome and some challenging. Expecting God in the midst of them all is key!

Around the world, Christian World Missions is always changing and growing. In Africa, training is underway for pastors of the 15 new churches to be planted in March. In India, Pakistan, and Nepal, recovery work continues with flood and earthquake victims, which is a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel, and scores have been baptized as believers. Right here in Starkville, we have sub-contractors meeting one another at the door as they carry-on with construction; and in just a few weeks, our local youth will be back with us for the spring program and will help us reach out in the love of Christ to the entire community.

When the Temple was “changing” in the Old Testament, Ezra 3:11-13 records how the Jewish people responded: “Then all the people gave a great shout, praising the Lord because the foundation of the Lord’s Temple had been laid. But many of the older priests, Levites, and other leaders who had seen the first Temple, wept aloud when they saw the new Temple’s foundation. The others, however, were shouting for joy. The joyful shouting and weeping mingled together in a loud noise that could be heard far in the distance.”

Isn’t that what life is like? As excited as we are for the new things God is doing, the very fact that there is something new indicates that something else is now gone. And it’s okay to feel some sorrow along with the joy – sorrow for our shortcomings and sins that may have necessitated the change; sorrow for the loss of a loved one, a dream, or a ministry whose time has ended.

As I look back on my 35 years in ministry, I see many changes and not a few losses. Technology has necessitated a complete paradigm shift in the way we communicate the Gospel. The decline of our culture calls us to find new ways to connect with the many people who now have no knowledge of Jesus Christ, whatsoever. Change is not always easy, but God’s grace sustains us through it all.

And there is this marvelous truth: Our God does not change; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever! The message of His grace does not change – salvation remains a free gift for whosoever will come.

As you enter this new year, we pray with you that we will all rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us and provide for us as we embrace the new things He is calling us all to do and be.

Blessings and love,

PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

WEEKLY LOCAL MINISTRIES:

Friday, 6:30 am
Men’s Prayer Breakfast
CWM Outreach Center, Cecil Williamson

Daily, Mon, Tues, Thur (Begins Feb 1)
Youth Community Explosion
CWM Outreach Center

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Training of 20 new pastors in GHANA AND NIGERIA through Feb/Mar 2016

JANUARY

Because of construction delays, we have decided to postpone the Holy Spirit Conference until we can host it on site. We hope to reschedule it in the spring. Be looking for information!

21 – Our founder, Cecil Williamson, will be having back surgery; please pray for him and send cards to 210 Woodlawn Rd., Starkville, MS 39759

23-24 – FUMC Pascagoula, MS
Women’s Day and Worship Services

FEBRUARY

John & Christine Zimmerman, About Face Ministries, Spending one month training our staff and volunteers in local outreach. **If you are interested to bring a group from your church for a day of on-the-job training in local outreach, please give Lee Ann a call!**

MARCH/APRIL

11-28 – Church Planting Mission
GHANA AND NIGERIA
29-7 – Evangelism and Discipleship Mission, **PAKISTAN**

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/>

To schedule a ministry event, order resources or join us on a mission trip:

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