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CHANNEL

December 2015



A few of my favorite activities with CBM over the years!

Registrar for camps, being a counselor, teaching Released Time & Bible classes, Senior Citizens and Singles ministry, cooking and baking for large crowds, grading Mailbox Lessons, working with volunteers, office work, and using my creative abilities to further the Kingdom of God!

Now I'm asking,
"Lord build our team!"

Dear CBM Family and Friends,

2015 is closing out quickly and with the new year approaching it will be bringing a new avenue of ministry for me with CBM. On January 1st, 1998 I had returned to serve again in the CBM National Office. (I spent 3 years before that, 1989-91, serving there before moving to Camp Gilead.) I've carried a number of responsibilities with CBM National over the years and I'm grateful for the many experiences, one of which has been publishing the CBM Channel. This issue will be my last.

The New Year will be taking me down a different path. Because of some physical problems, I had been battling back and forth with the option of retiring or making a change in ministry. I felt that I wasn't doing all that I could be doing for either the National Office or CBM of Southwest PA. Several friends began to challenge me to pray about making a change. The older I get the more difficult change is to accept and, of course, stepping out of my comfort zone is absolutely scary for me! But I did begin to pray and ask God what and where He wanted me to serve. One morning in late October in my devotions I was challenged by Max Lucado's writings from his book, *Glory Days*.

Defined/Refined/Aligned was the title of his daily challenge. "Our best days—our *Glory Days*—are ahead of us. God has a Promised Land for us to take. A Promised Land life in which Paul said in Romans 8:37 "we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us." In 2 Corinthians 4:16, he says we have a life in which we do not lose heart. It's a life defined by grace, refined by challenge, and aligned with a heavenly call. In God's land, we serve out our giftedness and delight in our assignments. We may stumble, but we do not collapse. We boast only in Christ, trust only in God, and lean wholly on His power. You and your Promised Land life-is yours for the taking! Your *Glory Days* await you. Are you ready to March?

So I've decided to march! I want to boast only in Christ, trust only in God, and lean wholly on his power! In November I applied for the Area Director position for CBM of Southwestern PA. I was interviewed and accepted and will begin as of January 1st, 2016. Along with several key volunteers, there will be three of us working together full-time to carry on the work of



Are you looking for an opportunity to make an end of the year gift that will make a difference?



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Update on National Intern Teams



TEAM 1 (graduated August 2015)

The following alumni will be serving full-time at CBM camps once they have raised their support:

- Ryanne Stout: Camp Victory.
- Justin Rorex: Ponderosa Bible Camp.

the Cornerstone Ministry Center, CBM of Southwestern PA. Rob Whyel, our Camp Director, Judy Virgili, our Released Time Director and myself as Interim Executive Director. Judy's desire is to be replaced from her position as RT Director within a year. Will you pray with us that the **"Lord will build our team?"** Our desire is to see many more boys and girls in Southwestern PA walking with the Lord.

Cathy Garber

Two Volunteer opportunities

- Tuckaleechee Retreat Center is losing its housekeepers at the end of February. We have the interns covering the 3 small cabins and sometimes Deer, but they can't do Bear and Elk in addition, so we need housekeepers for this. Of course the best option for our budget is to have volunteers, and Lord willing, that is what we would LOVE! So we are praying either for a missionary couple who would raise support to join us for this or for some local volunteers who would be willing to take it on.
- Volunteer Work Weeks at CBM HQ for this spring are March 14-18 and May 2-6. Sign-up available at: <http://childrensbibleministries.net/volunteer-cbm>.

Giving opportunities:



1. The past two winters at CBM Headquarters have been very snowy and icy. In order to best accommodate our guests (and staff!), we are in need of an ATV for plowing, and also for helping "stuck" guests get up the mountain. We have found a pretty good deal on a Polaris ATV for \$6,000. Would you like to help cover the cost? Support can be given (specify "ATV") at: <https://www.continuetogive.com/cbm>.
2. Camp Ozone - we are down to about \$85,000 for the property to be entirely paid off! Support can be given at: <https://www.continuetogive.com/cbmcampozone>

National staff updates:

CBM National Staff positions are support-based. Support links are listed if you would like to help any of the following missionaries fulfill their calling more quickly!

- David Davison: Camp Grace

TEAM 2 (graduated December 2015)

- David and Elizabeth Price will be serving full-time at Camp Ozone once they raise their support.

TEAM 3 (started August 2015)

This group of interns is about to depart CBM HQ to embark on their first rotations, as follows:

- Scott and Jerri Carpenter: Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go
- Paul Daly: New Life Camp
- Mark Martens: New Life Camp
- Timmy Martens: Camp Victory

TEAM 4 (starting January 2016)

- Jordan Mancari, originating from Harper, WV
- Devyn Polk, originating from Geneva, AL
- Matt Presley, originating from Bremen, GA
- Stephanie Schwan, originating from Ringgold, GA
- Andrew Willis, originating from Bluff

- Jacquelyn Davis (JP) will be joining CBM as the National Internship Coordinator, based out of Headquarters, responsible for the daily management of and communication with interns while they are at HQ for their four months of equipping, and then also as they travel for their seven months of rotations to various CBM camps. Support link: <https://www.continuetogive.com/4823739>.
- Andrea Woodworth will be replacing Peggy Steele as CBM's National Bookkeeper, responsible for accounts payable, receivable, receipts, National Conference registration, publications, and much more. Support link: <https://www.continuetogive.com/AndreaWoodworthCBM>.
- Jerry Traister will be replacing Gary Simpson as CBM's National Volunteer Program Coordinator, responsible for communicating with and recruiting volunteers, securing and managing donated materials, coordinating projects and people, and public speaking engagements for CBM. Support link: <https://www.continuetogive.com/cbm> (specify "Jerry Traister")
- Ruth White has retired as CBM's Innkeeper for Tuckaleechee Retreat Center, but has still been involved with much volunteer work. Peggy Steele is now the Innkeeper, and her full support level has been raised – praise the Lord for His goodness!

Well Done Thy Good and Faithful Servants!

Phillip Samson Whisnant went to be with his Lord on October 20, 2015. He grew up as a CBM camper and was known as the "Bible Man" to many school children over the last 50 years in both South Georgia and South Alabama. He retired after 40 years from Camp Victory in Samson, AL.

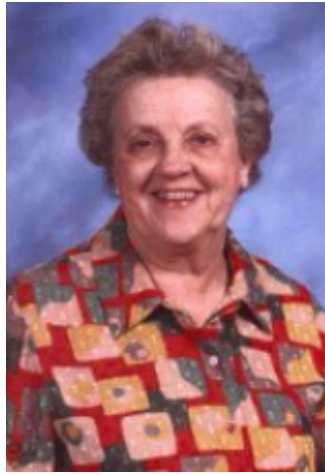


In October 1964, Samson and Ruth found out about the need for workers in Cordele, GA. With less than \$200 in monthly support they moved to Cordele in December of 1966.

In January 1967, Samson started visiting the public schools in the area. He visited 24 schools and did 44 assemblies per month. Ruth was a homemaker and helped with the office work and Samson worked from daylight till dark for \$10 a day to keep the work going. During the time of segregation Samson visited mostly black schools. He thoroughly enjoyed the children because they were open with him. There were approximately 10,000 per month in chapels. Many boys and girls have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through the leadership and ministry of Samson and Ruth Whisnant. Many of these children are serving as pastors and church leaders today. Well done Samson!

City, TN

You can give to any of the Interns above through this link.
<https://www.continuetogive.com/cbm>



On November 11, 2015, "The Bible Lady" left this earth to meet the One she served so faithfully. When Marillyn Adams and Vera Green arrived in New Tazewell, TN, in the fall of 1955, few people seemed to notice these two young single ladies in their twenties from Johnson City who were settling into the area. But soon word began to circulate about the newcomers and why they had decided to put down roots in Claiborne County. Marillyn and Vera were missionaries -sent by Children's Bible Mission in Elizabethtown, TN, to bring the gospel to area school children. Fresh out of Bible College, God had given these two a burden for the souls of boys and girls in rural east Tennessee who needed to learn of God's love for them.

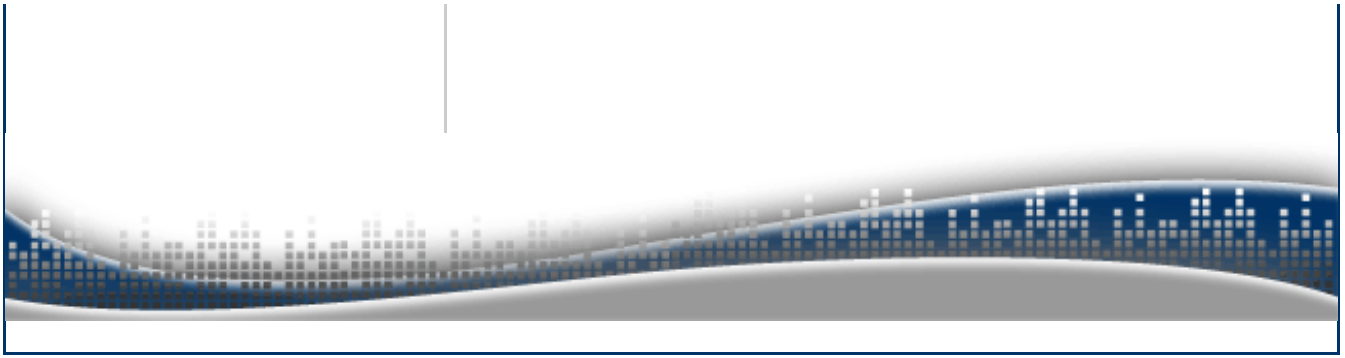
After much planning and prayer, Marillyn and Vera requested and were granted permission from local school boards to begin Bible assembly programs in Claiborne and Union County public schools. Soon, children across the area were being treated to monthly Bible stories, creatively presented with Marillyn's memorable flannel board.

In those early days their travels sometimes took them to one-room school houses heated by pot belly stoves. Vera would plan the accordion and teach Bible choruses, much to the children's delight Marillyn was next, encouraging the children to memorize selected Bible verses, promising incentive awards, along the way and an exciting free week of summer camp if they recited 300 verses to their teachers. The much anticipated Bible story following with Marillyn arranging the colorful scenes on her unique board. Years later, Marillyn would reminisce how the paper Bible figures would sometimes begin to curl during the lesson if she was too close to the heat.

Small schools and large, traveling thousands of miles, Marillyn and Vera crisscrossed between communities in Claiborne and Union County countless times to teach God's Word. Children and teachers alike looked forward with great anticipation to their monthly visits. Eventually, Vera was to move on, pursued until her heart was won over by a young Hank Green, leaving Marillyn to carry on the work. But Marillyn's desire was to remain in the area, single and committed as ever to minister to a growing community where she had fondly become known as the "Bible Lady." Well done Miss Marillyn!

You can read more of the life stories about these two precious saints on the CBM Website in a week or two.

Happy New Year!
The CBM National Staff



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