



HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Encouraged, Equipped, Encouraged

Our bishop recently said that the “Church” of Jesus Christ will not die, but the question is, “Will your church be counted with THE Church?” Yes, we will! But we can’t do it on our own skills, strengths and abilities. We must be Spirit led.

Join us for the 2013 Holy Spirit Conference and be Encouraged, Equipped and Empowered to stand strong in His power! It will be January 25 and 26 at Alta Woods United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS.

Rev. John Zimmerman, senior pastor of Corry UMC in Corry, PA will be our guest speaker. He will share a powerful message Friday evening, kick us off Saturday morning and share again in our final worship session Saturday afternoon. John will also work with us during our workshop time.



Individuals and churches abandon their posture of strength through outside **circumstances** beyond their control, through **consequences** of poor decisions or by **choosing** to abandon their own strength and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us as we explore our personal and corporate response to God’s call to find His power in our weakness.

Church groups will work together in developing a plan for implementation. We encourage you to bring your church leadership so you can work together as a team. You can also receive a discount for a table of six.

This is an awesome opportunity not just to be inspired and moved by the Holy Spirit in your own personal life but also to work together with your church leaders to Encourage, Equip and Empower your church and community!

REGISTRATION

For registration information, contact us at 662-324-0390, email at info@christianworldmissions.org or complete the registration online at www.christianworldmissions.org.

AFRICA MISSION 2013



Can you picture it...Americans and Africans working together to establish 20 new churches in villages across Ghana and Nigeria? This has been taking place year after year for 27 years! Please pray for this mission as we once again introduce thousands to the Lord Jesus and gather them together in brand new church fellowships.

Ghana Mission: Mar 1-11
Nigeria Mission: Mar 10-18
Full Trip: Mar 1-18

You will find a prayer calendar in this newsletter so you can follow us day-by-day and pray specifically for the people in the villages where we will be. Pray also for the physical health and safety of our team members as well the financial resources to meet the needs that God has called us to provide.

If God is leading you to join us on a mission, prayerfully consider joining us on our 2014 Africa Mission. We need preachers, teachers, medical personnel, children’s workers, and others who will help us express the love of Christ through prayer and personal relationship.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY - MARCH 2013

Women's Ministry Kickoff
January 12
NorthPark Church, Meridian, MS

Holy Spirit Conference
January 25-26
Alta Woods UMC, Jackson, MS

Build -A -Church (Africa) Luncheon
February 10
Starkville FUMC, Starkville, MS

February 25-March 25
Africa Mission—Staff

March 1-11
Ghana Mission—Team

March 10-18
Nigeria Mission—Team

We would love to come to your church for a renewal event, women's retreat, concert or to share about the work of missions. Please contact us to begin the process of scheduling.

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HAND-IN-HAND

Supplying the Seed



A Campaign to Establish "Fruit that Remains"

Thank you to all who have committed to partnering with us over the next three years as God does incredible things through CWM for His kingdom!

If you haven't sent in your card yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. You can also complete it online at www.christianworldmissions.org.

Help us meet our three year goal of \$2.5 million to fully fund current ministries and expand as God is leading.

LEADING THE WAY

As God leads Christian World Missions in building on our strong foundation and expanding into new areas, He has surrounded us with men and women who are grounded in His Word and led by His Spirit as we fulfill the mission He has given us.

The CWM bylaws have been reviewed and updated to better reflect how the ministry operates as well as to establish a Leadership Council. The Leadership Council consists of the Advisory Council's officers, CWM Executive Director and other Senior Directors of CWM.

The leadership council will consist of at least 8 people (president, 3 vice presidents, treasurer, 3 CWM directors). Their role is to provide overall direction and vision for CWM.



L to R: Bill Buckley, Carol Read, Jeff Read, and William Sansing.

We are pleased to present these officers and are grateful that God has brought each one to this place of leadership.

President: Bill Buckley
Senior Vice President/Partner Relations: Carol Moss Read
Vice President/Liaison for International Ministries: William Sansing
Treasurer: Jeff Read

We are also in the process of filling the Vice President/Liaison for Domestic Ministries position. We hope to have it filled soon, but will trust God's timing and direction.

Of course, most of you already know the Christian World Missions Executive Director, Lee Ann Williamson; Director of Operations, Lori Smith; and Director of Outreach, Susan Seal.

We are also blessed to have a strong, Godly advisory council that has experience in ministry and years of faithful service to the Lord. The Advisory Council does exactly what the name implies...offers wise council to the leadership of Christian World Missions as we seek to establish fruit that remains.



BE BORN IN ME...CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF MARY

During November and December, Lee Ann and Lori traveled across Mississippi sharing the Gospel through their Christmas Concert, *Be Born in Me*. God directed this concert in so many ways. He first introduced us to the title song in the fall of 2011. Francesca Battistelli recorded it for the *Music Inspired by the Story* project, which is a compilation of songs by popular Christian artists based on key stories in the Bible. This song became the foundation for developing a Christmas Concert from the perspective of Mary.



God then provided a beautiful framework for the concert...a middle-aged Mary looking back and sharing the amazing story of Jesus with a Gentile woman who is only vaguely familiar with Mary's son.



Based on many requests and the prompting of the Spirit of God, our plans are to record the music from this concert for a Christmas album. This music not only tells about the events surrounding Christmas, but is a great evangelistic tool that presents the Good News of Christ's birth and the salvation His life, death and resurrection brought for all of us.

Lee Ann and Lori will also be enhancing the concert and touring again next year, and it's never too early to make plans. So, if your church or community is interested in hosting the 2013 Christmas Concert, *Be Born in Me*, you can go ahead and schedule it now. Call us today at 662-324-0390.

AND ALONG THE WAY, JESUS STOPPED TO PRAY...

Ghuna Kumar, Gospel Friends India, Ministers in America

Ghuna Kumar was in the U.S. for several weeks this fall, preaching and meeting with ministry partners and new friends. After one of our scheduled events, Susan took Ghuna to meet several of her friends at the University. She intended to briefly introduce him to a dozen or so people, but that wasn't Ghuna's plan. He *STOPPED TO PRAY* with each person, learning about their families, asking what their needs were, and taking time to really touch each one with the love of Christ. They saw only 1/3 of the people Susan intended, but Ghuna *STOPPED* to heal and pray. What a beautiful illustration and a powerful message for all of us.

Jesus was like that - never in a hurry. On the way to raise a dead man, he might have stopped to heal several others or feed a crowd of 5000. The final destination was not the goal - changed hearts and lives dictated His every step and stop. I pray that in 2013, we will all slow our busy schedules and *STOP TO PRAY*.



If you are interested in partnering with us in India to support almost 200 orphans, a Bible College, Sewing Ministry, Nursing School, over 1000 churches, medical clinics and more, please contact us today.



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“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.” John 15:16

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HE DIRECTS OUR STEPS



Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 and Proverbs 16:9 remind us of life’s seasons and God’s direction. I doubt there are two Bible passages’ more relevant for this time of the year. We recently experienced a day of thanksgiving and are shifting focus to celebrating Christ’s birth. Hopefully, we used Thanksgiving to reflect, give thanks, fellowship, love, and share life with family and friends. Many of us over-indulged with food and shopping - or shopping plans. As we observed, “Black Friday” now begins before our post turkey naps are complete. While driving home from our family gatherings, my wife and I noticed the local Wal-Mart parking lot overflowing with eager shoppers well before 10:00 P.M. While I know frugal shopping is a good thing, it is hard for me to shift focus from giving thanks to the stress often associated with “Black Friday.” This observation reminded us how life’s pendulum can move us from giving thanks to stress, worry, sadness, and grief.

A man’s heart plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps. ~ Proverbs 16:9

“The Preacher” reminds us, there is indeed a time for everything, but God, even as we plan our lives - directs our steps. When asked to write a short devotion, I quickly thought about how easy it is to write about the many seasons associated with the end of a calendar year. However, God was at work – again - directing my steps. At about 7:15 Thanksgiving morning my brother called to say our dad had passed from this life to the next, so our family’s focus shifted from general to specific thanksgiving. We spent Thanksgiving giving thanks for our earthly father’s life, faith, gentle spirit, values, love of all people, and the legacy he left everyone in his circle of influence. In addition, we gave thanks for our close-knit family, and our faith, dedication to God’s character, and unconditional love – all of which are a tribute to dad’s influence. We were reminded of life’s seasons and our need to embrace God’s love and direction as we journey through them. May everyone take special care to search for God’s unconditional love as we journey though the final seasons of this year and allow Him to direct our paths as we celebrate Christ’s birth.



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