

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Merry Christmas



TEACHING LIKE JESUS MINISTRIES, INC.

We pray that you visit someone who is shut in and needs a smile!

I wanted to share what's been happening in Teaching Like Jesus Ministries, beginning with the launch of the movie, "Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot."

Photo: Left to Right: Bishop W.C. and Lady Donna Martin, on whom the movie is based; Odette Kahwajian, TLJM Director of Foster Care Outreach; Drs. La Verne and Irving Tolbert; and script co-writer Rebekah Weigel.

This heart-wrenching movie features the story of our dear friends, Bishop and Lady Donna Martin, who, along with 21 families in their church, adopted 77 children living in foster care. The Los Angeles premiere on June 20th was a huge success and a testament to the remarkable ministry of caring for orphans (James 1:27). And yes! The movie is making a difference and inspiring families and churches to adopt children living in foster care.



WE ARE PRAISING THE LORD FOR HIS CONTINUED FAITHFULNESS IN 2024!

Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.
(Mark 9:37).



Year in Review

First Quarter

In January, the Welcoming Children Into Worship team attended the Calvin Symposium on Worship in Grand Rapids. Project Manager Rosalind Sago, Pastoral Liaison Arlando Hill, and I enjoyed the Gospel Choir conducted by Director Nate Glasper. The sessions were invaluable for learning and spiritual renewal!

Second Quarter

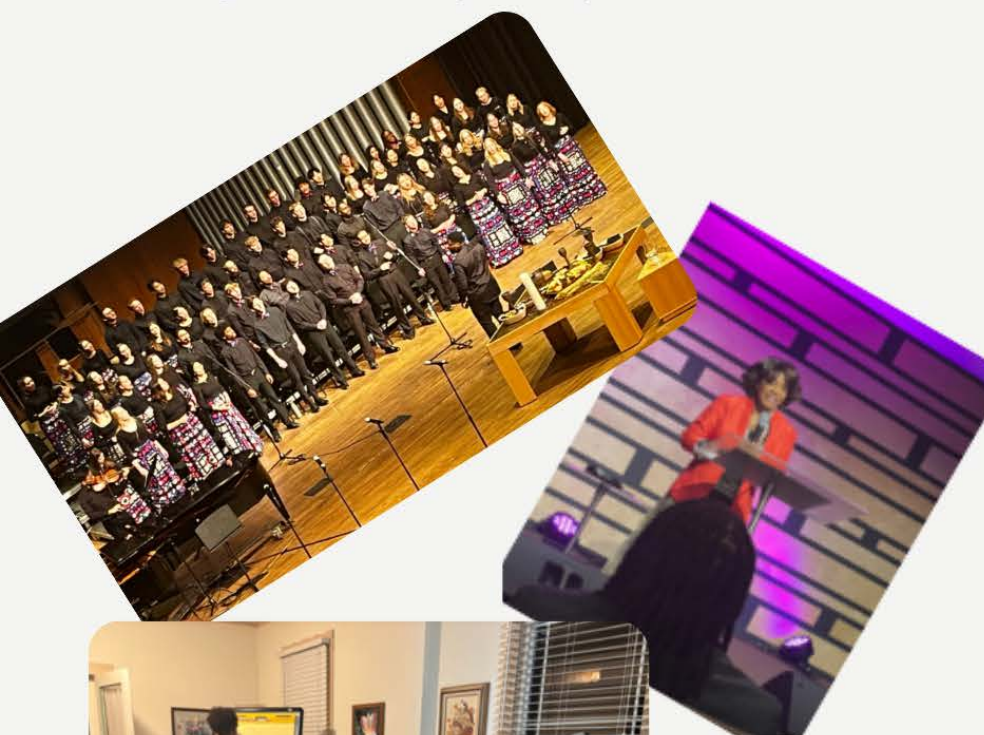
In August, we sponsored the Saturday breakfast at Pastor Phillip White's "And The Bible Says" Conference at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Dr. Tolbert was invited to share our project goal with the 100 plus attendees. Pastor Hill networked and Rosalind hosted our table.

Third Quarter

In September, our leadership team decided to huddle to assess and evaluate our progress. What better place to retreat than the St. Francis Retreat Center in Monterey, mid-way between northern and southern CA? Rosalind organized our sessions, and Dr. Long's wisdom was invaluable in helping us pivot.

Fourth Quarter

At the annual October gathering for Lilly Endowment Inc. grantees in Indianapolis, I met Professor Ahyuwani Akanet, Ph.D., the Managing Director of Faith and Children at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. I was thrilled when he told me he studied and taught my signature text, *Teaching Like Jesus*, in his home country, Nigeria.



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*Children in the Pentateuch:
A Theological Basis for Intergenerational Worship*



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