



# Friend-to-Friend

Reaching Out Across the Street and Around the World

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Dear Friends,

You have been a wonderful friend to Christian World Missions! I wish we could get together and catch up, face-to-face, **Friend-to-Friend**. I would love to tell you about all of our friends around the world and here in Starkville and how you have helped them – and how they still need your help!

Years ago, Diane Sawyer interviewed a runaway, living on the streets of Los Angeles. After hearing the young woman's story of an unhappy home, drug addiction, prostitution, and desperation, Diane said, "Why don't you just leave this and go home?" The young woman replied, "Because I can't find the door!"

She needed a friend. Someone who would take her by the hand and stay with her until she not only found the door, but made it through it to a place of welcome, health, and new life.

None of us can do this life alone. We need to be continually increasing our reach, friend-to-friend. We need to be the kind of friend Jesus is, who would lay down his life to help another.

Everything we do in ministry is based on friendship – friendship with God, and friendship with people, and most especially, letting people know they can have a wonderful friendship with God!

In this letter, I'm going to share the stories of some friends you've never met. There is so much yet to be done, and I want you to know how your friendship has made a difference, and how you could help by doing even more!

I wish I could introduce you to all of our ministry leader/partners face-to-face. I can't tell you how much fun it would be for you to visit in their homes, observe their ministries, and share your heart with all of those they serve. I wish you could see how your friendship for people you've never met has turned so many people's lives right-side-up!

One day, Ghuna Kumar's wife, Jaya and I were shopping and the stool I was sitting on buckled. I ended up sprawled on the floor, and Jaya ended up doubled-over in laughter. Nothing was damaged but my pride, and I tried my best to giggle with her. The next night, we wept side-by-side as child after child from their orphanage came forward to receive Father's love and BIG hugs from the entire ministry team. You did that, Friend.

## PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

### LOCAL MINISTRIES:

#### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Friday, 6:30 am

#### **Youth Community Explosion**

FALL: Sep 4 – Dec 6

#### **Worship at the Claiborne**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 4 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEP 8-9 Calvary UMC

Stockton, IL

Holy Spirit Conf.

14-16 Ozark Chapel UMC Laurie,  
MO, Women's retreat

27-29 Bible Conference, 6-9 p.m.  
Thurs. and Fri., 9-3

Saturday.

Oct 17-18 International Christmas  
Shop and Taste of the World  
Luncheon; The Storehouse

Oct 31-Nov 14 – NEPAL

Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve –  
The Village at Christmas  
Tree Lane

### PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

-Lori Smith's family health issues

-Cecil & Julie – living with pain

-On-going opposition/persecution  
in India, Nepal, Nigeria,  
Pakistan

-Youth staff preparing for start of Fall  
semester, Sep 4.

-Volunteers for tutoring YCE

-Financial Support

-Construction of outdoor shed & back  
porch

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

Serve, cook, build, create:

[LeeAnn@ChristianWorldMissions.org](mailto:LeeAnn@ChristianWorldMissions.org)

or send her a message on Facebook

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

All proceeds support

our ministries around the world!

Contact Amos Williamson:

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See our website for upcoming event details:

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

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

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**Ghuna Kumar Presents the New Testament  
“God’s Nature, God’s Order, God’s Purpose”**

September 27-29, 2018

The Storehouse at CWM, Starkville, MS

Thurs & Fri, 6-9 p.m

Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., lunch included

Love offerings will be received

Ghuna has developed a survey of every chapter of the Bible that is uniquely and powerfully presented. Plan to bring a group from your church and join us for as much of this survey of the New Testament as you can!

Mike Norcom, a long-time friend of my dad, met Ghuna while he was attending Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, MS. Mike was so impressed with Ghuna’s vision for



*Seminary student leading small group during 2018 annual VBS for more than 4000 children.*

ministry, that he wanted him to meet Dad. That was ‘way back in about 1992, when Ghuna was supporting about 7 orphans and preaching in revivals around South India.

CWM became the first major supporter, and today, Gospel Friends has expanded to over 200 orphans on 2 campuses, development of Bible, paramedical, elementary, and secondary schools, medical clinics, over 1700 churches, and some 100,000 new believers. You

will definitely want to take advantage of the opportunity to hear him, if at all possible!



*Ghuna’s wife, Jaya, distributing rice to neighbors of the ministry during recent Founder's Day celebration*