

## **Our Church on Mission**

**OUR VISION:** A great multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ.

**OUR PURPOSE:** To obey the Great Commission by mobilizing the Chapel body to make disciples of all peoples by resourcing and releasing our people to fulfill their Godgiven calling.

**OUR FOCUS:** To be Christ's witnesses in our Jerusalem (the surrounding community), our Judea and Samaria (the state of Virginia and the United States) and to the end of the earth (the global community.)

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**MATTHEW 28:19-20** 

### 2019 Missions at a Glance

#### JERUSALEM: LOCAL

- 2 Serve Days with Eastside Church
- 9 Local Partners supported
- **1st** Church Plant Launched: Eastside Church
- **150** volunteers served through our Local Partners
- 5 Gospel Conversation Trainings and over 100 participants

## JUDEA AND SAMARIA: NATIONAL

- 1st mission team sent to Baltimore to partner with Redemption City Church
- **1st** Disaster Relief Team sent out
- 2 Chapel short-term campus missionaries sent out to Virginia Tech and University of Florida

#### TO THE END OF THE EARTH: GLOBAL

- 5 mission trips
- 4 different locations
- 1st ICM church planted in Thailand
- ICM high school built at the Village of Hope in Thailand
- 1st Gospel Training held in Spain
- 100+ received Christ as their Savior

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. **ACTS 1:8** 



Where is God calling you to "BE THE CHANGE" in 2020? As you read these pages, ask the living God to direct your path. A first step might be learning to share the gospel with others, as we do in our **Gospel Conversation** Trainings (see page 4). Maybe He will call you to go on a mission trip or get involved with a local ministry. Serving becomes a great privilege when we follow Christ. With great humility, He washed the feet of His disciples. Let us remember that we worship a God who came-not to be servedbut to serve.

A t Williamsburg Community Chapel, we believe every believer is called to follow Jesus and to experience the joy of seeing the Church flourish and spread.

We believe we are called to make disciples, plant churches, and pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom to every corner of the globe.

We believe, at the very core of who we are, that the Great Commission is for everyone. We also believe that the command to witness in Jerusalem (our local area) is just as important as the call to witness 'to the end of the earth.' We see no distinction between the two. Let us strive to equip the body for the 'good works that He has prepared beforehand.'

Sometimes we wonder what one person can really do. Is it possible to make a change in the world, let alone an eternal change? Most people believe that their life doesn't have much of an impact on the world. But I want to challenge that thought and call it what it is: a lie. Studies have shown that even the most introverted person will impact more than 10,000 other people during their lifetime. Think about that for a minute. Your life, no matter what you do, will impact others ... period! The question is 'what kind of change or influence will you be?' That's what I'm encouraging you to focus on in 2020. I believe God has a plan for you. A good plan, one that involves using your unique gifts to impact this world for His glory. You have no idea what kind of impact one simple decision of obedience may have on this world.

Have you ever wondered...

- What would have happened if Ruth chose not to go with Naomi?
- What if King Saul had not fostered a heart of jealousy toward David? What good could they have done together?
- What if the disciples who helped the apostle Paul escape Damascus by lowering him in a basket gave in to fear instead?
- What if Ananias disobeyed the call of God and decided not to go down the street called Straight to meet Saul (Paul)?
- What if Paul put his own comforts and desires first and decided not to take three missionary journeys?

The Bible contains many more true stories like these of people who chose to **BE THE CHANGE** the world needed at that point in time. I believe God is calling you and I to **BE THE CHANGE** this world needs today!

— WES WHITE Missions Pastor



#### TRAINING



## LEVEL 1 Getting to the Gospel

Have you ever wondered...

"How do I start a conversation with someone?"

"How do I share the gospel?"

"How do I respond to questions about the gospel message?"

During your Gospel Conversation Training — Level 1: Getting to the Gospel, you will learn simple and engaging ways to:

- Begin a conversation with someone
- Ask questions that begin spiritual conversation
- Transition into presenting the gospel
- Share the gospel with the simple "3 Circles" tool
- Know what to do and how to follow up with any response
- Know how to begin simple discipleship with new believers
- Be ready to train others in how to share the gospel

Learn all this in one day! You will never be the same.



## Rhythms of Discipleship

Gospel Conversation Training — Level 1: Getting to the Gospel has enabled people to master simple tools to begin a gospel-centered conversation. Now with Level 2: Rhythms of Discipleship, you will learn simple, proven and powerful tools to begin discipling others.

Many attendees of Gospel Conversation Training have expressed a desire to go even deeper in disciple making methods. This in-depth training can help you foster meaningful, gospel-centered relationships to more effectively fulfill the great commission.

Visit wcchapel.org/gospeltraininglevel1 and wcchapel.org/gospeltraininglevel2 for upcoming training dates. The levels will alternate each month. Level 1: Getting to the Gospel is a prerequisite before going on any mission trip; but, Level 1 is not a prerequisite for Level 2: Rhythms of Discipleship. Registration is required. Contact: Suzanne Leffler, sleffler@wcchapel.org; 941-1562

## **Knowing What to Say**

hat I learned at Gospel Conversation Training helped me reach a friend who was desperately searching for answers. She's an intelligent, nonbelieving woman who made a choice that devastated her heart and rocked her world. I knew she wasn't in the frame of mind for an in-depth spiritual discussion. But I could take a few minutes to simply and briefly present the gospel using the "three circles" pictorial method I learned at the training.

Several months later — with her world less shattered — she reviewed the "three circles" picture. She said it helped her identify what keeps her from

belief in Jesus. I don't know where future conversations might lead, but I have peace that truth has been shared and that God's powerful spirit is at work.

I recommend the training for its "conversation-friendly" approach that's brief but also profound and focused. It's designed to test the waters of interest and provide an opportunity for the person's heart to be ignited by the Holy Spirit. I think we should also be intentional about learning the scripture that undergirds each point, so we're prepared for conversations that progress to a deeper level of discipleship.

- Dawn L.





The Chapel sponsored the Thai Tubkhlo Church through FJCCA. Wes and his team were able to attend the dedication in the fall of 2019.

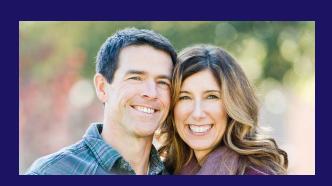
# **Church Planting: #noplaceleft**

hat is the most effective way we can impact our community, state, nation, and world for Christ? I think we see the answer to this question in the book of Acts. Paul goes from town to town, region to region not only sharing Christ but actually planting churches. Many read the book of Acts and talk about Paul's missionary journeys, but I call them Paul's church planting journeys.

Dream with me for a minute. Imagine what it would be like if one could not find an area from Virginia Beach to Richmond without a healthy, thriving community of passionate followers of Jesus. Can you imagine how that would change those communities? What if there were no place left to reach in coastal Virginia?

I have come to believe the single most effective way to evangelize is actually planting churches... who in turn, plant new churches.

One might ask why church planting? Don't we already have enough churches? Don't we just need to send the spiritually hungry to one of those churches that we find on every corner. That's great in theory, but it rarely works. New people are less likely to visit an existing church. Studies have shown that churches that are less than three years old will reach ten people for every 100 members. Churches from 3 to 15 years old will win five people for every 100 members. Churches older than 15 years old will



## Doug and Karen Partners at Eastside Church

Originally from Boston, Doug and Karen along with their daughter, Jordan, and son, Daniel, moved to Williamsburg in 2003. After some time back in Boston and the completion of his degree at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Doug was hired by the Williamsburg Community Chapel in 2012. By 2017, Doug and Karen were convinced that God was leading them to the east side of Williamsburg. Through a partnership with the Chapel, the Eastside Church was established as it's first church plant, holding its first service in January 2019. Serving a racially and socio-economically diverse community, Eastside Church's mission is to saturate the east side with the gospel.

reach three or less for every 100 members. New churches are where we see the highest amounts of new decisions for Christ. This is not a new way but an old one.

We are living in an unprecedented time where we are seeing church planting taking place at a pace that we have not seen since the pioneer days of our nation. Right now we are seeing more churches being planted than are closing. How amazing that now, at **Eastside Church** on the east side of our Williamsburg community, there is a vibrant, healthy group of people gathered to not only worship our King but also to proclaim Him in their communities.

In **Thailand** right now, with our partnership with International Cooperating Ministries (ICM) and their partner, Free in Jesus Christ Church Association (FJCCA), we are seeing three to five churches planted... a DAY! They are using church planting as their main way to evangelize villages all over central Thailand.

So where is the next community that He is calling us to? Could it be yours...or \_\_\_\_\_? Wherever it is let's do it together! Look out for information on local serve days in

2020. We will take part in prayer walks, pass out church invitations, and have other opportunities to engage.

WES WHITE Missions Pastor

## Local Missions To Jerusalem

### where Jesus has placed you to present Him



Care Net's mission is to bring practical help and hope in Jesus Christ to women facing pregnancy decisions. The center exists to inform and empower women in unplanned pregnancies so they do not default to an abortion as a solution. Contact: Anne Sych, 591-0303, anne@cnpeninsula.org



#### Child Evangelism Fellowship/ **Good News Club**

CEF is a Bible-centered organization whose purpose is to teach and disciple children. GNC's are the tool used to teach the gospel

in schools. The Chapel sponsors GNC's in the county school system. The children of today will be future parents, leaders and missionaries to the world. Contact: Martha Clouse, 740-972-1689, martha.clouse@cefpeninsula.com



#### **Community of Faith Mission**

This ministry serves homeless men, women and families in the Greater MISSION Williamsburg area. Emergency shelter and food are provided on

a weekly basis at local churches from November through March. The Chapel hosts the shelter for a week each shelter season. Contact: Donnie Hines, 634-6787, donniehines@cofm.info



#### CRU - Valor

Valor is the CRU ministry for college and high school ROTC cadets, midshipmen and veterans on college

campuses. Valor's purpose is to launch a movement on campuses where the transformative power of the gospel causes future leaders and experienced veterans to enter into a lifelong adventure with Christ. Contact: Jeff Ammons, 849-4145, jeff.ammons@cru.org



### **Grove Christian**

Grove Christian
Uttreach Center
This outreach center, located in the Grove area of James City County, ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of the poor and disadvantaged in our community. Contact: Katie Patrick, 887-1100, katiep@groveoutreach.com



#### H.E.A.R.T.- Hope Exists After Rape Trauma

H.E.A.R.T. provides support and HOPE for victims of sexual assault. This ministry seeks to affect positive change in lives, promote victim empowerment

and encourage the public to have a greater understanding and respect for sexual assault victims. Contact: Rob Smith, 804-829-2981, robanddeb@hughes.net



The College of William and Mary Intervarsity seeks to meet students and faculty wherever they are in their spiritual journeys. Their goal is to teach them to grow in love for Jesus and obedience to His Word. Contact: Marty Purks, 880-5642, mepurks@gmail.com



provide skilled, compassionate

healthcare and counseling to the medically disadvantaged in a manner that honors the name of Jesus Christ. Contact: Kim Spencer, 886-0608 ext. 233, KSpencer@lackeyhealthcare.org



#### Williamsburg Young Life (WYL)

WYL is committed to introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. They seek to impact young people's lives by having

caring adults come alongside them and share God's love. Contact: Nathan Havasy, 703-853-8382, nathanyounglife@gmail.com



### **Good News Clubs**

eing involved with Good News Clubs (GNC) has been an answer to prayer for me. I wanted to help children understand that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – not about following rules.

With lessons, songs, and games, we share God's truth with children ages 5-12 at all stages of their faith journey. Some have never heard about Jesus. Others are believing children who want to grow in their faith. Currently we have

eight clubs at elementary schools in the Williamsburg area and are hoping to start a ninth club in the spring. Last fall, eight children came to know Jesus for the first time!

David, a 3rd grade boy at Matoaka Elementary, was one of them. He enthusiastically participated in every club meeting. Then one day he asked to help with the invitation. After the team leader explained salvation, David showed the other children the Wordless Book. He presented the complete gospel story perfectly. God is working, using even an 8-year-old new believer to plant his seeds!

Michelle, the mother of a 2nd grader, said that her daughter had been invited to accept Jesus at church many times. But, at our GNC club it really 'sank in.' Her daughter was so thrilled, she decided to get baptized a month later. It is such a blessing to see these children respond in faith to what God is doing!

- MARTHA CLOUSE

**GNC Area Coordinator, Williamsburg** 

# God at Work in Grove

Judith, a senior living in the Grove community, came in on a cold day in December. I saw her sitting on a bench in the hallway outside the clothes closet, waiting for her turn. She looked so sad and I asked if she was okay. Judith was facing troubled times. Her power had recently been turned off and she didn't have the money to pay for an important prescription or to buy oil to heat her home. She said how grateful she was to be able to visit Grove for food and clothing. We immediately went to work. After meeting with Judith to review her budget and finances, we were able to fill her prescription, pay her electric bill, and restore her power. We also connected her with Salvation Army to help fill her oil tank. Judith was so grateful and told us she was afraid to ask for help. That day she left with tears of joy, rather than the tears of sadness she had when we met in the hallway.



Katie Patrick, Grove Executive Director, sitting on the bench where she met Judith.

## Interested in going on a **Mission Trip?**

### **VISIT OUR WEBSITE!** wcchapel.org/missions

There you will find general trip information particular to each mission trip, including team meeting dates. The team meeting describes the design and details of each trip. Start here to learn more about the trip and access the application.

Don't delay! Teams for each trip begin forming threefour months prior to the trip date and will then close at a designated time prior to trip departure.

### **HOW DO I PREPARE FOR A MISSION TRIP?**

Don't worry! Once you are accepted on a team, you will attend several scheduled meetings where your team leader will help you and your team to grow and prepare spiritually and mentally. Logistics, goals, local culture, and other relevant details of the trip will be covered by your trip leader at team meetings.

You will also receive the tools to aid in your individual spiritual preparation. Expect that God will do great things as you participate in His work!

#### **HOW DO I AFFORD THIS?**

You are not alone. There are people all around you who would love to be a part of your support network. Through trip meetings and other communications, you will be coached on how to develop a network of prayer and financial support, inviting others to be a part of this process. This network will be pertinent to raising funds. Most importantly, we serve a God of amazing provision! We encourage trip participants to be in prayer for God's supernatural provision. This process of praying and trusting God will help build dependency on God and aid in your spiritual formation.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Most of our mission trips have scholarships available for participants who are Chapel attendees and follow the process of fundraising. Following the process of fundraising makes you eligible for a scholarship toward your trip's cost. Our scholarships cover up to a certain percentage of the trip cost or your unmet need.

### **HOW DO I QUALIFY?**

- ☐ Be a Chapel member or regular attendee
- ☐ Complete the scholarship application
- ☐ Follow the support raising process
- ☐ Attend the Gospel Conversation Training



## National Missions To Judea & Samaria

the unexpected places where scattered disciples live intentionally in response to the gospel

## DISASTER RELIEF AND REBUILD TRIPS

#### Dates are determined by need

PARTNERS: Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization that provides spiritual and physical aid to people around the world. In the U.S., Samaritan's Purse helps to repair homes in affected areas for 2-3 years after a disaster.

INTENSITY: medium, adults and youth ages 14 and up. (typical tasks include painting, nailing/screwing/sawing, minor repairs like installing door knobs, cleaning, and hauling lumber/plywood)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** bunk beds in a host church

**DESCRIPTION:** Samaritan's Purse provides skilled team leads, tools and safety equipment, all meals, two shirts, and a hat. Volunteers provide their own transportation to the affected disaster area. No experience or expertise is required. Teams serve for a work week, departing on Sunday and returning home on Friday afternoon.

COST: no cost other than travel expenses on your own.

To be added to the disaster email list or for more information, please contact Cary Taylor, 757-378-5516, caryvtaylor@hotmail.com.



Cary (second from left) and Amy (second from right) with church leaders in Jacksonville, NC.

Over the last two years, my wife Amy and I have served with Samaritan's Purse Hurricane Florence relief trips in Jacksonville, North Carolina. As chaplains, we help meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the people while the relief workers improve the safety of their homes. We visit with homeowners, listen to their stories, pray with them, and hand out Bibles.

One lady we visited was a hoarder and the only place to sit was on her bed. She talked about many broken relationships and seemed distracted as we went through the gospel presentation. But when we got to the part about admitting she was a sinner, one of the electric tools went off in an adjacent room. We all laughed. She accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior that day. The looks of disbelief on the faces of the Samaritan's Purse volunteers was priceless when we told them of the salvation.

Another homeowner we met told us his son had just given his life to Christ. We walked him through the Steps to Peace (Billy Graham and Samaritan's Purse salvation plan booklet) and he accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. We invited him to dinner and got to introduce him as a fellow brother in Christ. The Samaritan's Purse volunteers who assessed his home had the opportunity to write in his new Bible.

We felt that God was totally in charge and each encounter had been orchestrated by Him. When you're doing things that God has put on your heart, it doesn't really feel like a chore. It feels like an opportunity to serve him.

Cary T.

### **BALTIMORE**

August 19-23

**PARTNERS:** Adam and Jenn Wilson

INTENSITY: mild, family-friendly (outdoor, walking, possible hot days)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** local hotel with air-conditioning

**DESCRIPTION:** Travel to Baltimore, Maryland, to throw a back-to-school bash in a local elementary school. We will engage families in the neighborhood and participate in community projects serving people living in poverty and struggling with addiction. We'll also encourage church members, working alongside them to share the gospel, engage the community, and invite neighbors to come visit the church.

COST: \$600 approx.





Baltimore team giving Pastor Adam encouragement notes from the Chapel.



### **Adam and Jenn**

#### **Partners in Baltimore**

Adam grew up in Williamsburg and attended the Chapel's Student Ministry. As his faith grew during his time at Virginia Tech, Adam sensed a call to vocational ministry. He joined the staff with CRU to reach fraternity and sorority students with the gospel. In their first year of marriage, Adam and Jenn both had a growing love for local church ministry, and Adam joined the staff at a local Blacksburg church as the Minister of Discipleship and College. He then went on to receive a Masters in Divinity (M.DIV) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Now Adam and Jenn, along with their daughter, Selah, and son, Deacon, are part of a church plant reaching the people in urban Baltimore. The Chapel is excited to partner with Adam and Jenn as they live intentionally in response to the gospel.

"Chapel family, thank you from Redemption City Church in Baltimore. In 2019, you sent a missions team, you supported us financially, you prayed for us, and encouraged me through words of affirmation. God is bearing fruit! Last year, we baptized 7 new Christians, our attendance doubled, a school partnership is flourishing, and we've had some incredible outreach opportunities. Thank you for laboring along with us."

ADAM WILSON
 Redemption City Church, Pastor for
 Discipleship and Implementation

## Global Missions To the End of the Earth

wherever Jesus sends us when we cease and say "Let the will of the Lord be done."

## **CENTRAL ASIA**

March 9 - 18

**INTENSITY**: medium (different food and culture, discretion necessary)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** local hotel

**DESCRIPTION:** Come minister with us as we encourage and support the business of our partners in Central Asia. Journey through three strategic and fascinating areas of Turkey, gaining a clearer vision of who the Turkish people are and what they believe.

In Istanbul, you'll meet our global partners and get a firsthand introduction to the religious realities of Turkey and the spiritual life of its people today. Then in Cappadocia, explore the landscape and see the caves where Christians worshiped in past times of invasion. Learn simple ways to start a conversation with the people you'll meet in these small friendly towns and ask about their views of Jesus. Then, spend the last few days with our global partners in the southern coastal city of Antalya. See what life is like for the villagers who herd goats and make bread over a fire. End the trip with a chance to dip your feet in the Mediterranean Sea, prayer walk through the city, and hear personal stories from locals who have chosen to follow Jesus. This trip will give you plenty of opportunities to interact with locals, explore their land, hear their views, and experience what it is like to speak about Jesus in a Muslim country.

COST: \$1900 + international airfare approx. \$1200



## Unidentified Partners in Central Asia

We have families serving in parts of the world where the political climate or the religious beliefs of the local culture can make it challenging and sometimes dangerous to live. We protect their identity by not providing personal information or location that may compromise their ministry. Living within the local culture of their area, they are engaged in their community and are building relationships while sharing the gospel. These families grew from many aspects of our Chapel family, including youth and college ministry. Their desire is that people who have never heard of or experienced God's love will one day know of His love and mercy, affecting change in areas of the world living in darkness.



## **UKRAINE**

#### April 23-May 2



PARTNERS: Vova and Tonia/Heart for Orphans: an organization seeking to help children in Ukraine by providing family-like transition homes. Once they turn 16, orphans are left to fend for themselves and all to often turn to alcohol, drugs, prostitution, prison, and suicide.

**INTENSITY:** medium (emotional/mental challenge of dealing with hard situation of orphans)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** local hotel

DESCRIPTION: Travel to Zaporizhia, Ukraine, to visit Mel's House - a Heart for Orphans transition home that ministers to orphans ages 16-23. The Chapel fully funds the monthly operational costs of Mel's House, and we will extend our ministry to them by being the hands and feet of Jesus, providing love and encouragement. Come interact and connect with these young people by playing games, hosting an American Night, a Girl's Night Out/Guys Night In, leading devotions in the evenings, gifting the host parents with a date night, and showing Christ's love in everyday actions and conversations.

COST: \$2500 approx.



Our second to last night in Ukraine, God gave an opportunity to sit next to a boy I felt a burden for throughout the week. As I was talking with him through an interpreter, another boy came up and said 'why don't you ask me those questions?' They realized they didn't have assurance of salvation, but praise God, we walked through the plan of salvation together. One of the boys said, 'my parents rejected me twice. Why should this Christ accept me for who I am?' I walked him through scripture and showed him how Christ died for him. He broke down and said, 'I want that Jesus.' God gets the glory.

- Mark S.



### **Vova and Tonia**

#### Partners in Ukraine

Both Vova and Tonia feel called by God to be in orphan ministry and to give back to others through being house parents at Mel's House. Vova grew up in a large family of nine children and was sent to an orphanage himself during a time of financial stress for his parents. Tonia knew as a teen, when she was involved in church ministry, that she had a passion for children and wanted to work with orphans. Becoming house parents was a perfect fit for them as a married couple

when they joined the Heart for Orphans family in 2011. Vova and Tonia have five biological children with one more on the way and countless other teens and young adults they now call "family."

## **SPAIN**July 5-13



**PARTNERS:** Fernando and Fina Moreno

INTENSITY: medium, family friendly (lots of walking, morning activities outside, long, hot days)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** local hotel with air conditioning

**DESCRIPTION:** Travel to Picassent, Spain, which is a suburb of Valencia. The team will lead the Sunday morning service as well as host a 4- day kids' camp (games, crafts, Bible teaching, etc.) During the evenings, the team will join in the weekly activities of the church doing outreach, small groups, prayer walking, etc.

COST: \$2200 approx.

#### October 4-12

**PARTNERS:** Fernando and Fina Moreno

**INTENSITY:** medium, family friendly (lots of walking, morning activities outside, long, hot days)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** local hotel with air conditioning

**DESCRIPTION:** This 6-person team will travel to Picassent, Spain, for leadership training of local key leaders. We will focus most of our time on encouraging and training the key leaders in the area, so this trip is suited to people who have a heart for training and discipleship.

**COST:** \$2200 approx.



Encouragement cards sent to Fina and Fernando in Spain. They had never received anything like this and were so touched that they said they would keep them forever.

## **Encourage our Partners**

Words of encouragement matter to our Mission Partners! Before each missions trip, blank note cards are available at the Missions Corner so you can share a favorite scripture verse or write a note of support. Your note will travel with the Missions team and be hand-delivered to our partners overseas.

Thank you to all who wrote cards for our partners in Spain, Thailand, and Baltimore last year. They were grateful for your prayers and support!



## Fernando and Fina

#### **Partners in Spain**

Fernando and Fina Moreno, the pastor and his wife of the church in Picassent, Spain, have dedicated their lives to giving selflessly to the people in Spain for the sake of the gospel. They were both born and raised in Valencia, and each one has an incredible testimony of their journey in Christ. From bondage to drugs and alcohol, to a heavily works-based, religious family background, they share the common thread of the life-changing power of Jesus in their lives. This personal redemption and transformation is the fuel behind their unity and their conviction to give all they have to Jesus. They are passionate about sharing Christ's love in a practical way, with the vision and hope of planting and multiplying churches from these seeds sown. Their faith in our Omnipotent, Sovereign God gives them the energy and focus to continue their calling, no matter the obstacles that come their way.

## **THAILAND**

#### Northern Region: August 5–16

PARTNERS: Pratuan and Gik Somboon and International Cooperating Ministries (ICM)

INTENSITY: medium, family-friendly (hot, rainy, new food, different culture and language)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** one-room cottage with private bath and air-conditioning

DESCRIPTION: Travel to the Phu Sang District, Phayao, Thailand, to serve the leaders and children of the Village of Hope. Join in the everyday activities of class with the children, assist in English classes, lead a kids camp/VBS in the afternoon and a hike with the kids. Are you high energy and enjoy working with children? We need you! Do you enjoy planning and organizing games and crafts? Come put your gifts to good use as we serve these kids. There will also be lots of teaching opportunities, including leading nightly devotions for children.

COST: \$1800 approx.

#### Central Region: Nov. 5-16

PARTNERS: Somsak and Rose and International Cooperating Ministries (ICM)

**INTENSITY:** medium, family-friendly (long flight and drive, different food and culture, hot, rainy)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** one-room cottage with private bath and air-conditioning

DESCRIPTION: Travel to the Chon Daen District, Phetchabun, Thailand. Witness history in the making as you walk alongside our Thai partners and experience first-hand a spirit-filled multiplication movement never before seen in Thailand. Be a part of a new home church, discipleship outreach in surrounding villages, help pack and distribute shoeboxes, and witness the hand of God drawing people to Himself by the hundreds due to the obedience of His believers. Join us as we support and encourage this aweinspiring movement in Thailand.

COST: \$1800 approx.

#### **Partners in Thailand**



### Pratu<u>an and Gik</u>

Following a God-given vision, Pratuan and Gik Somboon founded an orphanage and school called Village of Hope in Northern Thailand within the Phu Sang district. The children that they serve were almost certainly destined to become victims of human trafficking but are now being lovingly cared for in a Christian environment where Jesus is central. A number of children from the surrounding Buddhist communities are also enrolled in the school where they learn about and experience Jesus every day. Pratuan and Gik are loving and training 'leaders' with the hope of eventually sending them out into the world, prepared to care for themselves and share the love of Jesus wherever they go.



## Somsak and Rose

Thirty-five years ago Somsak and Rose, both raised in Christian households, committed before God to become faithful followers of Jesus. Somsak started leading his family in worship in their home, as they were the only Christian family in town. The couple started to invite anyone around to hear the Word of God. Since 2016, the Lord has greatly multiplied the flock and so far, in 2019, has gathered over 6,000 new believers to Himself through their church, Free in Jesus Christ Church Association (FJCCA).

#### **Other Chapel-Supported Partners**



## Steve and Jan

#### Partners in the Philippines

Steve and Jan Hobson serve at the International Graduate School of Leadership (IGSL) in Quezon City, Philippines. Steve is the *Director of IGSL Doctor of Ministry Program in Transformational Leadership*, while Jan serves on the faculty as well, leading and training wives of graduate students to grow their own ministry effectiveness while complementing their husbands' ministries. Graduates of IGSL serve in significant ministries around Asia and other parts of the world, influencing and exhibiting Christlike behavior in urban church planting, tribal outreach, ground-breaking gospel

teaching among unreached peoples, rural pastors training, missionary training and mobilization, and Bible school leadership. Steve and Jan wear many hats at IGSL, but their hearts remain passionate about helping to develop Christ-like leaders for key sectors of society and significant ministries and equipping Asian Christian leaders to help fulfill the Great Commission in our generation.

The Short-Term Missions Program gives spiritual and financial support to recent college graduates who want to serve in a global or national ministry for up to two years. We believe that these experiences following God's call will shape their lives, whether or not they decide to pursue a career in full-time ministry. To learn more about our Short-Term Missions Program, please contact Wes White, Missions Pastor, 757-229-7152, wwhite@wcchapel.org.

## Samantha Tiffany Partner at University of Florida



Samantha is a Doulos Greek life missionary at the University of Florida with CRU. After graduating in August with a degree in Spanish and Pre-Health, she wanted to serve to the faith community that meant so much to her as an undergrad. Sam disciples and mentors students,

leads Bible studies, and is coordinating a spring break mission trip to Guatemala.

"Building up spiritual leaders in Greek life has the potential to reach not only their chapters and their campuses, but even the world for Christ. This is one of the biggest unreached people groups on our college campuses. Please pray for our ministry and that God will bring a spiritual revival to the UF campus."

## Luke DiPette Partner at Virginia Tech



Luke is serving as a Campus Missionary In-Training (CMIT) at Virginia Tech. After graduating this past spring with a dual degree in Chemistry and Criminology, he felt God's call to return for the 2019-2020 school year. Luke disciples students, leads Bible studies, and organizes social events

through Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

"Our community is hungry to hear about God. We saw 50 students come to Christ this semester, which is more than we've seen in an entire year. I had the opportunity to disciple one student who then shared his testimony at Ignite, our large group gathering. After he shared his story of grace, many other students were moved to ask for prayer! Please pray that God will continue to reach students and help them recognize their identity in Christ."

### **Opportunities for Children and Students**

Throughout the year, **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** participates in different projects geared towards serving our local partners and neighbors. Information on upcoming projects will be posted in the Chapel Bulletin and email. For more information to get involved or to serve within Children's Ministry, please contact *Gayle Justice at 941-1218*, *gjustice@wcchapel.org*.

Every summer, **STUDENT MINISTRY** participates in lifechanging mission trips geared for different grade levels. For more information on the trips and the application process for your student, please contact *students@wcchapel.org*. For a chance to hear the stories from the Student Ministry mission trips, save the date to attend the **Sunday**, **July 26** main worship service.

## How can you BE THE CHANGE?

## **PRAY**

PRAY for Chapel's Global Mission Partners, mission teams, churchbuilding opportunities, and leader development and resources that are needed. But most importantly, for the gospel of Jesus' saving grace to be spread to the end of the earth.

## **SEND**

If you feel led to SEND someone on a mission trip or would like to provide financial assistance to the "Mission Mobilization Fund," you can make a check payable to "Williamsburg Community Chapel." Please use the memo area of your check to indicate the "Mission Mobilization Fund." You can also give a one-time gift or recurring gifts online at wcchapel.org/giving.

GO

If God is leading you, through prayer and reflection, GO volunteer with one of our Local Partners (found on page 6) or sign up to GO on one of our mission trips: Baltimore, Central Asia, Ukraine, Spain, or Thailand. To access trip applications, please visit: wcchapel.org/global

# Reflections from Mission Team Members

"This is my third year going to Spain. The basketball camp is so much fun because the kids come from all over. Returning year after year, we get to see some of the same kids."

– Ted

"It's disruptive to make a trip like this, leaving behind your routine and your schedule. It can be spiritually disruptive as well. But God shepherds us through each experience and helps us make sense of it. The trip ended up being such a blessing to me."

Mark

"In Thailand I was carrying my Bible and one of the customs officers asked about it. He looked at it for a while before handing it back. It made me realize that I wasn't in America anymore. That was an interesting experience and helped me rely more wholly on God during the trip."

- Christine

"The people of Thailand are known for their smiles. It's amazing how happy these children are. They have so little but there's so much joy among them."

– Dick

"Our mission team worked so well together, joyfully serving wherever we were needed. There was so much to be done, yet it was amazing to see what Gik and Pratuan have accomplished. It's a difficult life for them and they need help. We need to be praying for them as a church."

Goree



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