



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

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Air Force Chaplain Corps
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Dear Chaplains,

Spring has arrived in Mississippi and it shouldn't be far behind, if you are north of us. What a beautiful spring it is! Aren't you grateful for this annual reminder from the Lord that He brings new life from death, beauty from ashes?

I am deeply saddened to report that we recently have had two deaths of relatives in our CWM family. First, my brother, Sam, died on Thursday, March 7. And on the day we held his life celebration, Sunday, March 10, our dear Betty Robertson lost her brother, Richard. We have found comfort from one another and from scores of family and friends. Thank you for your kind words of condolence.

Sam was almost 4 years my senior, and only 62. He had a number of cardio-vascular issues, so while his death was not completely unexpected, it was still a sudden loss. Our family gathered for lunch almost every Sunday after church. At least twice a month, Sam's daughter, Maria, and her family, drove from out-of-town to be with us, and, if Sam was feeling up to it, he would join us, too. Yesterday, Maria brought the children, and she and I shared our grief that Sam wasn't with us. This special time reminded us that our lives have been altered, and our hearts hurt.

Life-altering experiences, no matter how big or small, can really shake your foundations. But if you have faith in and a personal relationship with our strong, loving God, then no matter what happens you can walk through it with peace, knowing that God, in His goodness, is working all things together for your good.

This tree was made using items from my mother's jewelry box. I chose carefully those things that would remind me of her foundation in Jesus Christ. This tree speaks to her faith in so many ways: the center jade cross which she wore regularly; pins from women's groups and Bible studies; globes forming the trunk, symbolizing her commitment to missions; the Bible charm reminding me of the hours I saw her pouring over scripture; tiny feet reflecting not only our need to protect the pre-born, but also her grief for the three pre-born children she lost through miscarriage; angels that symbolizing God's ever-present care for us; and finally, the dove and the cross & flame, representing her reliance on the power of God's Spirit. Our parents modeled a rich relationship with God. I'm secure in Him because of their faithfulness.



PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

LOCAL MINISTRIES:

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, 6:30 am

PREP (youth program)

SPRING: Jan 8-May 16

Worship at the Claiborne

4th Sunday, 4 pm.

2nd Tuesday, 3:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar 28 Jambalaya Dinner Fund Raiser

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

Prayer for the Cecil Williamson family in the loss of his oldest son, Sam

Prayer for the Betty Robertson family in the loss of her brother (Betty serves on our youth staff)

Funds to plant 5 new churches in Nigeria and build 10 new pavilion churches

Prayers for our partners in Nepal who are facing stricter laws against Christians and learning to find ways to reach the lost

Pray for peace in India during their upcoming national elections

Pray for the newly launched Dorcas Training Center in India

Prayer for support of PREP, the newly renamed youth outreach in Starkville; funds for daily program and trip to Washington, D.C. this summer

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/news-and-events/ministry-eventsmissions/>

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