

Ministry Update from Karen Williams

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He Leads Me. . .

I accepted Jesus as my Savior when I was 4 years old and committed to serving Him with my life a few years later after being challenged with Romans 12:1 while at summer camp. Soon after, I memorized Psalm 23 for an award in the CBM Bible memory program. I began then to trust the Lord as my "shepherd" which has become such a sweet comfort to me.

On December 13, 2018, the Lord took my Bobby home to be with Him after several years of suffering with end-stage liver disease. Although I miss his friendship and am still trying to figure out how to do things without him, I'm so grateful for 33 years of marriage and the precious family God has given us. I have experienced the beautiful reality of a personal relationship with Jesus, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, the peace of completely trusting Him, and the joy of continuing to serve Him.

I loved serving at Camp Grace (1996-2014) and Camp Gilead (2016-2023); both are very dear to my heart. And now it is a sweet blessing to have returned to Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go where the Lord gave us a season of refreshment in 2015.

His Faithful Follower I would be. . .

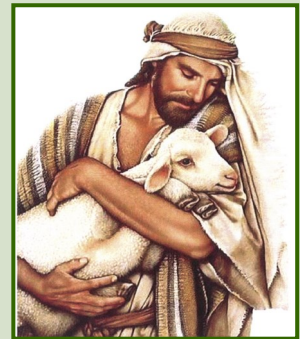
Since CBM is a year-round ministry, there is always something to do. As soon as we got settled here, the office phone was forwarded to my cell phone so I can assist the other missionaries by taking the calls and coordinating messages. It has been a pleasure to talk to people and has been fun to learn the answers to their questions so I can give good customer service.

Summer is always a highlight! We had a great summer! 108 children accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, and there were lots of other spiritual decisions too.

The Lord has answered my prayers in giving me the opportunity to teach Bible Released Time classes (BRT). Over 1500 students in 32 local public elementary and middle schools have enrolled in our classes. Lacey, Kristi (a CBM National intern) and I are a teaching team responsible for 5 elementary schools. This year, we are teaching about Abraham, Joshua, Gideon, David, the Birth of Jesus, Daniel, Paul, and the hope we have because of Jesus' resurrection.

He Leadeth Me

By J.H. Gilmore (1862)
Based on Psalm 23



He leadeth me, O blessed though! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.**

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine; Content,
whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Family Update



I'm thankful to be serving alongside my sweet Lacey Ruth! She has been a joy to me since the day she was born. (She was 6 months old when Logan died and 15 when Bobby died.) She is passionate, fun, and adventurous, much like her daddy. She is our extra blessing, the one God continues to use to remind me that He has good plans for my life and He is in control.



She has always been a "CBM missionary staff-kid" and since she desires to continue serving in CBM, I'm grateful that the East TN board is giving her this opportunity.

We will celebrate her 21st birthday on January 15th while in Honduras. I don't know how long this season will last, so I am intentionally enjoying it.



January 12-19, 2024 will be our 3rd time to be on the team leading CBM Honduras Teen Camp. One of my responsibilities is to prepare and lead 4 crafts. Lacey will assist & be a counselor as well.

I'm expecting God to do great things! Our 8 translators are ready to step up to serve as counselors.



This "Nonni" is very loved and blessed to be able to say that my children and their spouses love the Lord and are encouraging my 4 grandchildren to love Him, too.

Hayley and Alex (Magnolia, Willow, Holly) live in Greenville, SC just a few miles from Dustin and Erin (Bear). Can you imagine my joy? They live only 2.5 hours away!

*Merry Christmas!
With Love. Karen*

Praises:

- * We love serving the Lord in TN and being on staff at Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go.
- * Bible Released Time is thriving here!
- * We have international opportunities even though we are "home missionaries."
- * Our trip to Honduras is completely funded.
- * We have a church family and a place to worship together!
- * The Lord is my shepherd. He is good all the time!

Your support allows us to serve in CBM. ♥

At some point in our lives you became important to us and we praise God for you! I would love to hear how you are doing, what God is doing in your life or how I can pray for you. Also, if you'd prefer not to receive updates, please let me know. You can contact me at cbmkaren@gmail.com or **910-785-1785**.

Prayer Support:

- That we would grow more deeply in love with the Lord and studying His Word.
- That we would serve Him with wisdom, pure hearts and true joy.
- That we would be intentional to invest in the lives of others for the glory of God.
- Our teaching team has 15 Bible Released Time (BRT) classes each month.
- Summer Camp Season: May 24 - August 2
- Special Opportunity: CBM Honduras Teen Camp — January 12-19, 2024
Theme: Run the Race (Hebrews 12:1,2) We expect 60 campers.

Financial Support:

Individual donations or monthly support can be made by check to Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go or given online at: <https://www.cbmcamp.com/donation-page>