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Happy New Year! I can truly say that 2017 went out with a bang, and that 2018 has us off and running already. Hang with me for a little look back to The Village at Christmas Tree Lane. It was fabulous!



It was every little girl's dream – a winter-wonderland created in miniature, complete with twinkling lights, sleigh rides, and hot chocolate around a campfire. More than 250 people came to see the village, 13 beautifully decorated trees, and the stable where the Baby lay.

Grandparents brought their grandchildren, entire church and home school groups came, and extended families began what is sure to be an annual tradition. They decorated cookies and ornaments, did a scavenger hunt through the village, and participated in the telling of the original Christmas story.



This entire project was made possible by a special gift from our dear friend, Marilyn Epperson. She gave her entire Department 56 village to us, complete with hundreds of trees, houses, and accessories. Her only qualifier in the gift was that it be used for missions. So, we planned a fund-raising extravaganza. But God had other plans.

We did raise some money – almost enough to meet the cost of this first year. But we also had the opportunity to share the Gospel with quite a few who knew nothing about the real meaning of Christmas. A single mom and her four children did not even know the names of Jesus' earthly parents, and when I asked if they had a Bible, mom said, "Yes, it stays on a shelf where they won't tear it up." We sent them all home with Bibles that day, and a real excitement to read the story of Jesus for themselves. When mom said those Bibles would go on a shelf, too, the youngest boy said, "Mine is going on my bedside table!" I made sure to encourage Mom to let these be Bibles-we-use, read, write in, make our own. Pray for them all to fall in love with Jesus.



### **PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **WEEKLY LOCAL MINISTRIES:**

***Men's Prayer Breakfast***

Friday, 6:30 am

***Youth Community Explosion (YCE)***

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

SPRING SESSION: Jan 22-May17

#### **FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

MAR 1 – Dinner Theater – "The Master Needs It" A Musical Drama based on the life of the man who owned the colt that Jesus rode into town in Palm Sunday – Tickets -- \$40

#### **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:**

**Cecil Williamson** continuing rehab for both arms. 2<sup>nd</sup> armed injured in a fall over Christmas.

**Horace Hankins** former council member who suffered a massive stroke. Rehab at home now.

**Peace in Nigeria** – entire villages killed and threatened by violent extremists.

#### **\*Join The Keepers of CWM:**

To sign up to be a keeper, either email [LeeAnn@ChristianWorldMissions.org](mailto:LeeAnn@ChristianWorldMissions.org) or send her a message on Facebook

#### **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 our office at 662-324-0390 or Lori at 816-809-0807 to reserve your date!

See our website for event details:

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

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