



Transformation

ABUNDANT LIVING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

You are invited and encouraged to attend the North American Christian Ashram to be held June 14-18, 2006 at the YMCA Conference Center just west of Estes Park, Colorado. The YMCA grounds back up to the Rocky Mountain National Park. Beautiful mountains can easily be seen from the Lodges and meeting rooms. We have Friday afternoon free so that those who wish may take a trip into the park. The beauty of this area will do wonders for our souls as well as deepen our experience of Jesus Christ as Lord of the Ashram.



The accommodations on the YMCA Conference grounds are of motel like quality. Bathroom facilities are with each room. There is maid service everyday. For those who need assistance walking between buildings, transportation will be provided. Good walking shoes are encouraged.

In April, we will send out information to those who have registered for the NACA about travel plans and where to check in and other important details.

This will be a time of inspiration and sharing with many people from all over the USA and Canada. Our speakers come from many states and Canada. They are listed elsewhere in the Transformation.

The Colorado Christian Ashram will be the host and we are praying daily for this event. It promises to be a rich spiritual experience for all.

You are urged to register as early as possible. By March 20, we need to tell the YMCA Conference workers exactly how many rooms we will need. Other groups will also be using the YMCA facilities at this time and those in charge of the conferences will adjust sleeping rooms in the Lodges as well as the meeting rooms we need.

Those arriving by air will receive the telephone number of the Van Service that will greet you at the airport and a code number, which tells the group you are with.

It is approximately a two-hour van ride from the airport to the YMCA Conference grounds. The van will take you right to the Lodge where you will register. The van only runs every 3 hours, so if you are coming via air, you may check with Steve Strother or Dorothy Davis to be sure of van times. There is a good place at the airport to sit and read while waiting for the van. ↴

SPEAKERS FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ASHRAM:

Larry Acton: Missionary in Columbia, Minister in Oklahoma, and has led many volunteers in mission trips; resides in Arkansas.

Paul Escamilla: Served as pastor of inner city and suburban congregations in the North Texas area, written devotional material; resides in Texas.

Mike Foell: A pastor-teacher in southern California, he is popular speaker in the Christian Ashrams in the West.

Stephen Graham: Professor at the University of Indianapolis and author of a new biography of E. Stanley Jones.

Andy Hurst: Ministries have been in the urban and rural areas including with youth and college groups and as well as oversea; resides in Louisiana.

Sam Kamaleson: Minister from India who has been a Vice President of World Vision and preached around the world; retired in California.

Evelyn Laycock: Professor of Religion at Hiwassee College and popular Bible Teacher in the Christian Ashrams; lives in Junaluska, North Carolina.

Jim Mathews, Bishop, UMC: Chairman of the United Christian Ashram Board since 1973 and has many words of wisdom for us; retired in Bethesda, Maryland.

Mark Ruhnke: Professor of Music at the University of Toronto, Canada, and will inspire us as he leads us in joyful and worshipful music.

Robert Whalls: Minister from Canada who is also president of the local chapter of Christian Motorcyclist Association. ↴

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JESUS IS LORD

We can appreciate the keen insight of Dr. Jones who wrote *The Unshakeable Kingdom* and *The Unchanging Person* at the age of 87. He states on page 70 of the book that "we must look at the position of the kingdom of God in relation to the total Christian belief and movement." In Luke's writing of his Gospel, which has been called the most beautiful account ever written, starts to write the Acts of the Apostles where everything that Jesus expounded and exposed in himself was to be transferred into the lives of his followers. There were pauses on the threshold of that account to sum up the meaning of what Jesus taught and brought in the Gospel. It is the Gospel of Luke condensed under seven headings into five verses: "In the first part of my work, Theophilus, I wrote of all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen, he was taken up to heaven. He showed himself to these men after his death, and gave ample proof that he was alive: over a period of forty days he appeared to them and taught them about the kingdom of God. While he was in their company he told them not to leave Jerusalem. 'You must wait', he said, 'for the promise made by my Father, about which you have heard me speak: John, as you know, baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and within the next few days'" (Acts 1:1-5 NEB). The Word became flesh when the Gospel begins with Jesus, the Incarnate. You cannot say God until you have first said Jesus for Jesus puts character content into God - His own character content. You cannot say Christ, the kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit until you have first said Jesus, for Jesus puts his own character content in all of these. The Gospel lies in his person-he did not merely bring the Good News-he was the Good News.

The Word became deed by what Jesus did and taught. The Word was a deed before it was an exposition. Therefore it was not a philosophy or a moralism - it was a fact, a deed, vital not verbal. But his words were an expounding of what he was doing. So his deeds became words, and his words became deeds, and coming together with what he was, the Word become flesh.

Jesus then after His death - The Word became atonement. When this Word came in contact with the sin of man it crimsoned into sacrifice. He gave himself for our sins. The outer cross lighted up the nature of God as self-giving love. Then the Word became victorious when death could not hold him. The keepers were like dead men. Over a period of forty days Jesus taught them about the kingdom of God - the Word became ultimate and final authority and pattern for the new world. The Kingdom became the Unshakable Kingdom and Jesus the Unchanging Person, the absolute order and the absolute Person. The Word then became the center of final power. So the earliest Christian creed was: "Jesus is Lord."

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The Unshakable Kingdom and the Unchanging Person

AN EXPLANATION OF OUR NEW LOGO



We are incorporating outdoor elements, which give it a retreat/global feel. The outdoor elements that are created by God are represented: land, water, and sun - very global. The sun behind the

crosses represents the light of God and a new day arising and forgiveness. The Bigger Cross represents Christ, as in "Christ centered". The three crosses obviously represent what's been done for us, but they also represent community and are drawn to appear alive, forward moving and thinking - 21st century thinking.

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Evangelist in South Central Region



Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles

Greetings to all Ashramites!

I greet you in the name of Christ from Louisiana.....and there is not a person reading this, even if you live overseas, who has not had Louisiana on your mind and in your heart and prayers.

As you know, our office is located some 275 miles north of New Orleans. Although we've not felt the direct impact of Hurricane Katrina, we see the "evidence" all around. Many displaced persons are housed in our area; the Methodist Children's Home in New Orleans has moved all clients and staff to our campus. Our local churches are ministering to so many here. The storm has caused us to postpone three Ashrams.

It has been my privilege to serve as evangelist for several Ashrams this spring and summer. Your eagerness and encouragement has been an inspiration. I am encouraged to see some new life and thrust in some of our Ashrams. New Ashrams are being established and it is our hope this is only the tip of the iceberg.

Let me talk to you about the future. You may remember the words of Brother Stanley "I belong to the future, for I belong to Jesus Christ, and the future belongs to Him." With that said, we are anxious that many of you will register for the North America Christian Ashram to be held in Estes Park Colorado, June 14-19, 2006. I can't help but mention, that while I was in Nebraska for the Ashram there, seven people are committed to the Colorado Event. I mention this because there were only 26 people registered for their Ashram. I thought this was a great percentage to be committed to the North America Christian Ashram. Be sure and see the information from Dorothy Davis elsewhere in this publication.

Many of you know we lost Lynette DeLaune, our able Administrative Assistant to a new home and challenge in Baton Rouge. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Shaleigh Lamkin as her replacement. So a friendly and courteous person will continue to care for and welcome you to the Central Office. Please feel free to contact Shaleigh at anytime.

Thanks for your prayers and support. If we can be of help or assistance to any of our Ashramites, it would be our pleasure. I covet your prayers. Jesus is Lord!

In Christ,

Brother Jimmie

E. STANLEY JONES BIOGRAPHY NOW AVAILABLE

Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Mission: The Life and Work of E. Stanley Jones, by Dr. Stephen A. Graham, is now available. This is the first complete biography of E. Stanley Jones, and contains previously unpublished letters from Gandhi, as well as a foreword written by Eunice Jones Mathews, daughter of the late E. Stanley Jones. The United Christian Ashrams International offers this book for sale through the Central Office in Ruston, LA, and it is also available through Cokesbury Bookstores.

LYNETTE MOVES ON---

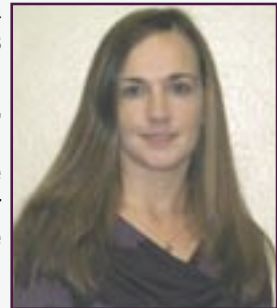
Our able administrative assistant, Lynette DeLaune is now living in Baton Rouge. While we regret to lose her, we congratulate her husband Jim's promotion to Vice President of his company. Lynette's contagious smile, her tenacity to get the work done and her cordial voice and helpful hands will be remembered by all of us.

Lynette interviewed several persons for her position with the Ashram office. Mrs. Shaleigh Lamkin was her choice and we welcome her aboard.

Our new Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Shaleigh Lamkin is now serving the Ashram and Brother Jimmie as the Administrative Assistant. Shaleigh is a native of the Ruston area. She

graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a degree in Human Resource Management. She is married to Brad Lamkin and they are the proud parents of two children, Taylor, age 6 and Cole, age 3. They are active in the Douglas United Methodist Church. Shaleigh's prior experience includes Personal Banker and Cash Flow Manger for Community Trust Bank, Human Resource Administrator for S & G Packaging/Gaylord, and also Human Resource Assistant for HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital. We welcome Shaleigh and her winsome personality and gracious spirit to our office and ministry. 7



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FLORIDA WINTER

Life Enrichment Center
Leesburg, FL
Whitney Doug, Director

Bishop Looney was outstanding as evangelist and the music was excellent. We missed Evelyn Laycock as Bible teacher, due to her husband's illness. Whitney Dough substituted, using the packet, "The Walking Word." Each participant was given a copy of the packet for further study at home. A film by doctors on near-death recoveries, "The Search for Heaven" was shown. Also, the hymn drama on "Abide With Me" was shown. Our Boy Scout reporter was much appreciated. People raved about the Ashram, saying that it was very inspiring, promising to bring someone next year!

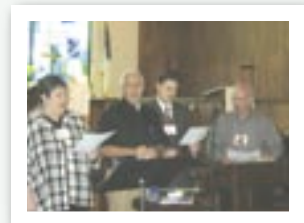
TRI-COUNTY

Warsaw Volunteer Fire Hall
Brookville, PA
Kathryn Raybuck, Director

Again this year we were few in number but rich in blessings. The evangelist's and Bible teacher's messages complimented each other. Our prayer and share groups were deeply spirit filled as we all shared deep hurts and needs. The day ended with communion/healing service where we all could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

WISNER

Wisner United Methodist Church
Wisner, LA
Frances Guy, Director



Our Mini-Ashram was the result of involvement by some of our members in the North Louisiana Christian Ashram. The response from the participants was very positive. The group went on record desiring to have another one next year, with more involvement. We were pleased that members from eight other churches participated in our very first Ashram. The Christian camaraderie was very evident in our sessions.

CALIFORNIA WINTER

Camp Maranatha
Idyllwild, CA
Loel Meredyth, Director

When Ashram happens, God always shows up! We had a wonderful weekend of fellowship, teaching and renewal. Our speakers were great and touched many points of need. Accommodations and food were great. We were blessed to have Brother Jimmie Pyles visit this year and enjoyed his presence greatly. In summary, some comments heard at over flowing heart: overcoming fear; got to know God better (youth); ever thing "fit" together; sharing the load (burden); learned to love; seeking Kingdom operations; making new friends-God has something special in store for me (youth); filled by God (youth); healed of migraine; my cup is full; I needed help and I got help (child); spirit of Jesus present throughout; my worth is dependent by the one who made me. Awesome!

NEW ENGLAND

Geneva Point Center
Centre Harbor, NH
Katherine Doolittle, Director

The Ashram was pure joy. Kenny Davis is spirit filled and a clear channel of the fruits of the Spirit. Several people with long-term spiritual/emotional difficulties received deep healings. Our bible teacher gave us concrete, take-home help for our prayer lives. Both leaders addressed discernment as well. The children were well led in their own program and enjoyed parts of the adult program. Alan Barnes' pamphlet on ministering to youth was incorporated and very helpful.

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater College
Bridgewater, VA
Delores Monroe, Director



We "...praise the Lord for his goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107) We were blessed throughout this entire Ashram. The Evangelist, Rev. Hervin Green, and the Bible Teacher, Rev. Daniel T. Mangrum, were well prepared, organized, and highly anointed. The Evangelist messages centered on the importance of recognizing and eliminating "limits that we place on what God can do," and on identifying and removing

"veils that block us from seeing what God wants us to see." The Bible Teacher focused on "inner cleansing and inner purity: the benefits of a clean heart; what it means to be clean; and how to stay clean in the mist of adversities." The Prayer Vigil was a very special time of prayer and blessings for many! Prayer and Share Group participants and leaders expressed great appreciation for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their groups. Regarding the Work Fellowship, participants prepared 100 personal care packages. The packages were delivered to a correctional institution for distribution for inmates. The Children's sessions consisted of Bible lessons that allowed each child to learn more about Jesus, to share and discuss what they learned, and to apply biblical principles in every area of their lives. The Evangelist conducted a special session with the children - each child eagerly participated in this interactive session. Many participants were delivered and set free, many were healed, and all were blessed.

IOWA - NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Midland Lutheran College
Fremont, NE
Roger Ehmke, Director

The number of people attending the IA-NE Ashram this year was 26 (6 of those were youth and young adults). It was a wonderful time of Christian Fellowship, meeting some new folks and renewing old friendships. As always the accommodations at Midland College are superior and the food is excellent. We are usually the only group on campus so we are treated very well. Time spent in the prayer vigil seemed to be the most meaningful experience for those who filled out the evaluation sheet followed closely by the prayer and share groups and the music and lay witness hour. We thoroughly enjoyed have Brother Jimmie Pyles as the guest evangelist. Brother Jimmie spoke about how we are all "Becomers" that, we are all in the process of becoming something, no matter what our age. He pitched in and helped with the "work period" project of assembling kits consisting of small soaps, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc. to be given to homeless people at a shelter in Des Moines, IA. We also included a small Christian tract and a message indicating the kit was from the IA-NE Christian Ashram. We put together 100 kits again this year.

LAKE JUNALUSKA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Lake Junaluska Assembly Grounds
Lake Junaluska, NC
Sonny Lescalleet, Director



The theme of the Ashram "Experiencing the Spirit," was alive and at work during our time together at Lake Junaluska. Many comments and feedback from those present, expressed the feeling of the presence of the Holy Spirit as we prayed together and grew together. The leadership team was inspiring and challenging. We made references to Brother Stanley's book and set an expectation of "Becoming the Kingdom" while in the Ashram. This was a new idea to many of us and it fit together

well with the leadership team's emphasis on the Spirit in their teaching. We introduced new music in the form of praise songs. It was an uplifting change but we need to keep

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a mix of traditional music and do a better job with songbooks. The morning devotional and communion services were held outside at Inspiration Point, overlooking the lake. It turned out to be an awesome way to end the covenant of silence as was well received. During the Prayer and Healing Hour, numerous people came forward for special prayer and healing. The service was ended following a period of silent prayer, with a solo of "I Can Only Imagine." This was another high point of the weekend. Overall, based on the feedback we received, I feel the Ashram was very meaningful to everyone who attended.

NEW BRUNSWICK CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Beulah Campground
Browns Flat, New Brunswick, Canada
Debra Renton, Director

The 2005 NACA was the most well attended ever, with over 200 adults, youth and children in attendance. I received many good comments about the inspiring messages by our evangelist and the good bible study techniques and questions from our Bible Teacher. Our worship teams truly led us into the presence of the Lord and were so helpful during our healing service. Many campers commented on our lovely prayer vigil room and more people than ever before spoke their desires and fulfillments at the Open Heart and Overflowing Heart.

OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

United Methodist Canyon Camp
Hinton, OK
Richard & Peggy Fox, Co-Directors



There was a sweet, sweet Spirit from the opening message of the Evangelist, Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles, throughout the two and half days on God's Grace affirming that we were all chosen by God. The Bible Teaching from Colossians, by Rev. Gale Izard, confirmed the message as the Holy Spirit brought the messages and teaching into one as though it was planned. We were blessed with prayer leaders drawing everyone out to share as well as pray for each other. The music and singing lifted us up on the Mountain with enthusiasm and love. One participant said she had never been in a group that called each other

Brothers and Sisters and were so caring and loving. Many needs were met in the Wholeness Service. We all agreed this was one of the best Ashrams and we look forward to next year. We were definitely into The Kingdom of the Lordship of Jesus.

MIDWEST CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Christ The King Retreat Center
Henry, IL
Kay Kuder, Director



Because of the faithfulness of a few, and the presence of the Holy Spirit this years Ashram was a huge blessing to all who attended. It was a joy to have Brother Jimmie Pyles serve as our Evangelist. Jimmie's warm and gracious spirit exemplified the Spirit of the Ashram. You can see clearly that Jesus is indeed the Lord of his life. Thank you, Jimmie for all your prayers! Brother Bob Neff from Wilmore, KY served as Bible Teacher. He taught on Spiritual Warfare. God has given Bob great knowledge and understanding into His word. Along with

Bob, his wife Marilyn brought much love and concern for everyone's needs. Thank you Bob, for the many years of ministry to the Midwest Christian Ashram. We were truly blessed to have Brother Jack Carey from Beffendorf, IA serve as the Church-In-Action speaker. Jack is a wonderful example of laypeople serving God with their gifts and talents. He gives his all to everyone he meets and communicates with love, the Good News of Jesus his Lord. Thank you! Father for another great Ashram.

ALBERTA UNITED CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Living Faith Bible College
Caroline, AB
Trudy Downey, Director

Alberta's 14th Ashram was an exciting time away from our work and a time with God. All our speakers were excellent. Many great things happened even though our numbers were down to 45 people. All the youth and most of the adults took part in the healing service and many different types of healings were reported. All the spots in the prayer vigil were filled! People were very encouraged by the prayer and share groups and will pray for each other throughout the year. We are all looking forward to 2006's Ashram at Living Faith Bible College near Caroline.

MOUNTAINEER CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Parchment Valley Baptist Conf. Center
Ripley, WV
Clifford West, Director



This years Ashram was once again a spiritual high for all who attended. Many persons commented that it was the best ever, including some who have attended twelve to sixteen years. The children presented an especially good program during the Family meeting. During our "work time" on Saturday we visited a local nursing home and spent an hour singing and visiting with the residents. This is an annual event for our Ashram. Another annual event is a visit on Friday evening, after the Evangelist's hour, to go to the local Dairy Queen. I make contact with them and they have extra help and stay open later than usual, this is a good witness time. The Healing service was outstanding...the Holy Spirit, was present with great power, many were blessed.

WESTERN ONTARIO CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Pearce Williams Christian Center
Fingal, ON
Allan Traill, Director

Those attending were well blessed with our Evangelist, Bible Teacher, and Lay Witness. The evangelist started by asking what was Heaven like and then she covered three themes. Intimacy-with God and our families and friends who have preceded us to Heaven. Beauty-The description of the Holy City is one of beauty. Adventure - The human heart wants adventure and we will be stretched to fulfill our potential. The bible teacher used the second part of Isaiah. That is from the Chapter 40 to 55. He pointed out many special and significant parts of this part of Isaiah. Our lay witness provided us with how God was in her life from an early age and then how she is using her in touching the people she has come in contact with.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Jumonville Retreat Center
Hopwood, PA
Kristine Swaney, Director

The leadership team, led by the Evangelist, Tom Fuller and Bible Teacher, Becca Chapman. Gave is quality teaching and preaching. Christ was honored and we already anticipate next years gathering.

A message from Bishop Jim Mathews, our Board Chairman

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA



Bishop Jim
Mathews

In addition to all the woes that people and nations generate, humankind has had to deal with many, natural disasters during the past year. We Christian Ashramites are, of course, greatly concerned about human suffering and our sympathy - our empathy - and our prayers are lifted on behalf of the multitudes who have suffered so severely.

The Scriptures are replete with messages, which give us insight and comfort with respect to the vicissitudes of life. For example, we can easily imagine what so many in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast went through in lack of water to drink. One thinks of the Children of Israel fleeing from Egypt. They found themselves in the deserts of Sinai - perishing of thirst. They cried out to Moses: "Give us water to drink." He smote the rock with his staff and water gushed forth! In New Orleans

they were far from a desert; rather caught in a flood with "water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink!" So it must have been with victims in our day until helicopters brought them bottled water - literally from the heavens.

So too these abandoned people must have raised the cry: "Is the Lord with us or not?" "Does God care?" The answer is a resounding "Yes!" The Incarnation teaches us that, God in Christ, tasted human experience. God loved humanity so much that in Jesus he became one of us. What men and women go through, God goes through. When Jacob wrestled with God in the wilderness, it was a dream. Its message, however, was clear. In this crisis he found that, far from being deserted, he was made at home. He called the desolate place: "Bethel" - "Household of God." It became for him a gateway to a brand new life.

The fact is that goodness can arise from disaster; desirable and surprising ends sometime come by accident. For instance, when the huge tidal wave, in tsunami, afflicted lands around the Indian Ocean, a vast, unprecedented and universal outpouring of concern and aid came to the suffering. The same was the case with respect to Hurricane Katrina. Offers of help came from nearly everywhere - from friends and enemies alike.

Some have tried to understand Katrina by blaming someone: the mayor of New Orleans, the police, the military, states governors, the President - even God. Some tried even to assign the reason lay to God's vengeance. Some who pretend to know the Mind of God

often display very little of the Spirit of Christ. Mean-spiritedness is a sure sign of our not knowing the will of God. The Christian's role is not to blame but to help and heal and rebuild.

Thank God, the reality is that multitudes within the affected area, and outside it as well, have been engaged in humanity's proper business: simply being humane:

--they have opened their hearts;

--they have opened their homes - after all, hospitality is the primary Christian virtue;

--they have opened their schools and colleges to displaced students.

The full story of individual heroism and compassion can never be told. We have rediscovered the poor. We have noticed them before but so easily they slip from our minds. The fact is, we are told, that by sharing less than 1% of our national income, we could, by joining other rich nations, eliminate abysmal poverty from our world.

We have rediscovered the residual racism, which plagues our society. Can we not determine that, once and for all, we will overcome this scourge?

And is usual, our doctors, nurses, and paramedics have acquitted themselves well - but can we not devise ways that our great medical skills shall be available to all?

It is not possible that while addressing the enemies outside our borders, we could give more attention to the enemies within? I mean our greed, our hubris - our excessive national pride? We must rediscover humility. We are one nation under God - whether or not the "Pledge of Allegiance" says so! Do we accept this?

Is it possible - just possible - that we can use this national tragedy to fuel a new drive to overcome our pettiness and move toward fuller unity as a people?

I know that many good people have suffered sorely. I know, too, that many of those who did not suffer themselves had found ways to help- so witnessing to their loving concern.

We know that ours is an unfinished democracy. The Preamble to the Constitution that we learned as school children has yet to be fulfilled.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

This states our national goal! Shall we not pursue it? May we not believe that in our day we can have a new birth of freedom and be a city set upon the hill - for all the world to see? We who have had our spirits renewed and our consciences enlivened by the Gospel are the very people who are assigned this duty!

The best of all - through it all - God is with us.

"Jesus is Lord!"

--James K. Mathews

UPDATE ON WHITNEY DOUGH

Many of you are aware of the unfortunate health problems of our Southeast Regional Coordinator, Brother Whitney Dough. It started when he had a fall and broke his ankle. It did not heal and was necessary to amputate his foot. On top of that he had a heart attack. After many days (weeks) of care in a Tampa hospital, he is some better and hopes to be moved back to an Orlando hospital soon. Please keep Whitney in your prayers. Many have known his heart for ministry through the spoken word and music. ↵

OUR TREASURE SENDS AN S.O.S.

Few organizations ask for as little financial assistance as the Christian Ashram Office. Mr. Dale Boyd, our able treasure that stretches the Lord's dollar to its max, says we are running several thousand dollars in the red.

Should you be the holder of some of the Lord's money, God will honor your gifts to the Ashram. It is a good way to give in memory or in honor of a very special person. You are also asked to consider placing the Christian Ashram ministry in your will.

The Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver." Brother Stanley said in his book, The Christ of the Mount, "There is only one place where you can invest life and money and not lose it - in people!" ↵

NEW LOUISIANA ASHRAMS - A CHALLENGE TO YOU!

We were greatly encouraged and pleased, that following the Ashram in Ruston this past January, that 15 churches requested an Ashram weekend. We are following up with those requests in spite of the fact 3 had to be postponed because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. They are being rescheduled. Now, we challenge you to contact your pastor/evangelism committee and inquire about a one-day or weekend Ashram in your church! We will be happy to send a sample brochure to introduce the event. Brother Jimmie or someone designated by him will be happy to meet with a planning/exploring group or committee.

Keep in mind that while the Ashram is associated with the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, it is a vehicle by which we exercise the ecumenical spirit; thus making the event an interdenominational one, get conducted by your church with help from our office. It is a brief but spiritual experience from which the church and your people will benefit greatly. ↵

THE SAT TAL EXPERIENCE

By Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles

I could have never, in my wildest dreams, years ago, known that I would be privileged to go to Sat Tal, India in the Himalayan mountains where Dr. E. Stanley Jones, with vision and Christian tenacity began the Christian Ashram movement. We are the benefactors of that vision, blood, sweat and tears. Literally, persons all over the world have felt the warm winds of God's Holy Spirit resulting from that passion in 1930. My trip there was the last two weeks in May, 2005.



As many of you know, it was made possible for me to attend the 75th anniversary of the Christian Ashram at Sat Tal. Lillian Wallace, a friend of Brother Stanley and close associate of Bishop and Mrs. Jim Mathews served as my guide, chauffer, confidant and protector while I was there. She has served many years as director of the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly. When the Board of Global Ministries told her she would need to retire, because of her age, she found that her love for the hospital and for the poor people of India persuaded her to remain there "on her own". Some call her the sergeant-at-arms, but clothed in the love of God and propelled by His call, she continues effectively far beyond her "required" time to serve in this capacity. I told her that it looked like all one billion people of India were in every town we visited.

Lillian and two of her friends picked me up at the airport and I was housed for two nights at the YMCA in Delhi. Before traveling to the various places where ministry was so evident, since the days of Brother Stanley, she and a friend took me to the Agra to experience the Taj Mahal Hall. The temperature was some 118 degrees that day, but it was an incredible experience.

I was privileged to go the Sitapur where the Mabel Jones School for Boys is located. Brother Benjamin Lall and his family oversee the facility. It has been such a valuable ministry for so many years. Its ministry is another evidence of the vision and the call of God.

We then went to Lucknow where the psychiatric hospital is located. It was the first

Christian hospital for the mentally ill in all of Asia. Brother Stanley believed that the total person was important to God. It was a lovely place and the staff had prepared a lovely meal for Lillian and me. A guided tour of the hospital was an eye opener.

The Clara Swain hospital in Bareilly has trained many doctors over the years. There is an acute need there for updated facilities, more revenue... but some of that has not come to pass because it has welcomed patients and cared for those without funds. Many of the other hospitals send their patients without the ability to pay because they know they will not be

turned away. It is and has been a true mission station for God.

It was my privilege to preach at the chapel built by Brother Stanley and to participate in the 75th anniversary celebration at Sat Tal. Bishop Downes, a close associate of Brother Stanley's led us in the memorial service at the gravesite of Brother Stanley. It was a somber and deeply moving spiritual experience.

I shall always be thankful for the years of service to the ministry of Sat Tal in the persons of Brother R. S. Verma and Sister Eileen. He is the director of the Sat Tal compound and Miss Eileen kept us fed and ran a tight ship in the kitchen. Mrs. Premila Roy, wife of the Sat Tal estate manager, the A. J. Roy, was a Godsend. She traveled for miles and at her on expense to secure gifts for my family. Thanks Premila and A. J.

Some of you know I became ill and had to return home earlier than planned, but was able to see and to participate in many of the ongoing activities while there, including the Ashram at Sat Tal. I was fortunate in that my family and my physician met me at the airport upon my arrival back to Monroe, LA. I stayed in the hospital for three days and then proceeded home, blest with many memories to sort out in my mind. I know I have omitted many things and persons I should mention, but time and space is a factor. I am grateful to Brother Jim and Eunice and the Ashram Board for making this trip and experience possible... one I shall remember for the rest of my life. ↗

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