

# UKUKHULA



Ukukhula means “growth” in Siswati. Jesus explains to us in Matthew 9:37-38 that, “...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” These past few months, we have seen ukukhula throughout Warren church, as we have seen the harvest plentiful, and have watched our body of Christ fulfill the command to labor and labor in the fields for the kingdom of God. Through the new campus at Crossbridge, we have seen growth, both spiritual and literal, as we began agricultural farm training on the property. This will help equip our fellow believers on how to farm and compost knowing they can bring this knowledge to unreached people groups. In addition, our church has been able to go on several mission trips since January. Although we are continuing to pray and send laborers out into the harvest, we are also reminded of the truth in 1 Corinthians which states, “...neither he who plants nor he who is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” As our church continues to reach out to the community and to the world, we are also reminded that nothing we do will succeed on our own strength. Only what the Lord has given growth to will continue to flourish. We are so thankful for what the Lord has already done and we are excited to see how God will continue to accomplish as He sends his word forward.

## DISCOVER MISSIONS

Interested in knowing what mission trips we will be going on, trainings and seminars we will be hosting, or how to get more involved? Join us at one of our Discover Missions, where we will be discussing all things missions! We will be available to answer any questions and help get you connected where you may be feeling led. Our next Discover Missions:

- Augusta Campus: Wednesday, April 17th
- Belvedere Campus: Sunday, April 28th
- Crossbridge Campus: Sunday, May 5th
- Grovetown Campus: Sunday, April 28th



## *New Face on the Missions Team!*

“We are so grateful and excited to welcome John Bryan to our team. While he is a new hire for us, he is a very familiar face and name, and he brings a tremendous amount of experience and understanding to our community missions ministry. We are looking forward to working with John as he grows and develops our outreach to the community and beyond.”

-Mark Clyburn

Global Missions Pastor





# January-March Highlights

Our church has been a part of several mission trips since the beginning of 2024. We are so thankful to watch the Lord move and grow in our church and witness seeds being planted in individual hearts all throughout the world.



## WINTER CONFERENCE

“Thank you for including me in your Winter Conference this year. I enjoyed having the young men and their leaders come to my home. They accomplished a great deal of work in my yard that would have taken me weeks to do. Also, we had fun hanging tinsel on my permanent Christmas trees--two Carolina Cypress trees--that remind me of the birth of our savior all year long. We ended the time with banana bread, hot chocolate, and prayer. It was a fun and productive day and I hope to see another group next year.” -*Suzanne Thomas*



## ZAMBIA

The first week of our trip was dedicated to equipping the group of previously trained farm graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively teach others. Our team worked alongside these future trainers, refreshing their understanding of the materials learned in 2023 and guiding them through the process of communicating this knowledge clearly and straightforwardly. Through collaborative work and hands-on instruction, the ITEC/Warren team worked hard to see that the trainees were well-prepared to step into their new roles as farm trainers. The second week marked a significant milestone as these trainees became trainers and mastered the teaching role. With our team stepping back to provide support from the sidelines, our indigenous partners hosted their own farm training sessions for local Christ followers. I loved seeing the multiplication taking place.



## RICHMOND, VA

Our early 2024 trip to the learning center in Richmond, VA brought many intersections with those in training. Our Warren group was able to meet personally with 58 of the 74 adults there and connect with them through prayer and sharing of contact information. Our prayer walking for three days allowed each of us to petition the Lord for hearts to be prepared for those who are being sent to share Christ. It was a blessing to see so many putting aside all of the world to follow Christ into areas void of the Gospel. We are already receiving updates as they are close to the end of their 7 weeks of training. Looking forward to the Lord providing additional ministering opportunities like this at the learning center!

-*Jim Sechrist*



# Interested in going on mission this summer?

We have quite a few upcoming mission trips this summer, and we would love to have you involved! If you feel the Lord leading you to go on any of these trips, please email [missions@warren.church](mailto:missions@warren.church).

## ECUADOR WAO VISION TRIP (JULY 11-21)

Estimated Price: \$2500

Description: To create an economy to support the older generation, a group of Waodani Christians from the tribe has asked ITEC and ITEC Ecuador to help them host short-term experiences in the jungle. These visits will expose outsiders to a true hunter/gatherer lifestyle that can only truly be created by those who have lived it. Come with us to Ecuador to experience a trip from the receiver's point of view!



## BATH, MAINE (AUG 7-11)

Estimated Price: \$1500-2000

Description: Every year, the citizens of Bath, Maine come together to both give and receive acts of kindness to one another in an event called "Kindness Day". This was inspired by random acts of kindness, and the day exudes by being filled with fun activities, live music, and unexpected moments that bring a smile.



## Please Pray!

Pray for these mission teams that Warren is sending out who will be sharing the good news in our community and around the world.



## TORONTO, CANADA (JULY 5-13)

- *That God's Spirit would go before them.*
- *Safety as they travel.*
- *Pray that their hearts would embrace a boldness and gentleness that comes from God's Spirit.*



## ESWATINI (JUNE 6-18)

- *For effective, Godly leadership*
- *Continued harvest with permaculture farming*
- *Equip other families to enable them to reach out to families holistically*



# Thank you!



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