

Westerville Christian Church



Mission's Ministry  
Annual Report  
for 2007

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved...

Mark 16:15-16

John 3:16

”For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

---

Mark 16:15

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

The congregation of Westerville Christian Church is to be commended for their faithful dedication to the cause of Christ. We are the ambassadors for His word. It is not for us to save the world, that is what Christ does; we are to spread the word of His love and grace. This booklet is an overview of the works done in 2007 to actively participate in the Great Commission and 2008 goals for the Missions Ministry. In addition, information sheets on each of our supported missions are provided so you might be more informed on those we support, their mission for the cause of Christ and their goals for 2008.

*Please pray for each mission ministry.*

# Special Disbursements from Missions Ministry Discretionary Funds 2007

In addition to the \$98,597 budgeted and distributed to the fifteen regularly supported missions during calendar year 2007, the following funds were also distributed from Missions funds or special offerings for missions purposes:

Grant Fund Disbursements (to encourage members to participate in Mission trips):

- Abbey Siebert was provided funds for her mission trip to Portugal & Spain.
- Laurie Siebert was provided funds for her mission trip to Portugal & Spain.
- Jeremy & Erin Yoh was provided funds for their mission in La Jara, Colorado.
- Funds were provided to assist with Team Africa – April 19-29, 2007.
- Funds were provided to assist with Team Haiti – Jan. 25-Feb 02, 2008.

Mushayamunda Village:

- \$1,000 was provided for Shona Bibles.
- \$3,000 was given for Mhaka Mutengu's annual salary.
- \$3,012 was provided to assist with travel expenses for Team Africa.

Hurricane/Disaster Relief:

- \$3,000 was given to John McGuire for his leadership of Servants Unite, which sends disaster relief work teams to Louisiana and other needed areas.
- \$1,230 of the Thanksgiving offering went to Servants Unite to assist with ongoing disaster relief work.

Supported Missions Special Disbursements:

- \$2,500 was provided to Christian Children's Home of Ohio (CCHO) to help them with their "Extreme Makeover" improvement needs of several cottages at the Wooster campus.
- Round Lake Christian Assembly received over \$2,300 from the Easter offering to help with their "First Impressions" camp improvement needs.
- \$384 was donated to Student Christian Fellowship (SCF) to assist them with their office equipment.
- \$355 was provided to Rick Cooper for camp expenses at Round Lake Christian Assembly.
- \$250 was provided to Christian Missionary Fellowship to help with the expenses for Jenna Potter's (SCF student) mission trip to Kenya.
- \$1,000 was given to Round Lake Christian Assembly to assist them with general operation expenses and/or debt reduction.
- The high schools of Philippine Mission Churches of Christ (PMCC) received \$1,230 from the Thanksgiving offering.

Institute for Christian Resources (ICR):

- \$5,000 was given towards the effort of reaching unchurched people in Europe.

Promiseland Orphanage:

- \$1,370 was given towards Rahda White's travel to India to tend to the orphanage needs.

Benevolence:

- \$4,356 was collected for the Christmas offering and went towards benevolent needs for WCC

# Flags in the FLC

The flags are intended to remind us all that Westerville Christian is reaching outside the United States to fulfill the Great Commission. We do this through four main ministries in eight different countries.

## SOUTH WALL (Back to Front)



Cuba – Lifeline Christian Mission



El Salvador – Lifeline Christian Mission



Mozambique – Mashoko/Hippo Valley Christian Mission



Thailand – Philokalia Christian Mission



Honduras – Lifeline Christian Mission

## NORTH WALL (Back to Front)



Philippines – Philippine Mission Churches of Christ of Northern Luzon



Zimbabwe – Mashoko/Hippo Valley Christian Mission



Haiti – Lifeline Christian Mission

In addition to the International Missions & countries listed above, WCC supports Team Expansion that has over three-hundred missionaries in forty countries. Team Expansion has a great outreach to nations and ministers to missionaries preparing to go into the field or coming back for a time of refreshment.

# **Lifeline Christian Mission**

Year Founded: 1980

Website: [www.Lifeline.org](http://www.Lifeline.org)

**Purpose/Vision:** Take the Gospel/Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world (evangelize); and teach home church (U.S.) Christians God's word concerning their mission responsibilities. Lifeline accomplishes these purposes by evangelizing through Christian churches and schools, health care ministries, nutrition ministries, higher education, vocational equipping - with a major focus on children and youth and by providing involvement opportunities for Americans to serve in missions through Lifeline. As a result, Lifeline's entire U.S. staff base first became involved with Lifeline by going to the mission field or as a Stateside regular volunteer before becoming a staff member. Lifeline's methods call for equipping and empowering the foreign nationals to provide the ministries to people on a day to day basis. American staff serve as leaders, teachers, and overseers.

**Ministry Headquarters:** Lifeline Christian Mission, 184 Olde County Line Road, Westerville, OH 43081

**Area(s) of service:** Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, Cuba, U.S.

**Key Contact(s):** Bob and Gretchen DeVoe; [bob@lifeline.org](mailto:bob@lifeline.org) or [gretchen@lifeline.org](mailto:gretchen@lifeline.org)

**WCC Representative(s):** Sue Nelson

**Accomplishments in 2007:** We are just now receiving in from all of our field staff their annual reports for our annual Report Portfolio due out in April. However, here are some highlights of what Christ has done through this ministry:

## **HAITI**

- Approximately 250 baptisms (pending staff reports).
- Began new Leadership Mentoring Program with pastors.
- Launched Higher Ground Program for schools to take them to a higher level spiritually, academically, and physically (9000 students to be impacted).
- Raised support for Higher Ground Program for 1 school so far.
- Launched Adopt-a-Church/Partnership Program to help make physical improvements that are greatly needed at each of our 13 church locations.
- Hosted approximately 300 people on short term work teams.
- 1 church has been "Adopted" out of 13.
- Conducted 9 Kids Against Hunger food bagging sessions. Shipped in approximately 1,000,000 meals for feeding children, elderly, and pregnant and nursing mothers; mostly children.
- As a result, over 24 missions are now feeding 20,000+ children daily with this food.

## **HONDURAS**

- Approximately 60 baptisms (pending staff reports).
- Continued construction on the Ocotillo Christian Church facility.
- Repaired and renovated Gonzales Christian School grounds required due to massive flooding in 2007.
- Began a new House Church in Choloma.
- Began the Omoa Christian Church; many baptized in 2007 are from that community.
- Continued renovations on Omoa Children's Home.
- Held our first "all medical" work team.
- Constructed new Library at Colony Ocotillo Christian School.
- Were able to purchase a new van for the Children's Home with monthly payment commitments from supporters.
- All the pastors and their wives attended the Willow Creek Leadership Conference in Honduras.
- Hosted approximately 150 people on short term work teams.

## **EL SALVADOR**

- Approximately 50 baptisms (pending staff reports).
- Held our first medical brigade at two of Lifeline's 4 main church locations. Able to establish a good rapport with the government health care workers who participated.
- Cell groups meeting in homes expanded to 24 groups.
- Held soccer camps and Christian camp for youth.
- Sent some of Lifeline's youth to CIY conference in Guatemala.
- Jose Rodriguez, Lead Pastor was able to visit Cuba to meet with our leaders there.
- Began construction on the church facility at Chalchuapa.
- Began building a pole-barn type extension on the church at Santa Tecla.
- Jose also was among the leaders who were able to attend the Willow Creek Leadership Conference held in Honduras.
- Recruit and lead our first work team to El Salvador to renovate existing rental property to be a dorm for future work teams.

**CUBA**

- Approximately 30 baptisms (pending staff reports).
- Eduardo has been trying to visit Cuba to fellowship with the other Latin American pastors and leaders at Lifeline; Honduran government refused his VISA.
- Eduardo and the other ministers there were tremendously encouraged by Jose' Rodriguez's visit from El Salvador.
- Still hoping and praying to be able to find a way to visit there.

**U.S.**

- Baptized 6 Americans who joined work teams in Haiti and Honduras.
- KAH/Kids Against Hunger food bagging projects resulted in shipping of over 1,000,000 meals to feed hungry kids.
- VBS and Camps continue to be major events for Lifeline.
- U.S. staff do a great job; did not add any staff this year.
- God provided abundantly and Lifeline had a record year of giving (over \$3,000,000.00) answering prayers and helping us to catch up some for 3 years of difficult financial times. Still behind about \$75,000.00 but praying 2008 will help us catch up further.
- Three American couples are in training for leading work teams with Lifeline.

**Goals for 2008:**

- Always first and foremost to lead more people to Christ.
- Hire a full time Advancement/Development Director.
- Reduce all debt to zero.
- Renovate all churches and schools in Haiti which are in really dire straits in the classrooms; thus promotion of the Higher Ground Project will be an on-going emphasis in 2008.
- Ship another 1,000,000 plus meals to Haiti to feed hungry children and needy adults.
- Finish the churches under construction in Honduras, El Salvador, and Haiti (these are all existing locations that have been without a permanent church structure).
- Still need 2 to 4 more couples each willing to give up 2 to 4 weeks a year in leading teams for Lifeline in Haiti and Honduras.
- Host another nation wide major child sponsorship drive.

**Ongoing Prayer Needs:**

- That the ministries of Lifeline will always stay Christ-centered and focused primarily on evangelism.
- Finances; need to continue catching up.
- More child sponsors.
- Stamina and health for those of us working in the mission fields and for all our staff.
- Spiritual strength and growth for all of our leadership staff in all countries so that we can be wise and equipped to deal with the daily struggles. Pray for us to be always mindful to put on the full armor of God.
- Improve and expand our prayer ministry.
- Need more warehouse space in Ohio.
- Pray that God will lead the right people to Lifeline to serve in the various leadership positions that need filled (Advancement/Development, Work Team Leaders, etc.).

**Involvement Opportunities:**

- Prayer partners
- Warehouse and office work
- Food Bagging Projects
- Adopt a church
- Sponsor a child
- Work team to Haiti, Honduras or El Salvador
- Represent Lifeline speaking at VBS, Camps, churches, etc.

# **Mashoko/Hippo Valley Christian Mission**

Year Founded: 1956

Website: [www.hippovalley.com](http://www.hippovalley.com)

## **Purpose / Vision:**

- Evangelize the lost in Zimbabwe and Mozambique
- Plant churches
- Consult with African Church Leaders on a National Level
- Help to Identify and Target Cross-Cultural Evangelistic Opportunities

**Ministry Headquarters:** Grayson, Kentucky

**Area(s) of service:** Church Planting and Orphan Care; Discipleship in consultation with the national church and church leadership; education; care of widows and orphans.

**Key Contact(s):** Bob Pemberton ([bob@hippovalley.com](mailto:bob@hippovalley.com)); Kera Pemberton ([hvcm@hippovalley.com](mailto:hvcm@hippovalley.com))

**WCC Representative(s):** Christi Reams

**Accomplishments in 2007:** In 2007 we met many struggles with just meeting basic needs. With the economy crashing continually basic supplies were difficult to come by and many of the building we started was prevented by shortage in supplies. Many of our supplies we now have to purchase and transport from South Africa.

Tessa, Nathan and Isabelle are doing well and have provided encouragement to a congregation that has faced many trials and struggles, through loss of homes, and livelihoods. During these times though they were able to see God offer hope to people. Leanna has been doing well, very busy traveling around the US and spending time in Zimbabwe with the children.

We were able to hold a number of different revivals again this year. During these revivals the exciting thing is to see young people rededicate their lives to Godly living. In an environment where corruption is rampant and basic survival is difficult, the ministry of encouragement offers hope. Not only to the youth but also for those that are a part of leadership. The University Student Church has taken a hard hit because on campus living was not possible this year. The Resident hall was closed and so many students had to find places to live and spent much time traveling to school. Please pray for opportunities for this community of young people.

In the school system, due to the state of the economy there, it has been difficult to find good Christian leadership. In 3 of the high schools we oversee we have been able to find good leaders that are putting God first. In these schools it has been exciting to see a change in the atmosphere, and the youth's and teacher's attitudes.

We are still in the process of completing the building eight houses at Chiredzi Christian Children's Village. We were able to completely open one more house and have got 2 houses almost ready for occupation. Due to lack of building supplies we have not been able to get them completely functional.

This year the Mozambique churches had a very successful area conference where 40 people were baptized and the leadership in these churches are looking for new church plants.

## **Goals for 2008:**

- Completing the construction of the houses at Chiredzi Christian Children's Home.
- To purchase and establish two half-way houses for our graduating seniors at CCCV.
- To establish a Youth Hostel at the soon-to-be vacant Chiredzi Christian Children's Home.
- To continue to work with the Lowveld Minister's Fraternal and local churches towards total autonomy.
- To continue the church building in Ciqualaquala, Mozambique and place a full-time minister there.

## **Ongoing Prayer needs:**

- Nathan, Tessa and Isabelle's Ministry. That they can continue to be an encouragement in trying times.
- That the houses at CCCV be completed and occupied.
- Youth Hostel and Half-Way House established and operational.
- Empowerment to be true to our vision and purpose as we strive to be His hands and feet in the Lowveld of Zimbabwe.
- The upcoming elections, please pray for peace in this country and that change will take place.
- People of Zimbabwe, that they will find hope in difficult circumstances and that the church will be able to offer community and hope.

**Involvement Opportunities:** Short term trips are possible and encouraged. Possible areas of service, depending on need at the time, is helping with building, particularly in the area of finishing the proposed houses at the Village. Also holding VBS type programs with our orphans. We would also welcome a team to visit the work and have the opportunity to see our various ministries and interact with our co-workers.

## ***Philippine Mission Churches of Christ of Northern Luzon, Inc. (PMCC)***

Year Founded: 1947 by Charles & Roberta Selby

**Purpose / Vision:** Evangelism is the thrust and goal of PMCC. A secondary goal is to train young men and women to be effective, capable leaders in the churches. Through the grace of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit, some of these goals are being accomplished. Praise God! Opportunities for the future are unlimited. As you read this, will you pray with us for the Philippines, especially for the Filipino church, led by well-trained, qualified Filipinos? Prayer is the key that accomplishes the seemingly impossible in God's Kingdom. "With God all things are possible." "All things are possible to him who believes." This makes God's possibilities our possibilities – "IF we only believe". Brethren, lets "KEEP THE FAITH!"

**Ministry Headquarters:** PMCC c/o Lloyd Selby, Executive Director, 5266 Butternut Ct. W, Columbus, OH 43229  
Ph./Fax: 614-635-0131 E-mail: LloydSelby@aol.com

**Forwarding Agent:** Jan Schmidt, 6660 Delmonico, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

### **Area(s) of service:**

- 1947 – Charles and Roberta Selby with 1-year old Lloyd, went to the Philippines in response to an article, "Come Over into Macedonia and Help Us" written by Faustino Peneyra who in 1917 began work in Aparri.
- 1952 – Aparri Bible Seminary; training church leaders.
- 1957 – Aparri Christian Press; getting Christian material into the churches.
- 1967 – Two Christian High Schools Northern Isabela Academy (NIA) and Southern Isabela Academy (SIA); these schools have high academic standards and are recognized by the Ministry of Education as model schools and are accredited through the Association of Christian Schools (ACS).
- 1970 – Radio Ministry; provides correspondence courses over commercial stations and evangelistic broadcasts each time.
- 1977 – Cagayan Valley Children's Home; caring for over 125 children.
- 1979 – Lloyd joined PMCC.
- 1981 – Lloyd married Marivic Tenorio (they have two children: Jerry and Kelly)
- 1986 – A third Christian High School, Central Isabela Christian Academy (CICA), was built. Faculty & staff in all three High Schools are all Filipino.)
- 1990 – Solano Satellite Children's Home
- 1997 – Christian Aviation & Radio Ministry (CARM); aviation is required to reach remote areas.
- 1998 – Aparri Christian Hospital opens; (no other hospital is available for the over 25,000 area residents.) The construction effort was started in 1991.
- 2001 – Lloyd and family relocate to the U.S. as transition to Filipino leadership is implemented.
- 2002 – Relocation of Charles and Roberta Selby and Lloyd Selby family to Columbus, OH.
- 2003 – Appointment of Jan Schmidt as Forwarding Agent. Doug and Sandy Livgren have served in this capacity since 1981.
- 2004 – Completion of Phase 1 of transition to full Filipino leadership and funding to include Aparri Bible Seminary, Aparri Christian Press, ABS Kindergarten, Aparri Christian Hospital, Northern Isabela Academy, Southern Isabela Academy and Central Isabela Christian Academy. Cagayan Valley Children's Home merged with Christian's Haven under the leadership of Ken Oosting, Christian Aviation and Radio Mission was incorporated under the leadership of Stan Smelser and Solano Satellite Children's Home incorporated under the leadership of Kay Davidson.
- 2005 – Aparri Christian Press closed due to lack of funding. ABS Kindergarten became self-funded from tuition receipts and is now owned by its former administrator and his wife who also teaches there. It continues to be a vehicle for the delivery of the gospel to children and parents.
- 2006 – As part of Phase 2 the three Christian high schools began construction projects that remained on going throughout the year. One building was completed at Northern Isabela Academy. Construction also began for the third floor of Aparri Christian Hospital.
- 2007 – Construction completed on two buildings at Central Isabela Christian Academy and new construction started on an additional building. Construction begun at Southern Isabela Academy creating a new Classroom and administration building.

**Key Contact(s):** Lloyd Selby, Executive Director and Forwarding Agent Jan Schmidt, 6660 Delmonico, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

**WCC Representative(s):** Rick Peszlen

### **Accomplishments in 2007:**

Two new school buildings were completed at Northern Isabela Academy (NIA) and are now in use. One is a large one-room computer building where computer classes are taught. Unlike most other schools offering computer training, NIA has one computer for each student to use. Most other schools have 3-4 students sharing a computer which of course is not conducive to good learning. The same is true for the other two schools.

Central Isabela Christian Academy (CICA) has also added on to its classroom capacity by building an administration building

and converting the old offices to classroom space. They have also built on to one classroom building and connected to another from end to end thereby adding two additional classrooms. This was done because CICA experienced a sudden rise in enrollment this past year.

Southern Isabela Academy (SIA) has begun construction on its new classroom/administration building which now has most of its concrete forms poured and in the process of curing. It is constructed of poured reinforced concrete from its footings to its second-story beams on which the roof trusses will rest. They are building as funds are provided to do so. PMCC is the conduit through which those funds are channeled as the Lord provides through His people.

Aparri Christian Hospital (ACH) continues to provide critically needed services to the area surrounding Aparri and is also making a major impact for the Kingdom. Through the outreach program of ACH, two new churches have been started and also through the outreach of ACH hundreds of people are hearing the gospel message each month. While patients are being treated for their physical ailments they are also receiving much more important help, the ministering of God's word for the prospering of their souls.

#### **Goals for 2008:**

All three high schools' primary goal this year is to bring as many young people to a personal knowledge of Jesus as their Lord and Savior. There was over 230 baptisms in the fall of last year and we hope for the same or more this year. The construction continues at CICA and SIA with the desire and hope of finishing it this year as the Lord provides.

ACH must build an incline ramp from the second floor to the ground for the emergency exit of patients. The only way we have for getting patients out at this time is down the main stairs. The hospital is in dire need of funding to accomplish this task. The Dept. of Health is requiring that it be completed this year.

ACH will be going out into the countryside to hold vaccination outreaches and while doing so will also be teaching God's word to people. They will also hold Primary Health clinics in other villages along with providing basic dental care at the same time.

#### **Ongoing Prayer needs:**

- Our Filipino brethren who are providing leadership in all of these ministries for encouragement and joy as they serve in a very challenging capacity.
- For continued funding for the construction at the schools and the hospital.
- For continued success of the gospel as it is preached and taught by our Filipino brethren in conjunction with these ministries.
- For our brother churches in the Cagayan Valley that they may continue to meet the challenges posed by world as they bring light and salt to people in darkness and without life.
- For all who work and participate in these ministries, both on the field and those here at home who give so selflessly for the joy of growing the kingdom around the world.

#### **Involvement Opportunities:**

- Pray every day.
- Continued faithful giving as the Lord leads.
- Doctors and nurses possibly coming to hold surgical clinics at ACH.
- Youth group trips to visit High Schools to interact with students there.

## **Philokalia Ministries**

Year Founded: 1999

#### **Purpose/Vision:**

Philokalia Ministries exists to extend the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Southeast Asia by:

- Developing and implementing ministries of mercy and compassion, with a special emphasis on ministry to people with AIDS.
- Developing Christian communities who intentionally seek to bear witness to the nature and characteristics of the kingdom of God through their life together.
- Developing Christian leadership who are equipped with biblical, theological, practical and spiritual foundations to implement the above stated purposes.

**Ministry Headquarters:** Philokalia Ministries, P.O. Box 1396, Milligan College, TN 37682

**Area(s) of service:** Chiang Mai, Thailand

**Key Contact(s):** Sue Wise (Treasurer), [wisesue02@earthlink.net](mailto:wisesue02@earthlink.net), 423-282-8026; Adele Spurgin (Display), [spurgina@esr.edu](mailto:spurgina@esr.edu), 423-461-1530 (Daytime); Jerry & Pam Headen (Missionaries), [headenjw@pobox.com](mailto:headenjw@pobox.com), 66-53-247-726

**WCC Representative(s):** Phil Taylor and Sue Nelson

**Accomplishments in 2007:**

- The Philokalia Ministries Team, composed of Prawit Chaosan, Yai Yangja and Jerry and Pam Headen served 63 families affected by HIV/AIDS through: prayer and counseling on various issues that confront those living with HIV/AIDS at our ministry center and visits in homes and hospitals; help with transport to medical appointments; assistance with contacts with relevant government offices and other organizations offering assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS; opportunities for worship and Bible study.
- Average attendance of 40 in Sunday worship services, with 10-15 children and youth involved in Sunday school classes.
- Cell group for Christians had twelve in regular attendance, with occasional visitors. Emphasis continued to be about personal growth focusing particularly on developing an outward focus and awareness of responsibility for ministry to others. The cell group hosted the Christmas party again this year and our fifth Valentine's Day outreach party in which 50 people attended, many of whom do not come on Sunday. Also the cell group planned the special services for Easter of this year.
- Six students from Lanna Christian College served with us on Sundays, assisting in the Sunday School program and various aspects of the Sunday service. Two interns worked along side our team full-time from February 2007 to February 2008.
- One young person was baptized in Christ in 2007.
- Provided housing assistance helped one family long term and two families short term.
- A Youth Retreat was held in October in which 20 young people participated. The two interns were the main leaders in charge of this retreat and did an excellent job. Another retreat is planned for early 2008.
- Continue to develop our home industry of making gift bags and note cards from saa paper, a traditional paper made from bark of the mulberry tree, to assist HIV+ people needing work. Bags were sold at several venues in Chiang Mai and orders were filled from the United States and Holland. While more markets are still needed to provide a steady income, increased success of the project allowed us to increase the amount paid to workers per piece. Pam has been especially involved with this project.
- Continued to administer school tuition funds for 14 AIDS orphans from a local church.
- Continued to host visits each Monday by a team from the Rejoice Urban Development Project which provides supplemental medicines for HIV+ people.
- Continue raising funds for the development of the purchased piece of land that is to begin in early 2008.
- Jerry continued to work on his project for his DMIN degree.

**Goals for 2008:**

- Development of godly lives as witness to the truth of the gospel to all whom the Lord brings our way through increased emphasis on development of personal spiritual disciplines.
- Continue to develop a missional outlook in all of our Christians in imitation of the example of Christ.
- Seek greater involvement of non-HIV+ Christians in our community.
- Begin development of our community center on the newly purchased land as funds become available.
- Develop new opportunities to market the handicrafts produced by our community.
- Jerry's completion of his studies and receiving his DMIN degree in May.
- Hiring the third person to work along side our two Thai co-workers.

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

- Increased effectiveness for the Philokalia Ministries team in a resistant folk Buddhist setting.
- That God will work in the lives of non-HIV+ Thai Christians to catch our vision and join our community.
- Growth in the grace and knowledge of Christ among all of our Christians, along with their increasing witness.
- Necessary funding for the development of our community center.
- For good physical, emotional and spiritual health of our team.

**Involment Opportunities:**

- Interested persons are needed to serve on the Philokalia Board of Directors in the U.S.
- Short-term work teams may be needed in the future when construction begins on our community center.

**Team Expansion**

Year Founded: 1978

Website: [www.teamexpansion.org](http://www.teamexpansion.org)

**Purpose / Vision:** Partner with local churches to send and sustain interdependent teams of missionaries to plant churches among unreached people worldwide.

**Ministry Headquarters:** 3700 Hopewell Rd., Louisville, KY 40299

**Area(s) of service:** Recruiting & Training missionaries (along with missions teams & missions committees), tracking their finances, helping them map out strategies for reaching unreached people groups, seeing them through the long haul. We also provide as many support services as is possible to make the above happen -- including pulling together a campus for mobilization, prayer, retreat and training events to take place, creating kingdom connections to facilitate the Cause of Christ cross-culturally, etc.

**Key Contact(s):** Doug Lucas, President, 502-719-0007, ext. 250; Julie Cheatum, Financial Director, 502-719-0007, ext. 251.

**WCC Representative(s):** Tom and Margie Nicholson

**Accomplishments in 2007:**

- Team Expansion continued to grow in its quest to reach the unreached.
- Re-Launched the work in Banja Luka, Bosnia.
- Prepared for the new field launch in Spain.
- Anchored the work in the Turkish Republic of N. Cyprus, through the partnership of a local church that set this goal with us all the way back at Envision '96 in Lexington, KY (in 1996), this objective was accomplished.
- Facilitated the beginnings of a new church-plant in New Orleans.
- Doug Lucas completed his doctorate dissertation.
- Helped Westerville complete its Prayer Shelter at Emerald Hills.
- Did whatever it takes to forge on among 70 outreach projects among some 70 unreached people groups in 40 countries.
- Facilitated a prayer movement for missions like never before in the history of our churches.

**Goals for 2008:**

- Completely finish the new Prayer Center & Atrium at Emerald Hills.
- Move Int'l Services into the new Prayer Center & Atrium at Emerald Hills.
- Open the new work in Verona, Italy.
- Open the new sending base in Ghana.
- Conduct a full prayer journey and additional research in "Mara", opening it in 2009.
- Conduct a full prayer journey and additional research in Spain, opening it in 2009.
- Lead the program for Missionary Kids at the National Missionary Convention in Tulsa this fall.
- Completely raise \$700,000 for the Prayer Center & Atrium building at Emerald Hills.
- Facilitate a retreat for the chief executive officers of CMF, PBT, FAME, TCM, Good News Productions, IDES, and Team Expansion.
- Stage a 12-hour get-together for 30 Ministers of Missions from around the USA for debriefing, retooling, strategic planning and dreaming about the future.
- Process at least 150 new full-time missionary applications.
- Recruit & Train 10 volunteer regional representatives.
- Stage 7 new "LAUNCH" missionary training programs for our new full-time workers.
- Recruit and add to Int'l Services staff a Marriage and Family specialist (Member Care Dept).
- Doug Lucas will finish his doctorate completely on 2008.

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

In addition to the above, pray for a) more workers, b) more leaders to help them be effective, c) additional funding to take on new challenges. See other prayer requests on a regular basis at: <http://www.teamexpansion.org/lucases> and <http://www.emeraldhills.info> as well as the "Prayer" menu item at: <http://www.teamexpansion.org>

**Involvement Opportunities:**

- Send a crew to help us move in to Emerald Hills, at a mutually agreeable date this fall.
- Host a "PACE Luncheon" for Columbus area churches sometime this fall.
- Recruit at least 1 person from Westerville to attend the NMC with the primary purpose of helping us minister to the needs of Missionary Kids at the convention, following the lead of our MK Coordinator (We will actually need 4 of these people, so a "pair" would even be better).
- Help us create a prayer emphasis that would focus on launching 25 new unreached people networks during the next 12 months.
- Show a 3-minute update on Emerald Hills to your congregation at some point during the next 12 months, after which the congregation would pray that we'd actually move there in 2008.

# Cincinnati Christian University

Year founded: 1924

**Purpose/Vision:** Cincinnati Christian University exists to build Christian leaders one person at a time to serve the church and shape the world. We strive to provide the best Biblical and Leadership training available.

**Ministry Headquarters:** Cincinnati, OH

**Area(s) of service:** Besides being a launching pad for future leaders of the church, we are also a center of outreach for our local community and a resource for our network churches nationally.

**Key Contact(s):**

David Faust, President  
Barbara Rendel, Executive Director University Advancement  
Mark Koerner, Advancement Officer, Alumni Director  
Wally Rendel, Director of Church Relations

**WCC Representative(s):** Karen Peszlen

**Accomplishments in 2007:**

- In total full-time enrollment, CCU is now the largest institution of higher education associated with the Christian churches and churches of Christ in the Association of Biblical Higher Education.
- The majority of CBC students are enrolled in programs aimed at ministry in local churches (preaching ministry, general ministry, worship ministry, youth ministry, children's ministry, Christian education ministry, urban and intercultural ministry).
- 91 new CALL (degree completion college) students were enrolled this year in the fall and spring classes.
- Aaron Burgess and Kathy Sprinkle have recently been added to the CALL/CCU leadership team.
- Completed our study for our ten year master plan to double our enrollment by 2017.
- In November, we launched a comprehensive capital campaign Beyond the Walls to start gathering financial resources to fund the ten-year master plan.
- As over March 1, 2008 over \$2.5 million has been given and pledged for Beyond the Walls .
- Our dining facilities have been renovated.
- The HVAC in the men's dorm, Restoration Hall, has been upgraded.
- The counseling center has been renovated with class room and office space doubled.
- In April, the first ALIVE day was held on campus with 185 in attendance.
- In November the first IMPACT (home coming) was held on campus with over 400 attending.
- Financial audit completed – clean report with fiscal year ending in the black.
- Steve Skaggs called to lead our campus wide mission program known as the Center for Urban and Global Outreach.
- First week long class offered in our newly organized Russell School of Ministry with Dr. Barry McCarty and Bob Russell teaching – 23 attended.

**Goals for 2008:**

- Our University wide goals are set forth in our master plan (they are being mailed along with our Beyond the Walls literature and DVD).
- Continue Advancement work with churches and individuals to raise funds for ten year master plan ~ total funds needed to fully underwrite our needs is \$30,000,000.
- Construction of new admissions offices and entrance plaza at Presidents Hall.
- Increased enrollment in all three colleges (CALL, Cincinnati Bible College and Cincinnati Bible Seminary) according to our ten year master plan.
- Second week long class offered in the Russell School of Ministry.
- CALL satellite campuses are being explored (currently we have a satellite at Indian Creek CC, Indianapolis).

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

- Pray for our President and his wife, Dr. David and Candy Faust.
- Pray for the CCU cabinet who daily work with Dr. Faust in leading CCU for the fulfilling of its God ordained mission.
- Pray for the board of trustees (like your staff member, Mark Stier) who meet three times a year shepherding the life, doctrine and ministry of our leaders and CCU family.
- Pray a hedge of physical and spiritual protection about our CCU student body.
- Pray for a record enrollment this fall in our three colleges and Russell School of Ministry.
- Pray for our faculty as they daily shape the hearts and lives of our student body.
- Pray that more and more of those who study at CCU will answer the call to ministry and missions – serving the church and shaping the world for Jesus.
- Pray for the success of our Beyond the Walls campaign as individuals and donors are invited to share their financial resources with CCU.

**Involvement Opportunities:**

- Through your mission ministry pray regularly for what God is doing at CCU.
- Visit CCU, meet our president and take a CCU tour.
- Attend ALIVE, April 25.
- Attend IMPACT, November 6 and 7.
- Enroll in our CALL degree completion program and take classes at CCU one night a week.
- Continue to explore ways to help us meet our financial needs by making and fulfilling a Beyond the Walls commitment.
- Adopt a project at CCU that can be fulfilled through sending a work team to campus or adopting a special area of ministry.
- Invite Dr. Faust or a CCU professor to speak at your church.
- Use CCU students as interns on staff during the summer or yearlong internships.

**Kentucky Christian University***Year Founded: 1919**Website: www.kcu.edu*

**Purpose / Vision:** To educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church and in professions throughout the world.

**Ministry Headquarters:** 100 Academic Parkway, Grayson, KY 41143

**Area(s) of service:** At KCU students may prepare for a calling in vocational Christian ministry, social work, nursing, teacher education (K-12), business, music, counseling psychology, and mission service. KCU is a faith community where twice weekly chapel services provide opportunity for spiritual formation and refocusing, and where intercollegiate athletics (men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's and women's cross-country, and football) provide an opportunity to develop personal discipline, self-confidence, and leadership under the oversight and supervision of coaches that are first of all spiritual mentors. The University also offers two graduate programs: M.A. in New Testament, and an M.A. in Christian Leadership.

**Key Contact(s):** Al Serhal, Church Relations Officer

**WCC Representative(s):** Christi Reams

**Accomplishments in 2007:**

- Kentucky Christian University has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of America's Best Colleges.
- KCU has been recognized as one of the Top 50 Comprehensive Baccalaureate Universities in the South.
- KCU's independent college in Crimean city of Simferpol (in the former Soviet republic of Ukraine) has an enrollment of about 200 students now.
- Summer in the Son remains to be a strong influence for young adults and potential future leaders in the Kingdom of Christ.

**Goals for 2008:**

- Remodeling of the Nash Chapel (Hopefully this Summer).
- Work will begin soon on the Yancey School of nursing (2nd story of Kings daughters med building).
- Record student enrollment for the Fall of 2008 - Over 600 students.
- Record Faith Promise giving from our students/faculty & staff. We are going to have a full 5-day missions emphasis in the Fall with Tommy Oaks as our speaker.

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

After introducing the new Covenant Church Program we are praying for greater relationships with our partner Churches as we provide scholarship opportunities for members of these Covenant Churches as well as graduate training for full time staff. Pray for increased enrollment from this program. Pray for the spiritual climate of our campus. Pray for the search committee as we seek God's guidance in selecting KCU's 5th President.

**Involvement Opportunities:**

Our website and VOICE reveal all of the upcoming events. STAND, SITS, Jr High Challenge, ESCN conference, New Day conference (formerly Ladies Day), Bible bowl and much more.

## ***Student Christian Fellowship***

*Year founded: 1975*

*Website: [www.scf-osu.org](http://www.scf-osu.org)*

***Purpose/ Vision:*** To be the hands of Christ extending from the heart of the church to the students at The Ohio State University. SCF helps develop Christian community among OSU students and helps them grow in Christ.

***Ministry Headquarters:*** Columbus, OH- the LOFT above the old Long's Bookstore at 15th and High

***Contact information:***

Mailing address: PO Box 8037, Columbus, OH 43201

Physical address: 21-23 E. 15th Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

E-address: [scf@osu.edu](mailto:scf@osu.edu)

Website: [www.scf-osu.org](http://www.scf-osu.org)

Phone: (614)206-9257

Main meeting time: Tuesdays, 7:30pm at the LOFT

***Area(s) of service:*** College ministry focusing on the students of The Ohio State University

***Key Contact:*** Seth Aldridge, campus minister; Jill Vogel, director of women's ministries

***WCC Representative:*** Margie Nicholson, SCF board member

***Accomplishments in 2007:***

- Completed 32 years of ministry to OSU students.
- Hosted six FREE FRANKFURTER FUN (1,000 hotdogs) nights to bless the students of OSU.
- More than 10 new students chose to become part of SCF this year.
- Had 30 students on the first Tuesday of the school year.
- Students are growing in their leadership abilities.
- We have seen lots of spiritual growth that cannot be quantified.
- We helped more students grow in Christ this year than last.

***Goals for 2008:***

- To collect more Biblical studies resources for our students to use.
- To do more activities that engage campus.
- To be a part of a Veritas Forum at Ohio State.
- To collect 888 jars of peanut butter for Lifeline's Peanut Butter Drive.
- To grow spiritually and numerically.
- To increase the number of individual supporters who support SCF.
- To raise \$500 per month toward Jill Vogel's salary.

***Ongoing prayer needs:***

- For more financial support.
- For boldness and strength to speak the Truth.
- For sharp minds and humble hearts.
- For the Kingdom to grow at OSU.
- For the conversations during our FREE FRANKFURTER FUN nights.
- For the unity of the students at SCF.

***Involvement Opportunities:***

- Pray for the needs listed above.
- Students at Ohio State are invited to come to SCF's Tuesday gathering and other activities.
- Enlist your small group to fix a homemade dinner for 20-25 students on a Tuesday night.
- Purchase and assemble "exam survival packs" for our students- contact us about times and supplies.
- Purchase copies of StrengthsFinder 2.0 (by Tom Rath) to help us develop leaders (\$12 on amazon.com). Give these to Margie Nicholson or call for a pick up time.
- Enlist your Sunday School class to fund a FREE FRANKFURTER FUN night (\$300 includes hotdogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, napkins, and propane). You can write a check, or contact us for best sources to purchase these items.
- High school seniors and their parents can attend "Packing for College" hosted by Worthington Christian Church. Contact us for more information.
- Donate Biblical studies resources.

- In August you can help us collect various paper products needed for the next school year.

SCF thanks WCC for your reliable monthly support. As well we are thankful that you have covered the cost of the maintenance agreement for our copier; given \$500 toward costs for our kickoff at the beginning of the school year; and invited us to represent SCF at the missions fair.

## ***Tree of Life Christian Schools***

*Year Founded: 1978*

*Website: [www.tolcs.org](http://www.tolcs.org)*

***Purpose / Vision:*** Mission: In partnership with the family and the church, the mission of Tree of Life Christian Schools is to glorify God by educating students in His truth and by discipling them in Christ. Vision: As students are led to spiritual, intellectual, social and physical maturity, they become disciples of Jesus Christ, walking in wisdom, obeying His Word and serving in His Kingdom.

***Ministry Headquarters:*** Columbus, Ohio

***Area(s) of service:*** Christian education from preschool through high school

***Key Contact(s):*** Lezlee Knowles, Superintendent

***WCC Representative(s):*** Bob Shonkwiler and Stacy Cromley

### ***Accomplishments in 2007:***

- Twenty-nine years of educating students (current enrollment of 682 students).
- On-going growth of the tuition assistance program.
- On-going participation in the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship program, with 74 students enrolled through this.
- Professional development of our faculty and staff in educating minority students. Tree of Life has a 22% minority population.
- Comprehensive study of the school's essence and core values.
- Embarking on search for property and funding for moving our elementary branches into one location.
- 95% of graduates attending college.

### ***Goals for 2008:***

- Continue to meet the needs of the children in the greater Columbus area, with a student body that is reflective of the Kingdom of God.
- Increase tuition assistance dollars.
- Further implement Biblical worldview integration into our curriculum.
- In-depth focus on spiritual formation in our students.
- Begin intentional plan for academic assimilation of our under-resourced students.

### ***Ongoing Prayer needs:***

That God would pour out His wisdom and grace on the staff and parents as they train our students to think and act Christianly in our post-modern culture.

For God to show us the location for our future elementary branch.

### ***Involvement Opportunities:***

Prayer.

Gracious provision of your building for our preschool at WCC.

## Christian Children's Home of Ohio

Year Founded: 1969  
Website: www.ccho.org

**Purpose / Vision:** "To bring healing to hurting children and families in His name"

**Ministry Headquarters:** Wooster, OH

**Area(s) of service:** Wooster, Cleveland, Columbus, Massillon, Canton, Bellville and Tennessee

**Key Contact(s):** Peter A. Hall, Director of Church Relations, 330-466-0236, hallpa@ccho.org

**WCC Representative(s):** Phil Taylor

### **Accomplishments in 2007:**

- Continue to develop strategic initiative plan.
- CRC –
- Change in curriculum to improve intervention strategies.

### Foster Care & Adoption –

- New Director in place – Beverly Richards.
- In process of developing a treatment foster care program that will meet the needs of the children placed in foster care with intense emotional and physical needs.
- In cooperation with the New Beginnings counseling office in Ashland we currently have social workers going into homes for intensive intervention.

### New Beginnings Counseling Services -

- Opened 2 new counseling offices in Sugarcreek and Ashland.

### Ridge Riders program –

- Equestrian Day camp partnership with Wooster Parks and Recreation went very well and there are already plans for 2008.
- Some spring programming was accomplished in the indoor riding arena but lighting is necessary to expand into seasons where darkness falls early in evening. Lighting was purchased and installed by Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church the first week of March 2008.

### Facilities –

- Started remodeling cottage 2.
- Cottage 1 room changes have been made.
- Thanks to the 2007 Vacation Bible Schools that used CCHO as their Mission, we were able to purchase a new to us school bus.

### Administration –

- Technical development program is in full swing.
- Software to integrate departments have been purchased or are included in budget.

We continue to be as adaptable as possible to meet the needs of the children placed in our care. We also strive to make CCHO attractive to agencies and families looking for help with children and families that are in need of healing. Whether it is through our Residential Care program, New Beginnings Counseling effort or Foster Care and Adoption CCHO continues to search for new avenues to meet the needs of the children and the families that are struggling in our society.

### **Goals for 2008:**

The staff and trustees of Christian Children's Home of Ohio have collaborated to develop a strategic Initiative. Part of the initiative was to develop a vision statement which is as follows:

"Through Christ Jesus we will...

- Transform and strengthen the lives of marginalized and hurting children, their families and communities, serving them in an atmosphere of unconditional love;
- Attract, retain and invest in the best employees, foster and adoptive parents, and synergistic partners who provide a seamless spectrum of support services and clinical care focused on outcomes;
- Be recognized as a leader in innovative and responsive programs and services in the field of child and family well-being;
- Inspire the generosity of investing donors because we are a model of excellence for our governance, leadership, stewardship and child advocacy.

The following proposed strategic initiatives are identified:

- Create a new and dynamic identity.
- Develop new, integrated (technology) seamless systems.
- Design and implement therapeutic foster care services as part of offering a continuum of care/services.

- Design/create and implement an employee development process. Establish a leadership/ supervisory development process.
- Establish a 3-year funding plan (campaigns, grants, etc.) to include funding of strategic initiatives and endowments.
- Enhance physical facilities.
- Develop an environment that fosters and reinforces effective internal and external communications.
- Establish a culture of continuous quality improvement. Strive for / pursue excellence.
- Offer intensive home-based services to include working and post-adoptive families.

Our staff and trustees are meeting as teams to develop specific methods to accomplish the stated initiatives.

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

Please be in prayer for the strategic initiative process.

Please be in prayer for our children because Satan is working overtime to have a negative impact on their lives.

Please be in prayer for the children that have accepted Jesus as their Lord and those that are in the process. We have 15 children that are in an intensive Bible study leading up to baptism.

Please be in prayer for our staff and the various ministries that are leading up our goal of bringing healing in His name.

**Involvement Opportunities:**

If you are interested in coming to CCHO for a mission project please call Pete Hall at 330-345-7949 ext. 2327. He will be glad to schedule your youth group, young adult group, leadership team or whoever would like to be of service.

## **North American Christian Convention**

Year Founded: 1927

Website: [www.nacctheconnectingplace.org](http://www.nacctheconnectingplace.org)

**Purpose / Vision:** The NACC is the connecting place providing ideas, inspiration, and identity to New Testament churches, ministries, and their leaders.

**Ministry Headquarters:** NACC, 110 Boggs Lane, Suite 330, Cincinnati, OH 45246

**Area(s) of service:** The NACC is a connecting place, primarily through an annual gathering of Christians, that provides ideas, inspiration, and identity to new testament churches, ministries, and their leaders. From the convention's opening main session to the closing, those attending are challenged and inspired for the cause of Christ with a particular focus on that year's theme. Beyond the daily morning and evening main sessions there are over 60 workshops, Bible studies, special events, and an exhibit hall that allows missions and other ministry related organizations to present their work first hand. The NACC designs the annual gathering to meet the needs of every member of the family. The teen convention features its own main sessions and workshops. There is a dynamic program for younger youth, too. For the thousands of ministers, leaders, missionaries and church members who attend, they will take the inspiration, challenges and learnings along with new and rekindled friendships away with them as they live out their Christian lives all across North America and around the world. For many this is a major time of rejuvenation, spiritual healing, and recommitment as they are touched by the Lord through the various convention activities. The next convention will be in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 1 – July 4, 2008. The theme is "Living Dangerously". Make plans now to attend and be incredibly blessed and challenged. The NACC also is making plans for its 3rd Minister and Spouse Retreat to be held August 11-13, 2009.

**Key Contact(s):** Allan Dunbar, Executive Director, 425-787-8661; Rick Coyle, Business Administrator, 513-772-9970

**WCC Representative(s):** John McGuire

**Accomplishments in 2007:**

Kansas City, MO was the site of the 2007 NACC held on July 3-6, 2007. Alan Ahlgrim, Lead Pastor at Rocky Mountain Christian Church in Niwot, CO, was the 2007 NACC President. The 2007 theme "It's Time" was unique for its focus on church planting including eight workshops ranging from "Getting Started in Church Planting" to "Adventures in Church Planting." The main session speakers were chosen because of their involvement in church planting. Two other strong areas of focus were families and women with one of the women's highlights with speaker Lisa Whelchel, perhaps best known for her role on the sitcom The Facts of Life. Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, best-selling author and speaker, was a must-attend for husbands and wives. Alan Ahlgrim summed up his goal for 2007 when he wrote "we're praying [2007] will result in a radical reinvigoration of our commitment to church renewal, church planting, and kingdom expansion." (Christian Standard, 2/18/07)

In August, 2007, the second Minister and Spouse Retreat was held by the NACC in Ridgecrest, NC. The program was outstanding and a blessing to over a 100 ministry couples. The next Minister and Spouse Retreat will be held in August, 2009, as noted below.

**Goals for 2008:**

We are excited about the upcoming 2008 NACC on July 1-4, 2008, which is held this year in downtown Cincinnati OH at the Duke Energy Center (Convention Center). The theme this summer is "Living Dangerously!" The "dangerous leaders" gathering this year comprise of main sessions speakers Cam Huxford (2008 President), Jon Weece, Ajai Lall, Dr. Ralph Draper, Jud

Wilhite and Ben Merold. There are over 60 workshops with such “dangerous” speakers as Dr. S. Thom Rainer, Dr. Ajai Lall, Bob Russell, Dudley Rutherford, Reggie Joiner, Jeff Walling, Becky Pippert, and Erin Smalley just to name a few. The Bible Study speakers’ line-up brings together Liz Curtis Higgs, Patrick Mead, Jeff Vines, Rhonda Graham, Dr. Johnny Pressley, and Becky Pippert. New this year is the “dangerous” plan for a Women’s Conference. The Women’s Conference will include special workshops and the Ladies’ Luncheon featuring the ever-dangerous speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs. This is just the tip of the iceberg. As you can readily see the 2008 NACC is going to be “Living Dangerously!” More information regarding this year’s event can be found at [www.nacctheconnectingplace.org](http://www.nacctheconnectingplace.org).

Looking ahead to 2009: Planning is well under way for the 2009 NACC. Jeff Stone, Senior Minister at Discover Christian Church in Dublin OH, is the 2009 President and the theme is “Still Amazed.” The 2009 NACC will be held June 30 – July 3, 2009 in Louisville KY. Also, planned in August of 2009 is the Minister & Spouse Retreat to be held in Ridgecrest, NC.

#### **Ongoing Prayer needs:**

God’s will: Ask God to accomplish what He wants through the NACC. Pray that we would seek and conform to His will. Pray that we would be the church He desires. Rejoice that God will “do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.”

Participants: Ask God to exceed our hopes for attendance. Pray for enthusiastic participation from Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, and that many other believers will be moved to join in the blessings that are sure to be provided by the Lord through the upcoming convention.

Leaders and Speakers: Thank God for all those who have stepped up to speak, lead workshops and Bible Studies, and others who are leading the convention in some capacity. Pray for the spiritual well-being and wisdom of the leaders, speakers, NACC staff, and their families that we all might serve the Lord as he intends for His glory. Also, pray for God’s strength and guidance in preparation for the 2009 NACC.

Attending Missionaries, Ministers, and Other Ministries: The convention is a time of rejuvenation and in some cases spiritual healing for those attending. Pray that our missionaries, ministers, and others working in ministry will be challenged, inspired, refreshed, and energized through the various sessions at the convention.

Volunteers: Thank God for the volunteers and pray that their labor would be fruitful for God’s purposes. Praise God for the local churches of the Cincinnati, Ohio, S.E. Indiana, and N. Kentucky areas and their involvement in the 2008 NACC.

Outreach: Pray that our togetherness in Christ might increase our harvest both in the compelling nature of our oneness and the cooperation of our outreach efforts. Pray for impact in the broad region surrounding Cincinnati.

Resources: Thank the Lord for the bountiful resources in the hands of His people and that all needs of the convention will be met.

#### **Involvement Opportunities:**

Volunteers are always welcomed (and needed)! Please call the NACC Cincinnati office at (513) 772-9970 if you would like to serve as a volunteer in Cincinnati (2008) or Louisville (2009). There are a wide variety of roles that one can fill. These volunteer positions include registration support, customer service, children’s program, nursery help, workshop monitors, and many other positions. The NACC relies on over 600 volunteers to provide support for each year’s convention.

In order to offer an annual convention as well as on-going resources to our Christian Churches and Churches of Christ across North America our financial need is on going. We appreciate so much the consistent and faithful prayer, financial, and partnership support provided by the Westerville Christian Church.

## **Ohio Church Planting Alliance**

*Year Founded: 2002*

*Website: [www.ocpa.cc](http://www.ocpa.cc)*

**Purpose/Vision:** To plant intentional churches in strategic locations in Central Ohio

**Ministry Headquarters:** OCPA, P.O. Box 227 Lewis Center, OH 43035

**Area(s) of service:** Central Ohio

**Key Contact(s):** OCPA Management Team

Team Leader: Stan Kirtlan (Buckeye Christian Church, Grove City)  
 Mark Stier (Westerville Christian Church, Westerville)  
 Jeff Stone (Discover Christian Church, Dublin)  
 Andy Sims (Parkside Christian Church, Cincinnati)  
 Gary Mann (Elder at Discover Christian Church)  
 Larry Holmes (Executive Director for Christian Evangelizing Association)  
 Pat Hartson (Executive Director for N.O.A.H)

Treasurer: Jim Brechbuhler (Discover Christian Church)

**WCC Representative(s):** Mark Stier and Tom Nicholson

**Accomplishments in 2007:**

- Continue to work with Endeavor Christian Church with prayer support. Endeavor is now self-sufficient.
- Formed partnership with Kingdom Synergy Project (KSP) – a state-wide church planting team in Ohio.

**Goals for 2008:**

- Work with KSP to plant at least one new church in Central Ohio during 2008. Two sites are possibilities in the Delaware or Marysville area. Prayer teams are visiting the sites.
- Continuing to explore ways to partner with existing churches for support of new church plant.
- Banquet is planned for spring 2008.

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

That God would continue to guide the work of OCPA.  
Guidance of the leadership and members of Endeavor Christian.  
Pray for many successful church plants in our future.

**Involvement Opportunities:**

Continued support from WCC both spiritually and financially.

## **Round Lake Christian Assembly**

Year Founded: 1950 Website: [www.roundlake.org](http://www.roundlake.org)

**Purpose/Vision:** “Teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it is found in the New Testament. Our primary goal is to provide an unusual place away from the routine and often unchristian surroundings of daily living.”

**Ministry Headquarters:** RLCA, 114 State Route 3, Lakeville, Ohio 44638, Phone: 419-827-2017 Fax: 419-827-2229

**Area(s) of service:**

Summer Camp; Retreat Center; New Church Camp Planting

**Key Contact(s):**

Ralph Eichelberger, [Ralph@RoundLake.org](mailto:Ralph@RoundLake.org)

**WCC Representative(s):** Pete and Jane Cochren; Missions liaison: Ted Aseltine

**Accomplishments in 2007:**

- 2,453 summer campers
- 130 baptized at camp
- 57 baptized at home church
- 1,069 Volunteer Faculty
- \$48,264 raised by summer campers and Volunteer Faculty for Church Camp plant in Peredo, Haiti plus 6 other missions.
- 20 Director planned retreats - 3,331 attended
- 57 private retreats - 3,202 attended
- New roof on Camp Side Dining Hall and Lodge wings
- Construction of MotoCross Track
- Restroom remodel in Lodge on Women’s wing
- Bleachers for camp fire areas

**Member Churches:** 130 Christian Churches/Churches of Christ in north central Ohio

**Goals for 2008:**

- Assist with new church camp plant in Haiti (3 teams have been sent)
- \$48,000 from summer camp mission offering to assist with new camp in Haiti
- Christian Service Camp in August for grade 10 thru adult
- Video Game camp for grades 7,8,9

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

Church and Individual Financial Support (Church giving is down \$10,000 from last year; Individual giving is down \$6,000 from last year; Retreat Income is down \$12,000 from last year) Fixed expenses are increasing monthly.  
Eliminate debt (principal balance: \$659,269)

Summer Deans and Volunteer Faculty  
 Church awareness of what the camp offers  
 Increase number of campers to hear the Gospel

***Involvement Opportunities: see the web site for details***

- We need help getting the camp cleaned up after a hard winter. The camp grounds need a lot of attention after the removal of 180 trees due to rot, hanging over buildings, and some needed harvested.
- Help is needed for specific housekeeping details.
- Summer volunteer faculty teaching and working with children.
- Volunteer kitchen helpers for summer camp sessions and weekend retreats (this saves the camp money if we don't have to hire additional help.)
- Skilled labor for maintenance (the camp office roof is leaking into the newly remodeled interior. Material for a new pitched roof is being paid for by a generous donor. Help is needed to install the new roof. Time is limited. Contact: [Ralph@RoundLake.org](mailto:Ralph@RoundLake.org))
- Volunteer Saturday morning cleaning between camp sessions.

Greg Bondurant and Mark Boyer have served as Summer Deans for the largest summer camp session at Round Lake for the last 4 years with over 320 campers and volunteer faculty. For over a decade, the Junior Camp session they lead has given record mission offerings. Last year the mission amount was \$4,745. We are blessed to have them serving in this ministry.

In 2007, out of 122 financially supporting churches to the camp, Westerville Christian was fourth. The ministry of Round Lake stands stronger because of you.

### ***Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)***

*Year Founded: 1972*

*Website: [www.warmwesterville.org](http://www.warmwesterville.org)*

***Purpose / Vision:*** The work of WARM provides compassionate, short-term assistance, educational services, and spiritual support in order to encourage individuals to achieve a God-reliant, self-sufficient life while restoring dignity and hope.

***Ministry Headquarters:*** 175-A E. Broadway Ave., Westerville, OH 43081

***Area(s) of service:***

STOP – Steps to Overcome Poverty  
 Limited Financial Assistance  
 Individual Goal & Employability Plans  
 Budget Training  
 One-on-one Employment Coaching  
 Workshops for Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills

HOPE – For Elderly & Disabled Clients

This program empowers clients to maximize limited resources by providing assistance with budgets and personal goals while meeting nutritional needs.

FEED – Food Pantry

Provides a 6-day supply of food to eligible clients. Individuals may visit the pantry twice a month for food assistance.

HELP – Transient Assistance

A collaborative effort with the Westerville Chaplain Corp. and the Westerville Police Department. This program serves individuals passing through Westerville in need of emergency assistance.

***Key Contact(s):*** Scott Marier, Executive Director  
 Denise Firman – Administrative Assistant – Donor Services  
 Lesley Hoheisel – Donor Services Coordinator  
 Karen Stempko – Volunteer Coordinator

***WCC Representative(s):*** Cheri Rosenberger

***Accomplishments in 2007:***

Provided the following in the Westerville School District area:

- Served 2486 families through our food Pantry. This represents 7599 individuals including 3689 children.

- Distributed 228,000 pounds of food and supplies to people in need. This equates to 161,000 meals that were provided to families throughout the year.
- Placed 67 clients in employment positions.
- Five Hundred and Four (504) families were provided essential financial assistance.
- Five Thousand one hundred and eighty one (5,181) volunteer service hours were logged in, helping people in our community.

### **Goals for 2007:**

#### Client Service & Resource Center

##### Pantry

- Serve 3000 families (9500 people).
- Complete equipment and facility upgrades.
- Develop storage and warehousing procedures & guidelines.

##### Programs

- Expand STOP enrollment to 150 participants (38% increase).
- Add a financial literacy mentoring component to the STOP program.
- Implement GROW (Giving Real Opportunities to Women) program.
- Install dedicated computer for On-line job search and Benefit Bank participant use.
- Add 1 staff member to facilitate program capacity increases.

### **Ongoing Prayer needs:**

That our clients become God reliant.

That clients embrace the love, caring and tools they are given to become self-sufficient.

That the staff of WARM continue to strive to be exemplary stewards of resources with a vision for the future.

For God's provision of finances and food through donors and ministry partners.

### **Involvement Opportunities:**

Donate Time!: Work in the Food Pantry, Work in our Office, Be a Mentor, Organize a Food Drive, Serve on our Board

Donate In-Kind Goods!: WARM depends heavily on in-kind donations of food and other resources.

Donate Money!

## **Worthington Christian Village**

Year Founded: 1985

Website: [www.wcv.org](http://www.wcv.org)

### **Purpose/Vision:**

Our purpose at Worthington Christian Village is to offer a total ministry to the aging of central Ohio, which will meet the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of those we serve. Our goal is to provide attractive and comfortable living facilities, programs to promote spiritual growth, physical well-being, heart-felt satisfaction and happiness, social awareness and a feeling of security. Our aim is to produce an atmosphere of caring and sharing in all activities conducive to self-worth leading to a productive life.

**Ministry Headquarters:** Worthington Christian Village, 165 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus, OH 43235

The Village itself sits on 12.7 acres of land just west of North High Street (Route 23) and is 1½ miles north of the I-270 outer belt. The property borders Worthington Christian Church and Highbanks Metropolitan Park.

### **Area(s) of service:**

Worthington Christian Village is a Continuing Care Retirement Community. The Village has 112 Independent Living Apartments on floors two through five. The sixth floor is licensed for Assisted Living and has a practical occupancy of 40 people. The seventh floor holds our fifty-bed Skilled Nursing facility. The first floor accommodates the business offices, dining and kitchen facilities, chapel and multi-purpose room, library, maintenance and housekeeping, and the common areas. The campus also has twenty-four Independent Living Cottages.

The number of people the Village serves can vary daily depending on the current health care census, but on average, there are 225 residents being served. The average age is 87 plus. Many of our residents come from a Christian Church/Church of Christ background, but there are a large number of people from different churches and denominations. Many of the people from outside of our brotherhood were attracted to the Village because of the "Christian" in our name. Our Christian atmosphere helps build a positive influence in our residents' lives. The Village has had the privilege of serving several retired ministers and missionaries.

Benevolent Care is an important part of this ministry. Whenever someone runs out of funds, the Village, to the best of

its ability, will try to step in and fund whatever the resident and their family are unable to pay. In 2008, our budget for the Benevolent Association is \$387,300. Of that approximately \$216,000 is needed for direct Benevolent care. These monies come from member churches, supporting churches, interested individuals, and memorials. In 2007 we provided more than \$211,000 in direct Benevolent support.

Worthington Christian Village is a place of service. We currently have over 250 active volunteers who bless our residents in so many ways.

The Westerville Christian Church generously supports the Village through regular Mission's support and church members' giving. A significant number of your church members are dedicated volunteers that help in a variety of ways to assist the residents at the Village.

**Key Contact(s):** Randy Richardson, Executive Director, 165 Highbluffs Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43235, (614)846-6076

**WCC Representative(s):** Eric Okotah, Bob McKenzie (Serves as a Trustee)

**Goals for 2008:**

- To live our Mission Statement each and every day! To be Christ's hands and feet and demonstrate His love in all we do.
- Continue to meet the changing needs of our seniors, to help them experience a loving, caring, meaningful and productive life. (We read in James 1:27, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.")
- Continue to strengthen Benevolent support and increase general awareness of this important and vital ministry. WCV was started, and continues to be directed, by our central Ohio churches.
- Update the physical campus to be able to provide the best services for our senior adults.

**Ongoing Prayer needs:**

That God's grace and love will be evident throughout the Village.

Our residents! Pray for the wonderful folks we serve. Our senior adults are such a valuable asset and deserve the very best.

The staff and volunteers! Over 165 caring employees serve our residents 24 hours a day...365 days a year. The Village never closes! We also have an amazing group of volunteers who minister in so many ways.

That adequate Benevolent funds will continue to be raised to ease the financial burden and serious concern of those residents that may be facing a funding shortfall.

**Involvement Opportunities:**

Pray for us and all of the senior adults that we have the privilege of serving.

Continue to provide financial assistance for the Benevolent Care we provide.

Many Volunteer opportunities! Contact Marilyn Redden at the Village (614-846-6076) if you would like to lend a hand.

Become a member of The Auxiliary of Worthington Christian Village and support their fund-raising efforts. The Auxiliary can often use your talents and contributions.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:34-36

For more information about the  
Westerville Christian Mission's Ministry  
please contact Phil Taylor,  
614-476-9171 or  
pa.taylor@netzero.net

The Mission's Ministry meets the  
third Wednesday of each month  
at 7:00pm in Rms.134-135.

Mission Ministry Members

Ted Aseltine	Rick Peszlen
John McGuire	Karen Peszlen
Sue Nelson	Christi Reams
Margie Nicholson	Cheri Rosenberger
Tom Nicholson	Phil Taylor
Eric Okotah	



Love God Love People

Westerville Christian Church  
471 E. College Ave.  
Westerville, Ohio 43081  
P. 614-891-6842  
[www.westerville-christian.org](http://www.westerville-christian.org)