

# WESTMORE OUTREACH

## SPREADING GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE CORNER AND AROUND THE WORLD

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### *Acts 1:8 Model*

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

#### UPCOMING OUTREACH TRIPS:

**Happening Now!** Youth Outreach to Maine (Contact Jared Waldrop at [jared.waldrop@westmorecog.org](mailto:jared.waldrop@westmorecog.org))

**November 1-6, 2018:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cuban COG and Outreach (Contact: Vera Voznyuk at [vera.voznyuk@westmorecog.org](mailto:vera.voznyuk@westmorecog.org))

**March 14-25, 2019:** Medical Outreach to Nepal (Contact Mark McCord at [mark.mccord@westmorecog.org](mailto:mark.mccord@westmorecog.org)) or Zach Clevenger at [zach.clevenger@westmorecog.org](mailto:zach.clevenger@westmorecog.org))

#### ONE OF WESTMORE'S OWN TO WORK WITH YWAM

There are some things you never forget or want to forget. There are some things that change your life in such a profound way that you know instantly you will



never be the same. Sierra Green, daughter of Robert and Teresa Green, has such an experience during her six months at Youth With a Mission (YWAM).

After a week of exploring her identity and exploding some misconceptions about her view of outreach, Sierra embarked on a journey of self-discovery and service that led her to Thailand, China, and the Philippines. In Thailand, she ministered to "bar girls" (ladies in prostitution). In China, she participated in street evangelism and in the Philippines empowered local saints for continued outreach in their communities. These experiences forever changed Sierra's world view, while at the same time stoking her passion for missions.

After much prayer, Sierra feels God's calling to join the staff of YWAM in Amsterdam, where she will equip other youth to minister around the world. Specifically, she will be staffing an arts discipline training school, where she and her team will work with youth to release their creativity and enhance their ability to conduct outreach in some of the world's most hard-to-reach countries.

Sierra grew up at Westmore and now is taking her passion for outreach, and Westmore's legacy in supporting it, to "the uttermost parts of the earth." Her commissioning to join YWAM in Amsterdam



will make a lasting impact on the youth with whom she interacts. You can help Sierra take this important step in global outreach. Please visit her website at [sierragreenmarie@gmail.com](mailto:sierragreenmarie@gmail.com) for more information.

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*“After my initial experience at YWAM, I now have friends around the globe who have taught me what it looks like to serve, love, and lead.” Sierra Green*

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## **IT'S ON! ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR THE NEPAL MEDICAL MISSION**

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, Global Infusion representatives briefed 13 people, representing those inside and outside the Westmore Family, on what to expect from the upcoming medical mission to Nepal, which will be held from March 14-25, 2019.

How important is this mission? To answer this question, one must know that before 1960 no Christian was allowed to live in Nepal, therefore most of the population has little or know knowledge of Christ. While many denominations now minister in Nepal, most of them focus on the capital city of Kathmandu. Westmore's medical mission will focus on rural villages in the Himalayan Mountains, were our team will provide medicine and medical treatment to villagers while at the same time sharing the gospel. More information on this outreach is available at the outreach link on our website, [www.westmorecog.org](http://www.westmorecog.org).

## **PEOPLE WHO CARE: THE CARING PLACE HAS BECOME AN INSTITUTION IN CLEVELAND**

In January 2018, Brian<sup>1</sup> came to Westmore's Wolfe Drive campus without a coat or money for food. He grew up in the region, but due to a number of circumstances, “self-inflicted wounds” he called them, he found himself destitute and on the street. One of Westmore's pastors met with Brian and linked him with a counselor at The Caring Place, who met his immediate needs of warmth and food, as well as helped him get a job. “They were so kind to me,” Brian said, “and I really appreciate Westmore for helping me make the connection.”



Westmore was instrumental in the creation of The Caring Place in 2004 and has been a major supporter every since. Many Westmore family members are either employees for volunteers at The Caring Place, such as Lorraine Alford (pictured at right). In addition to providing love offerings and volunteers, Westmore provides monthly support for the organization's operation. “We are so proud of

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<sup>1</sup> Not his real name for confidentiality purposes

what The Caring Place does for those in our community that need help to overcome economic challenges,” says Lead Pastor Kelvin Page. “Our support for The Caring Place has been ongoing and unwaivering. It is a key organization in meeting the needs of those in our community who are facing economic hardships.” For more information on The Caring Place, or to inquire about volunteering, please visit [www.thecaringplaceonline.org](http://www.thecaringplaceonline.org).

### **Westmore Reaches Out to Guatamala**

Westmore members Bedford Smith and Dr. DeWayne and Jane Knight recently joined a team from Lee University in providing medical support the people of Guatamala. The team suffered through sickness and many other challenges in minstering to Guatamalens in need. They were buoyed by prayers from the Westmore family.



In the picture at right, our team is working with patients at the Casa de Amor Iglesia de Dios in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. Missions like this, whether through Westmore or other organizations, offer opportunities for our members to serve around the corner and around the world. Bedford, DeWayne and Jane continue the legacy of Westmore’s outreaches to Guatemala and other Central American countries that focus on providing services to the local population as well as spreading the gospel of Christ. Keep it up, Westmore Family, your “prayer, giving, and going” are making a difference!

### **Westmore Outreach by the Numbers**

Did you know that Westmore is in the top two churches in the denomination in per capita giving for international outreach ?<sup>2</sup> Were you aware over and above the amount of financial support provided for local, regional, and national outreach, Westmore gave more than a quarter million dollars to foreign outreach since 2016?<sup>3</sup> You can find out more about Westmore’s local, national and international financial commitment by visiting the outreach page on our website.

### **Westmore and the U-Turn Institute Support the EDGE Camp**

As part of its Esteem, Destiny, Growth, and Excellence (EDGE) initiative, Westmore and the U-Turn Institute teamed up to spearhead a week-long camp to provide hope, healing, and happiness to at risk youth. The camp focused on building values, self-esteem, and networks through which participants explored innovation, problem-solving, and teamwork.

The U-Turn Institute was instrumental in supporting this camp, as its focus was to help youth change the direction of their lives by providing role models and highlighting core values needed for success. For more information about the EDGE initiative, please contact Jared Waldrop at [jared.waldrop@westmorecog.org](mailto:jared.waldrop@westmorecog.org) or Chris Schelich at [chris.schelich@westmorecog.org](mailto:chris.schelich@westmorecog.org).

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<sup>2</sup> Source: COG Foreign Missions Board

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