

# 2015 MISSIONS

## LOCAL MISSIONS

### **Christian Campus House (University of Missouri)**

CCH is focused on reaching college students on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia and reaching the world through those same students. Under the leadership of Lance Tamerius, CCH operates four campus houses providing accommodations for up to 100 male and female Christian students. In addition, CCH provides worship, fellowship, and ministry opportunities for students each week. Using Ephesians 4:11-16 as a model, students are trained and equipped to be prepared for works of service and many have dedicated their lives to full-time missionary work, paid ministry work and campus ministry. CCH is also involved in ministering to international students who study at MIZZOU with the hope of influencing them for Christ here and making it possible for them to take the Gospel back with them for their individual countries when they return. Many of these students are from countries that are presently closed to traditional missionaries.

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### **Christian Care Home (Ferguson, Missouri – CWBA)**

Christian Care Home works to meet the needs of individuals who are in need of a safe place in their later years of life or in times of rehabilitation. This ministry was founded in 1911 by the Christian Women's Benevolent Association. Due to our proximity to CCH, opportunities for volunteer service include providing musical programming, visiting one-on-one with residents, helping with landscaping and tree trimming, reading stories to residents or manning the gift shop. A new one-level facility was opened in 2010.

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### **Christian Prison Ministry (Jefferson City, Missouri)**

Christian Prison Ministry of Missouri is served by Richard Blake, executive director, the part-time ministry of Danny Camp, and 7 volunteers. The weekly prison presence of this ministry has increased from 3 prisons to 6 prisons, with much of the growth having taken place since the beginning of 2013. The organization's goal is to begin ministering in all 23 state prisons. Danny Camp has noted that within the surroundings of prison walls are some of the greatest opportunities for evangelism. He wrote: "Here, perhaps for the first time, the men can learn that they are loved and that they are persons of worth."

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### **High Hill Christian Camp (High Hill, Missouri)**

High Hill Christian Camp services retreats and youth camp programs for area churches and the community. Staffed primarily by volunteers from area Christian churches, including several from First Christian, many young people make their first serious commitment to Christ as a result of this ministry. The camp has recently seen record growth in summer attendance and decisions for Christ. The camp is adding wilderness programs and expanding its sports camp. Also, a new cabin is under construction, which the camp anticipates being available for use in 2014.

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### **Johnson University (Knoxville, Tennessee/Kissimmee, Florida)**

Johnson University is known for excellence and commitment to teaching in a relevant, challenging way and by their modern, well-equipped classrooms and labs. All students major in Bible and complement their studies

with a second major or a minor in one of several areas. Double majors in preaching, combined youth ministry/preaching, church music, counseling and teacher education are available. Johnson University Tennessee offers more than 35 accredited bachelor's and master's programs – all with a Biblical and arts & sciences core – designed to equip individuals for Christian ministries and other strategic vocations to extend the kingdom of God.

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### **Restoration House Ministries**

(Lowell, Massachusetts – Rinn Sim, Cambodian Church)

Restoration House develops church plants among the ethnic groups of New England. First Christian is supporting a church, led by Rinn Sim, that reaches out to the large Cambodian population (over 25,000) in Lowell, Massachusetts. Rinn endured the "killing fields" of Cambodia as a young man and, after he accepted Jesus in a refugee camp, he made his way to the U.S. where he was educated. Restoration House's vision is for a transformed spiritual landscape of New England, and beyond, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The organization has started four church plants in Rhode Island over the last four years.

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### **St. Louis Christian College (Florissant, Missouri)**

St. Louis Christian College is a 4-year higher education institution that also offers degrees at the associate level. It serves traditional day students and also provides a convenient alternative to adults pursuing a career change or additional education. The mission of SLCC is to pursue excellence in the Word and develop servant leaders for urban, suburban, rural and global ministry. SLCC focuses on three areas: head = academics, heart = spiritual change, and hands = hard work. All students work on campus, in churches or in the community as servant leaders. The service in area churches is a vital learning link between the classroom and their ultimate goal of serving in full-time ministry. Alumni are located around the world serving Christ and the church in both full-time vocational Christian service and in other professions of God's leading.

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### **Bible College Scholarships**

These funds enable First Christian to offer scholarships to members of First Christian who attend one of the 35 Bible colleges in the fellowship of Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. During the past four years, a total of \$60,500 in scholarships have been provided to 43 students.

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We can find much to praise God for in the reports of these mission organizations. And it is exciting to think about the response of our congregation in supporting our missions. In financial support, over the last seven years First Christian has given \$1,151,995 to missions. Let's give thanks to God for all He is doing around the world and the opportunities we have to serve Him in this work of His Kingdom.