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Have you seen them? Have you smelled them? The daffodils, crocuses, forsythia, and Japanese magnolia blossoms? Have you heard them? The sparrows, mockingbirds, finches, and Spring is my favorite time of year – a renewal that catches my breath and brings a tear to my eye every single year!

Several years ago, Steven Curtis Chapman penned a song that rings in my heart all winter long:

*We planted the seed while the tears of our grief soaked the ground
The sky lost its sun, and the world lost its green to lifeless brown
Now the chilling wind has turned the earth hard as stone
And silently seed rise beneath ice and snow
And my heart's heavy now
But I'm not letting go of this hope I have that tells me
Spring is coming, Spring is coming
And all we've been hoping and longing for soon will appear
Spring is coming, Spring is coming
It won't be long now, it's just about here*

Becoming a follower of Christ doesn't promise that winter, clouds, drought, and storms will disappear – it just promises that Spring will always come again. New Life. Hope. That is what Christian World Missions is all about.

One of the guiding themes of our local outreach is, "God sees you in your destiny, not your history." Sometimes, when the hearts of those we love seem "hard as stone," we have to cling to the hope that "silently seed rises beneath ice and snow."

This is Maggie Connor. She is new to our staff, and in addition to helping with daily programming, mentors Miracle, one of our kids from a very challenging background. Recently, they attended a celebration for one of Maggie's friends and afterwards, Miracle admitted that she hadn't really enjoyed it. "But," she said, when Maggie asked why she went along, "sometimes we have to do things we don't enjoy so we can show our support for people we care about."

That lesson is hard for those of us who grew up experiencing that kind of love daily! We are so pleased with what God is doing in the hearts of these precious kids.

This month, we've also had news from Pakistan and Nepal that they are seeing people come to the Lord almost every week – that is miraculous work by the Holy Spirit in two very difficult nations!

Please pray for our friends in Nigeria. The gospel continues to advance, but persecution from Boko Haram is also increasing at a frightening pace. Your prayers truly break down barriers and walls in places all around the world.

PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

WEEKLY LOCAL MINISTRIES:

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, 6:30 am
CWM Outreach Center,
Contact: Cecil Williamson

Youth Community Explosion (YCE)

Mon, Tues, Thur, 4-5:30 pm
CWM Outreach Center
Feb 6 – May 6

MINISTRY EVENTS:

APR 9	Lenten Concert Springhill UMC, Meridian area churches
25	Drive-In Dinner CWM Center
MAY 13	Ladies Family Day CWM Center
JUN 6	YCE summer program start

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

Local volunteers needed!

Construction, Mentoring & Tutoring, Snacks and Meals, Organization Projects

Sponsor a Youth!

\$100/month for as many months as you can.
Funds most expenses related to their participation in YCE

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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