

Chapin Living Waters (CLW) Bucket Kit News January 2017

In the Presence of Jesus - Dr. J. L. Williams

Former Chapin Living Waters Board Member, Dr. J. L. Williams went to be with Jesus December 29, 2016 just 2 days before his 75th birthday. The influence of J. L., a dynamic preacher, teacher, and mentor, who dedicated his life to training third world pastors, has touched thousands of lives throughout the world.

Over a period spanning 4 decades, Dr. Williams, founder of New Directions Ministries, identified key leaders in at least 17 nations, with whom he formed ministry partnerships. He had a gift for connecting people and bringing groups together to accomplish great work in God's kingdom. He maintained regular contact and frequently visited partners, offering friendship and encouragement, and connected North American Kingdom entrepreneurs with worthy ministries. J. L. has assisted in building of a number churches, Bible Schools, and children's homes, as well as partnered with Double Harvest and Chapin Living Waters in agriculture and drip irrigation projects in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.



Dr. Williams was a preacher par excellence, and has been described as a walking spiritual dictionary. His approach to ministry was building relationships and investing in people. He was a spiritual father to many. He accepted people where they were and helped them get to where they could be. J. L. was a man of great faith. He was authentic, accessible, approachable and generous.

Dick Chapin, founder of CLW, was one of the partners who was greatly blessed by J. L. They began working together in Haiti, Ethiopia and Kenya about 25 years ago. Dr. Williams often referred to himself as the drip preacher, introducing Bucket Kits to third world pastors who by necessity supported themselves. Dick and J. L. worked together at Amsterdam 2000, a conference sponsored by the Billy Graham Association for 10,000 third world evangelists. J. L.'s expertise in third world ministries was a tremendous asset and inspiration to the CLW Board of Directors.

Besides assisting pastors with Bucket Kit technology for their home gardens, J. L. installed drip systems at a number of orphanages and Bible schools, in order to provide fresh vegetables for the children and students during the dry season. J. L. was involved in a partnership to provide drip systems for the home gardens of earthquake victims in Haiti. Another amazing partnership in Zimbabwe involves a large drip garden maintained by inmates of a local prison. They are trained in the use of drip irrigation through a work release program, so when they return to society, they will be able to better support themselves. (See Bucket Kit News June 2016). For more information regarding J. L.'s work with Dick Chapin and CLW refer to the 6/10/14 entry on the following website: <http://www.jlwilliams.org/journal/JL/2014/06/>

J. L. was a tireless servant in God's kingdom, and a tremendous communicator. The legacy he leaves in those he mentored, and the wealth of Biblical truths from his books will continue to bless God's kingdom for years to come. Please join the CLW Community in holding Mrs. Williams and the family in your prayers.

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JL Williams and Dick Chapin with a roll of Jain Drip tape at the Jain facility



One of JLs projects in Malawi using Bucket Kits

From The Desk of the Executive Director

Our prayers go out to the Williams family for the passing of J.L. Williams. J.L. was a tremendous asset on our board of directors, offering encouragement, a depth of insight only J. L. models, and his prayerful support to CLW. We are one of many people that will miss J.L.

Praise the Lord that \$50,000 toward the matching funds grant has been received, enabling us to receive the \$50,000 grant in full! We are so thankful for those who have donated to move us toward our goal of a debt free location. This will enable us to focus on helping the hungry throughout the world. To date, we have \$114,000 funding toward the \$150,000 goal for property acquisition and needed modifications. Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support.

CLW is collaborating with the Urban Mission in Watertown, with a 40' x 80' drip irrigation garden behind our building, which will be manned by volunteers. The fresh vegetables will be harvested and donated to our local food bank. CLW also works with United Way in Franklin, TN. They have three ¼ acre gardens. The vegetables are harvested and then donated to the local food bank.

We are planning on having our 3rd Annual Auction in May. We are accepting donations for the CLW Auction. Please call Rachel at the office if you have anything you would like to contribute.

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in darkness, and your night will become like noonday. Isaiah 58:10