

Our desire at Christian World Missions is to share the Good News of our loving, steadfast Heavenly Father with as many people as possible. The world is desperate for security and belonging, and they can find both in Jesus Christ. Here are a few ways we are sharing now.



In India, village women from Hindu backgrounds who are often illiterate, can learn a sewing trade. Thus, they are able to support themselves and their children, giving them some security in a society that might take cruel advantage of their vulnerability. During their training, they are also introduced to Jesus, and the vast majority of them come to know Him as Savior, Lord, and Friend. They then return to their villages, with the on-going support of Gospel Friends Ministry, and share the Gospel with their neighbors. Similar ministries are conducted by our partners in Pakistan and Nepal.

In Starkville, MS, our ministry with at-risk youth provides free, daily tutoring for students who need to know that God has a wonderful plan for their lives. Our motto is, "God sees you in your destiny, not your history." It is exciting to see them begin to flourish as they discover that God has given them tremendous abilities in many different ways. This summer, we are taking some of them to Washington, D.C., to explore the Smithsonian Institute. They will have the opportunity to discover both history and dreams for the future and many other exciting ways to help them see beyond their often insulated worlds.



Shakespeare said, "Knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven." We know that only Jesus Christ is *that* Wing, but all of our ministry partners around the world include some form of academic training. Why? Because we also know that learning to read gives them access to the Bible, and learning to read the Bible gives them access to His wonderful plan for their lives. In Nepal, Pakistan, India, and Nigeria, our academic training also includes schools for pastors and other Christian workers. The students pictured here are from the Himalayan

Bible Training Center in Eastern Nepal. Our partners serve as periodic teachers in the school. Knowledge of the Bible is absolutely essential in order to provide disciples with the information they need for a firm foundation in Christ.

That firm foundation begins with a personal proclamation of faith in Christ, and water baptism is often the symbolic gesture made to confirm one's faith. In some traditions, like my own Methodist church, baptism is often practiced with infants, as a symbol that it is God's grace that saves, not our personal proclamation (Acts 16:31). It is also an opportunity for parents and faith community to pledge their support and example for the child until she is ready to declare her own trust in God. Baptism itself does not save, nor does personal proclamation. It is only the blood of Jesus that saves, by grace through faith. But in some of our partner countries, baptism is a vitally important step of renouncing the past, including other gods and religious practices, and leaving all to follow Christ. It is a costly step, which could mean being ostracized by family and community. However, many people, such as these four precious Pakistanis, take this step every day because they want to walk with the Father who loves them immeasurably (Romans 2:4, NLT).



Laying foundations so that others can not only face the trials of life, but so that they also receive life abundant and eternal – that is our purpose, friends. Bless you for doing all you can to give life to all who will come.

Standing Firm in Christ,



Lee Ann Williamson