

# East White Oak MISSIONS

“...Making Him Known”



Staffing a prayer station on the 2007 NYC Trip

“Continue *earnestly in prayer*...praying for us, that God would *open to us a door for the Word*, to speak the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:2-3



### • Ministry Focus

*John and Linda have been on staff with ISI since 2003 here in Bloomington/Normal.* ISI shares Christ's love with international students through the Meet & Greet Program connecting local individuals and families to host students in their homes; the Friday night Talk Time where students enjoy a free meal, investigate the Bible and learn conversational English with friendly people in the community; and by providing furniture for students. John and Linda disciple new Christians and connect these students with local churches to equip them for effective service now and when they return to their home country.



*Ting Yu was greeted by a local family at the Bloomington airport when she arrived in the U.S. Through this and many other acts of kindness, she later received Christ.*

### • Prayer Requests

#### **Student Programs**

- Pray for good connections as volunteers interact with students Aug. 21 at the ISU Festival.
- Pray that students will know Christ through the love of others during Talk Time.
- Pray that students will see Christ's love in host homes on a weekend or at special events like Thanksgiving Dinner, Valentines Dinner, or a trip to a local attraction.

#### **Local Church/Individual Help**

- Pray that God would bring several individuals with a heart for internationals to leadership and volunteer positions. (Transportation, Weekend Hospitality, Talk Time, Mobilizing)
- Pray for churches to sponsor and host special activities.
- Pray for John and Linda as they share the vision for the world here in B/N (450 students from 70 countries, 140 from India alone).
- Please pray for the family as they continue to grow in Christ.

*Friday Night  
Talk Time*





## • Ministry Focus

*This October, Don and Linda host an open house celebrating 5 years for Ministry and More here in Bloomington.* After going with Spread Truth to NY, Don and Linda were impressed with the call to bring hurting people to Christ by demonstrating His love to them. They now serve 60 people each week in their food pantry. The food, donated by local churches, is given with attention to larger issues in life. Volunteers have shared the truth of Christ in the pantry setting as well as special events offered from time to time. Many people from EWO have donated bags of food and taken part in serving at the food bank.



*Stocking shelves at Ministry & More*



## • Prayer Requests

### *Ministry Needs*

- Praise God for those who know Christ as their Lord through contact with Christians at Ministry and More.
- Pray for more local church partners.
- Pray that God would grow the staff here in Bloomington to take on greater levels of ministry.

### *Alysha House*

- Pray for God to open doors both logistic and spiritual as Ministry and More launches this attempt to help broken women see their lives restored.
- Praise God for 3 staff volunteers ready to work in this house.

### *Decatur Start-Up*

- Praise God for the house and property donated to start a Ministry and More in Decatur.
- Pray that the food give-away in August and other efforts will show the love of Christ.
- Pray that God would bring a couple to live in the house and minister in Decatur.



*Zapote Children's Program*

### • Ministry Focus

*Doug and Sara have been part of the rescue of orphans in Guatemala since 2001.* Sara grew up at EWO (daughter of Edwin and Virginia McClure), and married Doug in 1976. Since 1984, EWO has supported Doug and Sara in construction ministry. In 2001, Doug joined Kids Alive to direct the building of the "Oasis" orphanage. Sara oversees the orphan sponsorships, and both are actively involved at their local church near Guatemala City. Today, there are 40 girls who live in four houses and go to school at the Oasis. In addition, there are two transition houses which help these girls acclimate to adult living while in a safe environment.

### • Prayer Requests

#### **Oasis**

- Praise God for completed buildings now used for rescue, and for the families who live with the girls in these dorm houses.
- Pray that the girls will come to know Jesus through the love of Christ in the lives of the staff.

#### **Zapote**

- Praise God for providing land to build a second school in the village of Zapote. Praise that construction has begun!
- Pray for the 75 children already in the program (renting space) to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

#### **Family**

- Pray for their 4 older children (2 in college, 2 working). Pray for their youngest son (Jared, age 8) that he would love and follow God.
- Pray for Doug and Sara to grow even deeper in Christ and rely on His strength each day.



*Construction at the Oasis*



Headquarters, owned by C.E.M.



Working on Bible Correspondence

### • Ministry Focus

Donald and Ruth Luttrell founded C.E.M. in 1953 as a Bible correspondence and radio ministry. EWO first became involved by supporting our own Lori Schippert to join C.E.M. in 1989. Today children and adults alike study the Bible (31,000 students from 62 countries). "The Rock Radio" network of 3 stations broadcasts Christian radio to Puerto Rico, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and beyond through the Caribbean. C.E.M. also provides radios (set only to "The Rock") to inmates in prison with the hope that Christ will become a deep part of their lives.

### • Prayer Requests

#### C.E.M.

- Praise God for continued growth of the ministry in the ability to share the love of Christ with so many over the years.
- Pray that children/new believers would grow in Christ through the correspondence school.
- Pray for the relationships with tenants in the Headquarters Building—financial and witness.

#### The Rock Net

- Praise God for those who have been saved and strengthened as a result of Christian Programming. Pray that the radio programs will continue to change lives.

#### Family

- Praise God for Ruth's ability to continue as "Mama" to the entire organization with her children such an integral part of operations.
- Pray for Janet (President), Nita(VP), and David as they continue to lead a work with such history for the Gospel.



Mark Freed (from EWO) on top of a radio station appraising the maintenance of the tower and roof.



Scenes from an EWO short-term trip to Guatemala in 2008

# Prayer

"...that whenever I open  
my mouth, words may  
be given me  
**so that I will  
fearlessly make  
known the  
mystery of the  
gospel."**  
Ephesians 6:19



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