

Reaching Out Across the Street and Around the World Caring, Witnessing, Making Disciples

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Dear Friends,

It was a Jambalay-Jah! What's that, you ask? Delicious jambalaya cooked and served to the glory of God! March 28 saw our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jambalaya Dinner bring in over \$7500 for the Lord's work! More than 300 Starkvillians were served, more than 20

folks helped with the serving, and more than we can count will be blessed by the fruit of this fun, annual event. Let me tell you about it...

You may recall that five years ago, a 15passenger van was given to our youth by our dear friend and neighbor, Mr. Hal Baggett. In

February of the following year, our students were on their way to a one-day retreat about 30 miles away when an electrical problem caused a fire. It spread quickly, and by the time they parked on the side of the road, there was no hope to stop it.

Our first Jambalaya Dinner was held that April, 2016, and it helped to provide over \$17,000, which was used to purchase 2 used minivans. The following year, we were able to buy a used 15-passenger van so that we can now transport at least 29 youth and adults. In 2018, we raised enough money to carpet about half of the upstairs classrooms and office space. This year, funds will be divided between three projects: a pavilion church in Nigeria, funds for a kitchen hood, and a trip to Washington, D.C. for our P.R.E.P. (formerly known as YCE) students.

In partnership with the Methodist Church Nigeria, we are continuing to start five new congregations each year, but over the past few years, there have been some significant delays because of terrorism. Our pavilion churches are placed where the



ism. Our pavilion churches are placed where the need is greatest; that is, where the church is floundering for lack of their own facility, or where they need to establish a presence in order to gain credibility in the community.

Each congregation must first secure land for their pavilion, which is often given by the chief or a wealthy land-owner in the village. Many who

give are Muslim and give because they know Christians will use the pavilion for schools and medical clinics, as well as worship. In addition to opening the door for the Gospel, many of those donors also come to know the Lord. This congregation has already added walls and floor to their pavilion.

## PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

#### LOCAL MINISTRIES: Men's Prayer Breakfast Friday, 6:30 am PREP (formerly known as YCE) SPRING: Jan 8-May 16 Worship at the Claiborne 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 4 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 3:30 pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apr 27Calvary Baptist, Macon, MS<br/>Ladies' TeaMay 16Dive Into Summer<br/>P.R.E.P. closing in the Park

### PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

Funds to plant 5 new churches in Nigeria and build 10 new pavilion churches The leader of our partner ministry in Nepal, Ganesh Poudel, is in Cincinnati, OH, this month to attend training for ministry.

#### Local Supporters -- Be a Keeper! Provide a snack or meal for PREP Be a tutor or mentor

Help cook, serve, decorate with events

See our website for upcoming event details: http://www.christianworldmissions.org/newsand-events/ministry-eventsmissions/

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