

A LOOK AT Parachurch

APPALACHIAN CHRISTIAN VILLAGE, Johnson City, TN

Appalachian Christian Village is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit retirement and senior living company. ACV's mission is "to reflect Christ's love by providing quality housing, health care, and services to help older people meet the challenges of aging."

ACV operates Sherwood, a continuing care retirement community with a focus on promoting independent living through a wellness/fitness program and through dining options that promote well-being. Sherwood has licensed assisted-living apartments as well as a Medicaid-certified nursing center. ACV is building a new lifestyle community, the first of its kind in northeast Tennessee, called Maple Crest. It too will focus on wellness and will incorporate an aquatic center as part of its amenities.

www.christianvillage.org

CANTON CHRISTIAN HOME, Canton, OH

Canton Christian Home is a continuing care retirement community sponsored by Christian churches and churches of Christ in eastern Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and the West Virginia panhandle.

The home ministers to widows and widowers, unmarried individuals, and couples over the age of 62 who desire to live in a Christian environment. The residents are cared

for physically, spiritually, emotionally, socially, and financially as needed. Acts 6, James 1:27, and Psalm 71:9 are Scriptures often referred to as the reasons for this ministry.

The home's mission statement is "to provide the highest level of quality care and services to older adults, compassionately meeting their needs in a Christian homelike environment, and promoting their health, security, happiness, and usefulness in longer living."

The home is in its 29th year. Over the years it has ministered to 1,236 different individuals. Currently it has 230 residents living in the following accommodations: congregate apartments, residential private rooms, licensed assisted living, and in the licensed nursing care. Nursing care is both Medicare and Medicaid certified.

The Association of Benevolent Care (ABC) funding corporation has provided more than \$2.7 million in residential benevolent care since CCH opened its doors in 1976. Last year ABC provided more than \$250,000 of benevolent care to Christians living in the Canton Christian Home independent areas.

www.cantonchristianhome.org

CHRIST IN YOUTH, Joplin, MO

Christ In Youth brings young people together for life-changing encounters with Jesus. CIY provides opportunities for character change and commitment to spiritual growth through conferences. It is also a ministry



Worthington (Ohio) Christian Village, a continuing care retirement community that serves about 235 residents, is a ministry of about 30 Christian churches and churches of Christ in central Ohio (see p. 11).

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that provides hands-on help through service projects and urban and international mission trips. Additionally, Christ In Youth provides resource seminars and conferences for those who work with young people, both professionals and volunteers.

www.ciy.com

CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, Mason, OH

In 1960 E. Richard Crabtree, along with a group of Christian church ministers in Cincinnati, Ohio, met to discuss a retirement home for the aging. Standard Publishing Company donated the land for the Mount Healthy Christian Home. Marvin Matthews served as the first administrator.

In August 1982, J. Donald Sams became CEO for the parent organization, the Christian Benevolent Association. In 1985, the ministry expanded to Mason, Ohio, with Mason Christian Village, a campus of 500 residents.

CBA's ministry is to provide all levels of care through retirement communities that offer secure, quality living in a Christian environment. CBA services are dedicated to the enhancement of the spiritual, physical, social, cultural, and emotional well-being of each resident.

411 Western Row Road, Mason, OH 45040

CHRISTIAN CARE COMMUNITIES, Louisville, KY

Christian Care Communities is the new name of the organization formerly called Christian Church Homes of Kentucky. The ministry was founded in 1884 to help the most vulnerable among us—orphans and widows. Over the years it has grown to become the largest nonprofit provider of social services in Kentucky. Its programs serve and support older adults by providing housing, assisted living, and nursing facilities. CCC also offers children's psychiatric residential treatment and foster care, and care for individuals with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries. CCC serves more than 3,000 people each year through its 50 programs. In response to the call of Jesus Christ, CCC reaches out as responsible stewards to those in need. It celebrates the individuality of each person who needs fellowship and support—whether it be

spiritual, physical, emotional, or educational—and promotes independence, well-being, and personal dignity.

www.christiancarecommunities.org

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF OHIO, INC., Wooster, OH

Christian Children's Home of Ohio provides care for abandoned and abused children who can no longer live in their own home and have been removed for their own safety. The organization serves the children in its family style cottages at its Ohio residential center, and in its Christian foster homes throughout Ohio and Tennessee. Adoption services are provided in both Ohio and Tennessee.

CCHO also operates three ministries in the Crimea, Ukraine. It has a ministry that feeds and clothes street children, operates foster homes, and visits orphanages and hospitals to care for abandoned children.

It also operates outpatient-counseling centers that provide Christian counseling to children, individuals, and families in Canton, Massillon, and Wooster, Ohio.

www.ccho.org

CHRISTIAN CITY, Union City, GA

Christian City was chartered in 1962 by members of independent New Testament Christian churches. It is a ministry that cares for children and senior adults according to the principles of Christ's teachings. More than 1,000 children and senior adults live on Christian City's 500-acre campus. Its apartment complexes serve seniors with limited incomes in four different, distinct ways: "life lease" patio homes, a skilled nursing facility, assisted living/personal care/Alzheimer's disease center, and residential foster care group homes for children.

Christian City ministers to people from all walks of life, but particularly to those who cannot otherwise afford the vast array of services and ministries needed for successful living.

Christian City welcomes all those in need without regard to race, gender, ethnic origins, or religious affiliations.

www.christiancity.org

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CHRISTIAN HOMES INC., Lincoln, IL

Christian Homes Inc. honors God by providing a continuum of care and support services, primarily for the aged. Christian Homes is a not-for-profit family of 15 retirement and health care communities serving more than 2,200 senior adults and their families throughout the Midwest. Its ministry is to provide a comfortable retirement lifestyle for seniors. It achieves this through such offerings as independent garden homes, senior apartments, assisted living, skilled nursing care, Haven Center Memory Care, Reclaim Rehabilitation Services, and pastoral care and estate planning services. Planning for its first community—the Christian Village in Lincoln, Illinois—started in 1962.

www.christianhomes.org

CMF INTERNATIONAL (CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP), Indianapolis, IN

CMF International is a missions agency at work in 16 nations drawing people into relationship with Christ and his church. This world evangelization effort was born in 1949. CMF's vision areas include church planting, urban poor, global youth, marketplace ministry, intercultural ministry in the United States, and church mobilization.

www.cmfi.org

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND, Anaheim, CA

For more than 50 years Church Development Fund (CDF) has provided financing for the expansion, building, and growth of churches and ministries all across the United States, thanks to thousands of individuals and organizations who have invested nearly \$400 million. CDF also supports the church planting work of its sister ministry, Stadia: New Church Strategies, through annual grants from CDF's multi-million-dollar church planting fund.

In addition to providing ministry loans and investment options, including IRAs and 403(b) retirement investments, CDF supports the ongoing development of ministry leaders by co-sponsoring the "Blueprint for the Future of the Church" seminar series and a number of other regional conferences and conventions each year.

www.cdfonline.org

COOKSON HILLS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, Kansas, OK

Cookson Hills Christian Ministries provides a Christian home and a Christ-centered education for children whose



Church Development Fund provided financing of almost \$13.5 million for the relocation of Crossroads Christian Church (above), Grand Prairie, Texas.

family circumstances make it necessary for out-of-home placement. Houseparents, teachers, and support staff consistently model the Christian family lifestyle in a community setting. CHCM's goal is to break the destructive cycles of abuse, neglect, rebellion, and failure that have characterized many of the families it serves.

Teachers and parents work closely together in its state-accredited school program to help children overcome learning deficits from a lack of educational stability.

Other programs and services include equine integrated behavioral therapy, 4-Him practical skills training with community mentors, on-campus summer jobs, and opportunities to serve others through mission trips and service projects.

www.cooksonhills.org

FELLOWSHIP OF ASSOCIATES OF MEDICAL EVANGELISM (FAME), Indianapolis, IN

The purpose of FAME is to spread the fame of Jesus Christ to all nations through medical evangelism. FAME primarily works in developing nations to provide Christian health care to those who normally would not have access to medical care. This is accomplished through the funding of hospitals and clinics, sending of medicines and medical equipment, and mobilization of short-term medical mission teams. In 2004 FAME provided physical and spiritual care to some of the least-reached and underserved people of the

PARACHURCH MINISTRY	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	ANNUAL BUDGET
Appalachian Christian Village	175-plus	\$5 million
Canton Christian Home	180	\$7 M
Christ In Youth	41*	\$8.5 M
The Christian Benevolent Association	350	\$17 M
Christian Care Communities	900	\$50 M
Christian Children's Home of Ohio, Inc.	102	\$6.08 M
Christian City	425	\$21.15 M
Christian Homes, Inc.	2,100	\$82.9 M
CMF International	180	\$7.5 M
Church Development Fund, Inc.	49	\$33.9 M
Cookson Hills Christian Ministries, Inc.	68	\$2.62 M
Fellowship of Assoc. of Med. Evang. (FAME)	6	\$8.6 M
Good News Productions, International	85**	\$1.25 M
Int'l Disaster Emergency Services (IDES)	7	\$1.9 M
Lake Aurora Christian Camp	12	\$1.23 M
Lifeline Christian Mission	313	\$3.33 M
Mountain Mission School	48	\$2.77 M
North American Christian Convention	9	\$1.39 M
Orchard Group Church Planting, Inc.	27	\$1.42 M
Pioneer Bible Translators	158	\$4 M
Provision Ministry Group, Inc.	100	\$5 M
Revival Fires Ministry	10	\$1.1 M
Round Lake Christian Assembly	14	\$1.16 M
Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch	28	\$1.56 M
Stadia: New Church Strategies	20	\$4.8 M
Team Expansion	250	\$6 M
Training Christians for Ministry (TCM) Int'l	33	\$1.79 M
Tree of Life Christian Schools	89	\$2.73 M
Turner Retirement Homes	40	\$1.43 M
Worthington Christian Village	160	\$7.7 M

*10 are part-timers. **Includes 68 global employees, some of whom raise their own support, which is not included in this budget.

world in more than 14 developing nations through its various missionary partners.

www.fameworld.org

GOOD NEWS PRODUCTIONS, INTERNATIONAL, Joplin, MO

Good News Productions, International works with Christians across the Americas and around the world to design culturally relevant strategies for development of evangelism and leadership training tools. Its goal is to effec-

and development (projects that help nationals become independent). In recent months, IDES has collected and distributed tsunami relief funds.

For more than 30 years IDES has been serving through churches and missionaries and has reached into more than 90 countries. IDES is a registered nonprofit organization.

www.ides.org

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tively deliver the gospel of Christ to the peoples of the world. This may include the use of solar-powered audio-visual packs, satellite technology, the Internet, video, DVD/VCD, print, radio, television, or whatever is most appropriate.

This is accomplished through a growing network of Christian communication technologists in 10 strategic locations to lead in research and production. These centers are located in Africa, Central India, North India, Singapore, Philippines, Mexico, the United States, Ukraine, Thailand, and Myanmar. Workers in these centers recognize "many cultures, many methods, one message."

The vision is to establish a network of Christian communicators around the world using the most powerful communication techniques to help lead people from every tribe, tongue, and nation to come to salvation and maturity in Christ.

www.gnpi.org

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE (IDES),

Kempton, IN

IDES serves as a channel through which Christian churches, churches of Christ, and individual Christians can meet the physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world.

IDES's main areas of service include disaster, evangelism, hunger, medical,

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LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER,

Lake Wales, FL

Established in 1947, the Lake Aurora campus has grown from 20 to 73 acres. Designed originally as a youth summer camp, it now has year-round programs serving young people through senior adults. All programs are provided in a beautiful outdoor setting. Lake Aurora specializes in helping develop relationships—offering families and individuals the chance to focus on priorities by reconnecting physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially.

While they are on campus, youth, adults, and families take time to enrich their personal relationships with each other, and prepare for service while discovering God's will for their lives.

www.lakeaurora.org



Lifeline Christian Mission ministers to the impoverished people of Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, and Cuba. Its services include the Lifeline Child Sponsorship Program.

LIFELINE CHRISTIAN MISSION, Westerville, OH

Lifeline Christian Mission ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of the impoverished people in Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, and Cuba. Spiritual ministries include 21 Christian churches, personal evangelism, church planting, leadership training, and congregational development. Physical ministries include Christian schools with 8,000-plus children; medical/dental clinics; a children's home; Homes for Haiti; nutrition programs for infants, children, and adults; vocational training; food and clothing pantries; and more.

Opportunities to become involved in Lifeline's ministry

include: the Lovelink Child Sponsorship Program, short-term mission trips, supply drives, Lifeline's Peanut Butter Drive (50,000-plus jars of peanut butter are needed!), volunteer opportunities, golf outings, and more.

www.lifeline.org

MOUNTAIN MISSION SCHOOL, Grundy, VA

Since 1921 Mountain Mission School has taken care of the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of children from infants to adulthood. MMS provides a home, a school (pre-kindergarten through high school), and a spiritual foundation based upon the Word of God (taught in regular worship services and in the classroom). Needy children come to MMS from all over the United States. Most of the children come from disadvantaged family situations.

www.mtmission.org

NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION, Cincinnati, OH

The North American Christian Convention is the connecting place providing ideas, inspiration, and identity to New Testament churches, ministries, and their leaders. This organization hosts gatherings of Christians for worship, preaching, teaching, fellowship, and networking. While the NACC began in 1927 as a convention for vocational Christian leaders, since the 1960s the NACC has held events that attract many vocational and nonvocational Christian leaders and their families. This year the NACC is hosting three Regional Conferences and a Minister & Spouse Retreat. The three conferences will be held May 24-26 in Corona, California; June 28-30 in Lexington, Kentucky; and July 12-14 in Jacksonville, Florida. The NACC Minister & Spouse retreat will be August 16-18 at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. Everyone is welcome to register for these events at www.nacctheconnectingplace.org.

www.nacctheconnectingplace.org

ORCHARD GROUP, INC., North Chelmsford, MA

Orchard Group exists to plant growing and reproducing churches in New York and the Northeastern United States. Orchard Group identifies dynamic locations for new churches in New York City and the broader Northeast, hires staff, and provides start-up funds to get the new churches underway. The organization provides 100 percent of staff salaries in the first year of a new church, with the church



Brad Willits (left) and his family have worked with Pioneer Bible Translators in Guinea, West Africa, since 1988 translating the Bible for the native people.

picking up increasingly larger portions of salaries from year two through self-supporting at the end of year three or year four.

www.orchardgroup.org

PIONEER BIBLE TRANSLATORS, Dallas, TX

Pioneer Bible Translators partners with others to reach the 3,000-plus people groups who do not have Bibles. Its strategy is to partner with nationals to translate Scripture, enable mother-tongue literacy, and promote the impact of translated Scripture.

PBT is serving in Papua New Guinea, West and East Africa, Ukraine, and mainland Southeast Asia. It has plans to serve in Vanuatu and Siberia.

PBT's International Service Center in Dallas, Texas, serves as the hub for recruiting and training new missionaries, providing services to current missionaries, and mobilizing Christ's church for partnership in this vital task. Through PBT's ministry, God is transforming lives as people respond to his Word communicated in their own language.

www.pioneerbible.org

PROVISION MINISTRY GROUP, Irvine, CA

The Provision Ministry Group is a family of three parachurch ministries: Church Development Fund (CDF), Stadia: New Church Strategies, and Visioneering Studios. CDF, Stadia, and Visioneering are among the most forward-thinking ministry organizations in America, providing creative

financing, church planting resources, and architectural design services, respectively. Under the leadership of CEO Larry Winger, the ministries of Provision hope—among other far-reaching goals—to double the number of independent Christian churches in North America by 2025. The formation of Provision in 2003 has allowed all of its ministry partners to broaden their scope and increase their impact with churches nationwide.

www.provision.com

REVIVAL FIRES MINISTRY, West Branson, MO

Founded in 1964 by Cecil Todd, Revival Fires is an international ministry that is dedicated to rekindling the "fires" of revival across America and around the world. The ministry has a strong missionary emphasis in Russia, India, Iraq, and China. Rallies and revival crusades are also held across America to call our nation to repentance and prayer.

www.revivalfires.org

ROUND LAKE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, Lakeville, OH

For 55 years, Round Lake Christian Assembly has served the Christian churches and churches of Christ in north-central Ohio as a church camp and retreat location. Each summer nearly 2,800 campers and 1,100 volunteers from member

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The Nehru Peace Foundation recently gave its annual award to the Mercy (Mission) Hospital in Valakom (Kerala), India. The 150-bed hospital and outpatient clinic was built with funds provided by Revival Fires Ministry. Missionary P.V. Alexander (center) is the hospital manager.

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churches come together to fulfill Round Lake's purpose: "Teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in an unusual place." Last summer, 170 youth were baptized at camp or their home church. Round Lake also hosts more than 80 director-planned and private retreats each year. Round Lake helped start a camp near Caracas, Venezuela, and plans to assist with another camp start near Saltillo and Monterrey, Mexico, in 2006. In 2004, campers, volunteer faculty, and Round Lake staff raised \$50,128 for missions around the world. The goal for this summer is 3,000 campers and \$52,500 to help build the camp in Mexico.

www.roundlake.org

SHILOH CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S RANCH, Shelbina, MO

Every year in the United States, nearly 3 million children are abused, and nearly 3,000 die from the damage. Shiloh exists for these children. Shiloh is a set of six homes with a total capacity of 60 children, most of whom have been abused or neglected. Ages of these children range from birth to 18 years. Shiloh intends to add a new school building and four new homes over the next five years. Shiloh provided care for approximately 70 children during the past year. Shiloh graduates attend Bible college, secular college, vocational school, enter the armed forces, or go directly to work. Since 1977, when Shiloh opened, nearly 180 children have been baptized into Christ at the ranch. The children help with such activities as caring for livestock, gardening, working in a greenhouse, homemaking, vocational training, and recreational activities. The ranch is a (501)(c)(3) organization; it receives no governmental funding.

www.shilohranch.org



Jennifer Huddleston of Team Expansion baptizes a woman in Osaka, Japan, in 2004.

STADIA: NEW CHURCH STRATEGIES, Vacaville, CA

Stadia: New Church Strategies is a nationwide church planting ministry that takes its name from the unit of measurement used to describe the holy city in Revelation 21:16. Stadia began in 1954 as a regional organization (the Northern California Evangelistic Association) and steadily grew to be one of the most productive church planting groups among the independent Christian churches. In 2003, through a partnership with Church Development Fund, the NCEA became Stadia and began its national expansion.

Stadia's goal is to double the number of independent Christian churches in North America before the year 2025 by finding, training, deploying, and supporting "church-multiplication leaders"—men who will plant churches that plant churches. Using their highly successful model, Stadia helped plant 21 new churches in 2004. It plans to plant 35 new churches in 2005, three of which will be Spanish-speaking.

www.stadia.cc

TCM INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Indianapolis, IN (U.S. Office)

TCM International prepares men and women for Christian leadership and provides benevolent assistance in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. TCM is currently preparing more than 600 national missionaries from 16 nations to reach their friends and neighbors for Christ. The newly formed Center for Church Planting, headed by Dr. Mike Crull, will begin identifying and equipping more national church planters throughout Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The newly formed Leadership Center, headed by Dr. Paul Kissling, will be working to identify and equip key emerging leaders throughout Eastern Europe and Central Asia. A new focus will be to expand TCM's ministry to reach more Muslims throughout Central Asia.

www.tcmi.org



Turner Retirement Homes serves 185 Christian retirees on 110 wooded acres near Salem, Oregon.

TEAM EXPANSION, Louisville, KY

Team Expansion seeks to partner with local churches to send and sustain teams of interdependent missionaries to plant indigenous churches among unreached people groups worldwide. Born through prayer back in 1978, the organization is known for its “7 nonnegotiables”—work in teams, plant churches, focus on unreached people, be Bible-based, report monthly to all donors, extend grace to all, and desire coaching. God has used the 250-plus full-timers in 37 countries to lead thousands of individuals into hundreds of new congregations. Now that the group has literally doubled in size in the past seven years, about 1 out of 5 Christian church missionaries is a Team Expansion worker.

www.teamexpansion.org

TREE OF LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, Columbus, OH

Tree of Life Christian Schools serves 635 students in pre-school through 12th grade. It was founded in 1978 and is sponsored by seven Christian churches and churches of Christ in the greater Columbus, Ohio, area. Tree of Life is chartered by the Ohio Department of Education and accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. The mission of the school is to “educate students in the truth and to disciple them in Christ.” In an age of information overload, young people need, more than ever, a Christian worldview to

be able to have a context for understanding the world around them. Daily opportunities to provide solid academics, biblical thinking, and Christian teachers as role models allow Tree of Life to partner with parents and churches in preparing this generation for abundant life now and eternal life to come.

www.tolcs.org

TURNER RETIREMENT HOMES, Turner, OR

Founded in 1933, Turner Retirement Homes serves 185 Christian retirees, 40 of whom live in state-licensed assisted living. A licensed adult foster care home also is operated to provide care for residents with special needs. Most residents are independent, living in a range of housing options that include duplexes, apartments, and traditional full-family dwellings. Some build their own homes on a life-lease basis, eventually leaving the home to TRH. Career church leaders as well as life-long lay church leaders live together on 110 wooded acres near Salem, Oregon. Medical services, a wide range of fellowship and recreational activities, food services, walking trails, local church, and community involvement are available and provided.

TRH’s board of 12 trustees and 12 advisers offers guidance and employs an administrator and two assistant administrators. Christian churches and individuals in the Northwest provide support, which enables TRH to assist in benevolent services to qualified residents.

www.trhomes.org

WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE, Worthington, OH

Worthington (Ohio) Christian Village is a continuing care retirement community of independent living cottages and apartments, assisted living units, and a skilled and intermediate health care center. The village opened in 1985 and serves approximately 235 residents.

The village is a ministry of about 30 Christian churches and churches of Christ in central Ohio. The ministry was started to provide attractive and comfortable living options, programs to promote spiritual growth, physical well-being, heartfelt satisfaction and happiness, social awareness, and a feeling of security to senior adults and their families. The village is also a place of service through its volunteer, auxiliary, and employment opportunities.

Worthington’s campus sits on 12.7 acres just north of Worthington and borders Worthington Christian Church and a Columbus (Ohio) Metro Park.

www.wcv.org