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## PROVISION \* DIGNITY \* HOPE 10 YEARS DOING THE WORK OF MISSIONS



**T**en years ago Apostle Theresa Settles-Wallace answered the call of God to serve the most vulnerable all over the world. To fulfill that call she began Theresa Settles Ministries or TSM. Who knew at that time the great work that would be before us? The Lord has allowed TSM to bring salt and light to those in need. Our work over the last ten years has made provision, restored dignity and given hope to the most vulnerable among us! We are excited to share with you, our partners and friends, the victories of the last ten years.

When TSM first started, one of our first projects was a shoe drive for Uganda. In order to get this accomplished we partnered with our friends and neighbors to gather shoes that they were not using. It has always been the mission of TSM to not only do missions, but to also promote missions amongst believers. Those who participated in the shoe drive became aware of the needs of those in developing



nations. It was the intention of TSM to sow the seeds that would cause believers to begin to embrace the cause of missions.

During this same time TSM was also doing work locally. The ministry was bringing the gospel to those confined to nursing facilities. The members of TSM were conducting worship services and

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### TSM TESTIMONIALS

Board members of TSM are passionate about the work of missions. Their passion is not just about the work, but they also have the sincere desire to share that passion with others. So the question is raised, "Why does the staff of TSM do what they do?"

**Minister Conswella Harvey** says, "TSM is a group working together to make sure children are fed and are safe." She says she takes pride in knowing that the work she is doing is making children safe and well taken care of.

**Sister Pearl Hall-Ragin** works with TSM because she sees it as a call to ministry. She says, "Because I am God's servant. Being a servant means to serve; Serve means to help, assist, or attend to. I have come to realize that God's delight in me has nothing to do quantity of works I produce but has everything to do with my decision to make myself available to God. I believe we should also be missional, which means we should engage the world the same way Jesus did—by going out rather than just reaching out."

TSM also serves as a vehicle to get the work of missions accomplished. For some, they want to participate in missions but do not know where or how to do that.

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**Minister Barbara Gordon** says, "TSM provides an opportunity for me to volunteer and commit to helping others by reaching beyond myself and immediate family to make lives better for the homeless, orphans, and widows in conjunction with an organized ministry.

For others, like Elder Kelvin Settles and Pastor Cassandra Hill, TSM provided a place for them to grow in ministry. TSM is the place where their vocation was born.

**Elder Kelvin Settles** says that the first time he preached it was for a TSM event. TSM has also given him a global outlook on the church and the church's needs. Elder Settles has traveled with TSM and preached the gospel in South Africa and India. He shares that the church is the church no matter where she exists.

**Pastor Cassandra Hill** also has had the privilege of traveling with TSM. In 2016 she traveled to Haiti with TSM. Pastor Cassandra says, "Prior to this trip I served without really understanding the daily impact TSM was able to make. After this trip my passion increased because I saw with my own eyes the life changing work of TSM."



**Brother Julian Settles Esq.**, a charter member of TSM describes the work of TSM and his reason for serving most succinctly. He says this, "I serve because TSM takes on the unpopular but important task of providing hope and resources for the forgotten and unseen." Bro. Settles and the members of TSM serve because they remember God's people.

## LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

2010 Elder William Booth

2011 Dr. Marilyn Miles

2012 Apostle Theresa Settles-Wallace

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2015 Ms. Gwen Jenkins

2016 Joanna McClinton Esq.

2017 Pastor Pastor Wilma Banks-Alston

2018 Pastor Keon Gerow

2019 Pastor Leontine Osuagwu

## THANK YOU

The work of Theresa Settles Ministries would not be possible without the support of our partners. We would like to thank our partners for their faithfulness, dedication, and love. Your prayers and provisions honor God. We are so grateful to do this work with you. Your commitment has allowed us to do so much on behalf of missions and we look forward to our working with you in the future. We pray God's richest blessings on you and know that you will see the fruit of your faithfulness.

## MISSIONS <1

visiting those who were bed bound. This biweekly worship and visitation, was to provide comfort and care to those in our community who were not able to attend their worship services. Members of TSM were able to pray, read scripture, chat and fellowship with those during their time of confinement.

We also partnered with a local shelter in West Philadelphia for single mothers. During the holidays TSM provided gift cards so the mothers in the shelter could purchase gifts for their children at Christmas. Providing this type of assistance allowed the parents to choose what they wanted to provide for their children. TSM also gave gifts to the mothers so that they could celebrate the holidays.

TSM has always been committed to supporting children. In 2010 we began our work in Rwanda. The work began with sending toys to children. During this time we noticed that the children were receiving their meals on the floor while at school. TSM provided tables and chairs so that these children do their classwork at tables and could eat their meals with dignity.

Rwanda is not our only work in east Africa. TSM has a presence in Uganda. Our work in Uganda began with providing sewing machines to a vocational program. The impact of this gift cannot be minimized. These machines provide the means to train young women with skills that allow them to be financially independent. These sewing machines have a far reaching economic impact on families. Mothers can provide for their children.



In 2010 TSM continued its work in Uganda and broke ground and completed a water project. TSM was strategic about where this water source was placed. This project would provide water for the school, church and community. The well was placed in the center of the community.

TSM's passion for children has caused us to meet the needs of over 700 children every school day since 2010 in Uganda. TSM has provided a hot meal for these 700 children at school. The fifty children most in need receive two meals daily. This means that for the last 9 years TSM has provided thousands of

meals to children who are pursuing their education. To God be the GLORY!!!

In Liberia, TSM has also been privileged to do some awesome work! In 2012 we began work at Abundant Life Church. Abundant Life, a prospering church, needed assistance expanding their ministry. TSM began by helping them double the size of their sanctuary so that they could accommodate their membership. Later, TSM purchased windows, doors, and installed bathrooms. Finally, TSM helped the church purchase land for a children's project.



The work in Liberia did not end there. TSM provided a well to a village. This was no easy task. In the beginning this project seemed simple. However, the project was delayed midway because when digging the well there was an underground rock bed impeding the project. The members of TSM and the local church prayed together to see the project to completion. The contractors were finally able to break through the rock. In 2013 TSM was able to see that well dedicated!!!

TSM also worked to spread the gospel in Liberia. Hundreds were saved through evangelism. TSM was privileged to participate in the work of evangelism.



Five years ago doors opened for TSM to serve God in India. This has been an awesome work. Christianity is a minority religion in India and often is met with resistance by the local

community. Initially, TSM partnered with FaithWay church and assisted them in completing an orphanage. The children were already supported by TSM for more than a year when they moved into the new facility. Additionally, TSM assisted Faithway in building a church, bible and rice distributions, pastors conference, and a crusade.

The work in India has continued to grow. In India is the Theresa Settles Elderly Care Center. This center is a home for the elderly who once lived in tents on the street. Apostle Settles was able to personally open and dedicate the home on a mission trip. There is also House of His Creation Vocational School that opened in 2013. This school provides training in tailoring for the local women.

During the TSM Mission trip to India in 2013, after sitting under the preaching, teaching and prayer ministry of Apostle Settles, a cohort of ten pastors established the TSM Fellowship of Churches. Since that time the fellowship has grown to seventeen churches. The work of God has continued through feeding programs, distribution of Bibles, teaching and ministering to pastoral leaders and translating Christian books into the local language.

The latest project, and TSM's largest project to date is the Theresa Settles Ministries Children's Home. This project was a labor of love in partnership with Eternal Life Ministries, over the last three years. TSM built a three floor building to accommodate a church, orphanage and pastor's living quarters. This project has given orphaned children a place to live and be nurtured, a church a beautiful worship space, and a parsonage for the dedicated ministry leaders. The building is beautiful and evidence of God's grace and love.



TSM mission is also to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel has been preached to millions in Rwanda and Liberia via radio programming and revivals. Additionally, TSM members have preached the gospel in Uganda, Liberia, South Africa, India, Haiti and the United States.

Although much of the work of TSM has been international the work locally has not been neglected. TSM has held book bag drives, prayer summits, mission services and prophetic breakfasts for the community. Every Monday night Streets of Hope, a ministry under TSM feeds men, women at a local shelter. Annually, TSM gives a scholarship to a graduating high school student so that he or she can further their education in a vocational or university setting. The scholarship, called the Kenneth Settles Good Samaritan Award is for students who show good character and potential for higher education.

TSM has taken up the cause to promote the work of missions. The church needs a revival in its passion for the work of missions. TSM promotes missions through several events throughout the year in order to get the ecclesiastical community energized about the spread of the gospel. In the spring TSM has its annual luncheon. The luncheon has a mission's related theme that the speaker uses to spark and educate those attending the luncheon. The luncheon is part information, fellowship, updates on current projects, and an invitation for newcomers to share in the cause of missions. For the past nine years TSM has had the honor of hosting leaders, believers, friends and strangers to share in our passion. Many have come to know the joy of service and have partnered with TSM.



TSM is committed to providing for the work. The second Saturday in June is the annual TSM Walkathon. Walkers and runners raise money to support the children's projects of TSM. In the fall TSM has a bowling fundraiser. These two intergenerational events serve as fellowship with a purpose. Everyone who attends has a great time.

TSM has more work to do! There are many more people that need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ preached and demonstrated. The church in the developed world must remember to use their resources to support our brothers and sisters elsewhere. The Bible reminds us that we would be known by our love. TSM is grateful to have had the opportunity for ten years to answer the calls of missions and looks forward to the work to come. Psalm 118:23 says, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."