



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR: International evangelism has always been at the heart of CWM, and since the mid-1980's, it has been our primary focus. Over the last two years, international incidents (earthquakes, kidnappings, terrorism) have kept us from traveling abroad. Our hearts and our financial support are still very much with our partners around the world and we look forward to the time when we can return to international travel on a regular basis. Until then, we thank God for providing us with phenomenally gifted men and women who faithfully carry-out the work of evangelism, church-planting, discipleship, and ask you to continue to pray and give to their vital ministries.

Meanwhile, God has laid a blessed burden on our hearts to **Open a Door of Hope** right here at home. Racial tension, the loss of our moral compass, and the rise of a culture of pleasure have led to the critical need for evangelism, discipleship, and reconciliation ministries in the United States. The North Starkville Outreach was birthed in 2011 and has grown to include Youth Community Explosion and Parent-2-Parent, along with regular intercessory and evangelistic engagements in our neighborhoods. We also host weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies, Concerts of Prayer, women's retreats, Bible studies, and training conferences in our ministry center. These ministries are critical to ushering in true revival to our ailing nation. God knew that we would need to be in the States to help launch these endeavors. We thank God that He engineers every step of our lives, especially when our hearts might pull us elsewhere. Pray that we will be faithful to the ministries He places in our hands, Across the Street and Around the World.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS in AFRICA – NIGERIA, GHANA

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help n times of trouble.

So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. Psalm 46:1-2

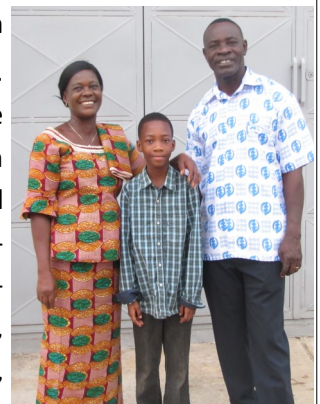


Sir J.K. and Helen Udeze

NIGERIA: You hear the news, so you know that ethnic and religious tensions have increased exponentially in Nigeria and surrounding nations over the last 18 months. In the first quarter of this year, several kidnappings took place in Bayelsa State, where we are planting 10 new churches. Because of the danger, we were asked not to join the mission, and in fact, only three of the 10 churches have been planted as of June. Please pray for the Body of Christ in Nigeria, and especially, our partners, Sir J.K. Udeze and Dr. Mike Oye. In spite of danger, hardship, and opposition, they carry on in the fullness of the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel. 254 new believers were

added to the Kingdom during June's church planting, and already, 54 have become members of the churches. Pray for them! Pray also that they will be able to move forward in establishing the other 7 churches as God leads and allows.

GHANA: Since CWM joined hands with Joseph Otsin and the Methodist Church Ghana in 1998, almost 200 new churches have been established, including five in 2016. Joseph's leadership gained the attention of several large local churches in the U.S. who are now taking large mission teams each year. They follow the model that Cecil Williamson created for church planting in the mid-1980's. Our goal is always to see our international partners reach fruitfulness, stability, and independence, and release them. We have recently made the decision to end our partnership with Ghana at the end of 2016. It is a bitter-sweet decision — bitter because we will miss seeing them and working with them regularly, sweet because the hand of God is strong upon them. Do continue to pray for Joseph, Stella, and the Methodist Church Ghana as they continue in evangelism and discipleship.



Stella, Daniel, and Joseph

ASIA — INDIA, NEPAL, PAKISTAN

INDIA: The new VBS pavilion was completed earlier this year and is used regularly for worship, training events, and of course, the annual VBS for 4-5000 children and youth from the surrounding region.



On January 4, an earthquake in Manipur State, northeast India, devastated property and families, killing at least 11 and leaving many more injured. The GF staff in that area has been actively involved in recovery efforts, sharing the love of Christ.



NEPAL: Evangelism is always more effective when done in the context of loving relationships. When those who don't know Christ experience His love through caring followers of Christ, they encounter the Living God — they *experience* Him!

The heart of our ministries around the world is in service and assistance. The evangelists we support in Nepal, Lydia and Sunita (shown here on right with newborn), not only teach Bible



studies and hold evangelistic meetings, but they also care for the sick, serve as midwives, and identify families in need, such as the ones who lost their homes to arson (left). As they serve and pray for people in Hindu and Muslim villages, they are often asked why Christians are willing to serve strangers. That's when we share, "We love



because HE first loved us." In that context, it is natural to share the Good News of salvation!

PAKISTAN: The entire world was shocked when terrorists set off a bomb in a public park in Lahore on Easter Sunday, killing more than 70 and injuring over 300. In spite of that open hostility, followers of Christ in Pakistan are bold in their witness and ministry. Our partners with Catch the Holy Fire Pakistan are seeing great fruit from their faithful prayer and outreach in these hostile days.

The pictures on the right come from a recent prayer meeting in Qadir Abad. As I said, we have MUCH to learn from our international partners about prayer. In most nations, our partners gather to pray every morning for one hour, weekly for a full evening, and



several of them have all night prayer vigils once a month. Surely, their steadfastness in prayer has much to do with the fruitfulness of their ministries. Pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer for Christ to be bold and have doors opened for them to share the Gospel.

