



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

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Dear Friends,

The Bible says that our Heavenly Father “sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous,” (Matthew 5:45) meaning, rain is to be counted as a blessing. And for folks living in the desert, I suppose there is no trouble with that logic! But when you live in the water-logged southern U.S. in 2019, counting rain as a blessing can sometimes be a bit tricky!

In fact, this year, the students of our after school ministry, P.R.E.P., almost had their dreams washed away. Let me tell you the story...

Several years ago, a friend shared with me that her children were taken to Washington, D.C., each summer with a special grant provided for underserved children. My heart immediately leapt at the possibility of doing that for our students, but the time was not right.

Until this year! With the right staff on board and a terrific group of kids we could take anywhere, and with high hopes and lots of anticipation, CWM scheduled an educational trip to Washington, D.C., for July 15-19. Twenty-two youth, parents, and staff will be spending 3 full days in the nation’s capital.

As we began to plan the trip, we were also finally able to see 5 long years of construction coming to an end. Two classrooms and the hallway need plywood on the walls and carpet on the floors. We are so close to the end, we can picture the students sitting at tables in the rooms! We even have the lumber on hand, and about ¼ of the funds needed for the carpet.

And then, the rains and storms came. On Saturday night, April 13 with about 600 college students enjoying a gala, a tornado warning went out for Starkville. A total of 3 tornadoes touched down in Oktibbeha county that night, causing damage to trees and some out-buildings, but no major property damage or injury to people.

At Christian World Missions, the young people were all herded to hallways, closets, and bathrooms, when to everyone’s shock and dismay, water began to come into the building under the south wall. More than 4 inches of rain fell in less than an hour, overwhelming the drainage system and flooding bathrooms, kitchen, craft room, and storage closet on the ground floor. Only 5 days later, April 18, with professional drying in progress, the building flooded again.

PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

LOCAL MINISTRIES:

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Friday, 6:30 am

PREP (formerly known as YCE)

SPRING: through May 16

SUMMER: June 10-July 25

Worship at the Claiborne

4th Sunday, 4 pm.

2nd Tuesday, 3:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 16 Dive Into Summer

P.R.E.P. Closing Celebration

July 15-19 PREP trip to Washington D.C.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

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

Emergency Funds needed to repair flood damage to The Storehouse and construct a new drainage system.

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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