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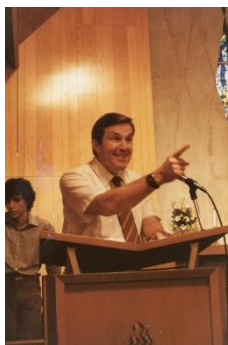
October 2017

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Dear Turner and Sybil,

Happy 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Dad! That's right, November 16 is the day John Cecil Williamson burst into the world. According to my grandmother, he was pushing to get going early and strong, even then, and they barely made it to the hospital before his arrival!

This month, I thought you might enjoy helping me come up with 86 reasons to be thankful for this man who has invested his entire life into reaching the lost and advancing the Kingdom of God:



**Reasons 1 & 2:** Married two sweet servants of God, Norma Goff, who was by his side for 40+ years of pastoral and evangelistic ministry; and Julie Van Dyken, who has traveled with him for the past 17 years of international ministry.

**Reasons 3-4:** Helped start two new congregations in Mississippi: Alta Woods UMC in Jackson, and Broadacres (now Covenant) UMC in Columbus.

**Reasons 5-35:** Preached revivals in more than 30 states. **Reason 36:** A favorite preacher for regional and national conferences on evangelism and the Holy Spirit.

**Reasons 37-51:** Preached the Gospel in at least 24 nations of the world, sharing the Gospel of salvation with 10's of 1000's.

**Reasons 52-57:** Established on-going partnerships with indigenous leaders in 6 nations, starting more than 1900 churches worldwide, and training nearly as many lay pastors to lead them. Many of these pastors went on to seminary and became presbyters and bishops. Many of the churches grew to be diocesan leaders!

**Reason 58:** Over 400 free medical clinics were hosted during his ministry outreaches.

**Reason 59:** Sound and movie projection equipment distributed to many pastors and evangelists who then shared the Gospel across their nations.

**Reason 60:** Several orphanages established in India and Philippines.

**Reason 61:** Sewing schools were established across India and Pakistan to help widows and young single women find a respectable form of employment.

**Reason 62:** The Jaya School of Paramedical Training was established in India, training young village girls and boys in nursing and paramedics, and introducing them to Christ.

**Reason 63:** Hundreds of bicycles and motorcycles distributed to African pastors.

**Reason 64:** Hundreds of study Bibles distributed to churches in Africa.

## PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

### WEEKLY LOCAL MINISTRIES:

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Friday, 6:30 am

**Youth Community Explosion (YCE)**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

FALL SESSION: SEP 11 – NOV 16

### FUND RAISING EVENTS:

OCT 12 **Dinner Theatre @**

(tickets available now -- \$40)

Beneficiary: CWM

OCT 19 **Hunger Meal @** The Storehouse

Experience in food insecurity

Beneficiary: Backpack Buddies

School children's weekend

hunger relief

NOV 1-2 **International Mission Store**

Unique items from all around the

world – Beneficiary: Our

international partners

DEC 3-20 **The Village at Christmas Tree**

**Lane;** Display of Starkville's

largest miniature Christmas

Village, and a variety of

Christmas Trees; \$5/person;

By appointment only;

Open date: Saturday, Dec. 9

### PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

**Cecil Williamson** had surgery to repair his broken arm on Sep 26. **Julie Williamson** had surgery to remove a basal cell carcinoma from her nose on Oct 4. Both are healing steadily.

### **Local volunteers needed!**

**Fall YCE:** Can you help provide a meal a couple of times a month for our youth? Pizza, hotdogs, nachos – they come in hungry!

### **Build a church in Nigeria!**

\$2500 provides a pavilion for a new church. If you started saving now, at \$100/month, you could build a church every 2 years!

### **The Storehouse at Christian World Missions**

The Big Room is now complete and available for rental! For weddings, receptions, conferences, retreats, reunions, or parties. All proceeds will help to support the ministry partners of CWM. Call to reserve your date!

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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