

East White Oak MISSIONS

“...Making Him Known”



Pastor Walt Baertsch with a church in Zimbabwe (Xhosa tribe) September 14, 2008

“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

Don and Nancy are our area missionaries with AWANA. As Assistant Pastor at his home church in Decatur, Don spent 8 years overseeing the AWANA ministry and fell in love with the way AWANA brings children to Christ and grows Godly Christian leaders through discipleship. In June 1988, Don and Nancy took over the role of area missionary for Central Illinois. Today, Don supports programs in the area, and Nancy is their church Girls' Director of the Awana Truth & Training Club.

• Prayer Requests



EWO offers AWANA on Wednesdays during the school year

AWANA programs

- Praise God for over 20 years of seeing children love Christ and His word.
- Praise God for the many adults who have grown as they serve the Gospel with AWANA.
- Pray for a continued fidelity to bringing children to Christ and growing strong Godly leaders.

Central Illinois Churches

- We thank God for 160 churches in the area which currently host AWANA programs.
- Pray that each program will grow in the depth of the Gospel.
- Pray for our leadership role as we help each church with their specific needs in AWANA.

Family

- Pray for their adult children David & Monica (Champaign), Brian (Chicago), and Kim & Ryan (Champaign) to continue to follow the Lord in their lives.
- Pray for Don and Nancy to maintain balance between their work and family life.
- Pray that their leadership will flow from their growing relationship with Christ.



• Ministry Focus



EWO work team at Cedine in 2006

Dwight was 12 years old when his dad started Cedine Bible Camp in 1946 with a focus on ministering to African American children. Through the years, the camp ministry expanded to include a Bible institute (1960-1988), Bible correspondence school, Bible quizzing tournaments, and weekend conferences for families and churches. For 34 years Dwight was the Mission Director for Cedine Ministries. Phyllis grew up here at EWO when her father was the pastor (Zehr). After some missions work in Brazil, Phyllis came back to the states, where she met and married Dwight. The two of them have become the Patriarchs of Cedine ministries on 200 acres of beautiful land.

• Prayer Requests

Cedine Camp

- Praise God for 2 young men developing into full time roles.
- Pray for the ongoing project of renovating the 60 buildings onsite (5 cabins modernized).
- Pray for food services and janitorial help ASAP.

Other Cedine Ministries

- Thank God for a new Director who grew up in the Camp ministries.
- Pray that the future direction of Cedine would remain true to pointing people to Christ.
- Pray that children would be rooted in the Bible through quizzing tournaments (40-50 teams/yr throughout the southeast) and correspondence school.

Family

- Please pray for stamina for Dwight and Phyllis still handling food services.
- Pray for emotional stamina in guiding the next generation of leaders.
- Praise God for their children / grandchildren who love the Lord and want to follow Him.



• Ministry Focus

Jon grew up in Carlock, came to AWANA at EWO, and played baseball at U-High. While playing ball at Wheaton, Jon spent summers with Athletes in Action in Europe and Mexico. Along the way, God showed Jon how his love for baseball could be used in his ever-growing desire for young people to know Christ. In 2006 Jon joined FCA and in 2007 became director of the chapter here in Bloomington/Normal. Jon's primary focuses are with 25-30 coaches in the area and with students at ISU. Jon married Bekah McClean just over 1 month ago.



FCA trip to Equador

• Prayer Requests



FCA Power Camp

FCA Programs

- Pray for events and volunteers to show the love of God through FCA.
- Pray for students to grow beyond love of sports and into a deep love of Christ.
- Pray for Christian students at ISU to maintain their walk with and witness for God.

Coaches and Churches

- Praise God 25+ coaches in the area who are mentoring young athletes in Christ.
- Pray for coaches and individuals to become strong partners in this ministry.

Family

- Praise God for Jon and Bekah's new marriage.
- Pray for Jon's leadership at ISU and with local coaches to flow from his walk with God.



January 17-24, 2009

Seven Days and Nights In Los Guido

Daily VBS/La Carpio

Mark & Meg Kuzdas have been slowly penetrating this rough area over the last six months with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our team will be doing the first ever VBS ministry here with potentially 150-200 kids.

- Pray for God's power and love to come through as Rachel Schlagel delivers the Bible lesson each day directly in Spanish!
- Pray that daily crafts will touch families and community – We specifically focus crafts to carry the message and love of Christ back to these kids' homes and into their community.
- Most importantly, pray that kids will put their faith solely in Jesus Christ!

Daily Encouragement/ Los Guido

Each night our team will spend 2.5 hours with the student leadership team in Los Guido (established ministry).

- Pray for daily Bible messages from Pastor Rod & Steve McNair (2 each) as they challenge leadership on being faithful. Pray for Rachel as she translates these messages.
- Pray for true spiritual encouragement for these student leaders to more deeply know the God they serve.

The Team

You can keep up with what's going on at www.kuzdas.com

Thanks for partnering with us in prayer! Rod & Daymen Applington / Rhoda & Austin Kennell / Steve & Martha McNair / Janet & Rachel Schlagel / Ralph Shallenberger



Colombia 2009

January 30 - February 9

If we build it, they will come! We are excited about going to Medellin to continue building the sports complex for the Christian Union Sports Club (See June 2008 Prayer Guide). Our project is to build concrete bleachers and drainage for the upcoming artificial turf field (used now as dirt field). This field will not only expand the ministry to the children of Medellin, but will also provide income to the ministry as they rent the facilities to other organizations.

- Please pray for good weather and safety as we work on this project.
- Praise God for a donation of some of the turf by a manufacturer in Georgia.
- Pray for C.U.S.C. as they are half way to purchasing all the needed artificial turf.
- Pray for the children/leaders in this soccer ministry to see God changing their lives.

Acevedo Church plant! Our team will also spend two Sundays and a midweek service at Mark and Jeannie Wittig's church plant in Acevedo. We will be sharing our testimonies and fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Colombia.

- Pray for mutual encouragement between our team and the Church at Acevedo.
- Pray that God's love would be seen in these connections drawing others to Christ.

How can you help?

- Support a child in C.U.S.C - If your interest is in supporting the soccer ministry, an annual donation of \$45 provides each child with a uniform, a soccer ball, and a New Testament. Please notate 'C.U.S.C' with your donation.
- If you would like to support this specific trip, please notate 'Colombia 2009' with your contribution.

We would like to thank you for all of your support for us on this trip:

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