



ATHENS SCHOOL *of* MINISTRY
& WORSHIP ARTS

Annual Report: Launch Phase - Year 2 2013-2014

Our Mission: To equip men and women for Christian life and ministry with a Biblically-centered spiritual and personal foundation so that they might glorify God by passionately fulfilling the great commission of Jesus Christ through worldwide service.

Celebrating Year Two! As the Athens School of Ministry & Worship Arts completes year two of our three-year launch phase, I am consistently overwhelmed by God's goodness demonstrated through each person that has become part of the ASM&WA family – staff, students, faculty, Board members and faithful supporters. As a result of our collective efforts to seek the Lord with all our hearts, we are seeing students transformed by their opportunities here to directly and immediately apply what they are learning to life and ministry. Captives are being set free through heart-healing Prayer Ministry. As we press forward into God's calling on our lives and the college, it gives us great joy to worship, serve, pray and teach others about God's ultimate gift of His Son, Jesus, together. I invite you join in the celebration of all that God has accomplished through your hard work, prayers, and financial gifts. May the Lord bless our continued collaboration for His glory!

--*Marcia Wilbur, Ph.D., ASM&WA Chief Education Officer*



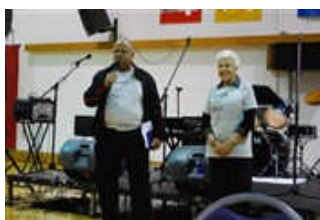
21 full- and part-time students enrolled across ASM&WA's first 4 semesters in 30 courses.

Teach

The hallmark of the ASM&WA curriculum is to equip the next generation of Christian leaders to serve in frontline ministry in a rapidly changing world by integrating and reflecting on real-world applications of unchanging biblical truths in every course. Jesus' disciples called him "Teacher." Our degree programs are designed to develop students into Christ-like teachers of the Good News. Our students say, *"I am consistently overwhelmed and amazed at all that the Lord is teaching me in my courses at ASM&WA. It's a depth of understanding that I never knew existed, and I've been a Christian for a very long time. EVERYone needs this! How I approach ministry will be impacted for the better by what I have learned."*

Serve

"Equipping heads and hearts to serve as Christ's hands and feet" is our college's motto. At the second annual Serve Athens ICN, over 140 volunteers from 13 churches came together to accomplish 17 different service projects in and around Athens. Runners served with their feet during the Serve Athens ICN 5k. Worship teams served with their gifts throughout the day and 42 patients were served by the Red Cross blood drive. In April, the ASM&WA Agricultural Ministry effort kicked off with the planting of the college's first community garden in cooperation with Hartwood Farms. We love and appreciate every opportunity to serve together in Christ's name!



Serving to LOVE loving to SERVE!



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Pray

Through the all-volunteer ASM&WA Prayer Ministry Center, individuals have had the opportunity to take the wounds of life to the foot of the cross resulting in deep heart transformation, inner peace, and restored joy! Here are some testimonies from Prayer Ministry recipients:

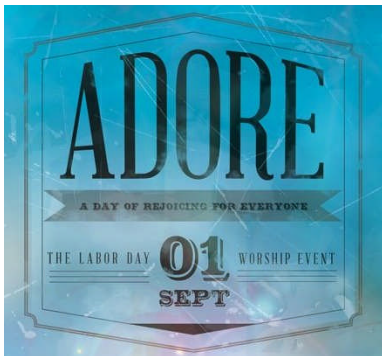
+God set me totally free from a family bondage of anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness. He filled me again with his love and gave me assurance of his presence with me.

+I have felt stuck in certain areas of my life for decades and spent time in counseling without much result. After 3 Prayer Ministry sessions, God has helped me feel more hopeful about my life, more confident, less prone to depression and better able to make it through difficulties. Thank you so much for this breakthrough!



14 Prayer Ministers and 6 Prayer Minister Apprentices have conducted 212 Prayer Ministry sessions since the ASM&WA Prayer Ministry Center opened in January 2013.

In January 2014, ASM&WA hosted the first annual *New Year – New Heart* Prayer conference designed to train people to be more effective intercessors and Prayer Ministers. And ASM&WA was blessed to help lead many prayer activities for the Athens area on the May 1st National Day of Prayer.



O God, we give glory to you all day long and constantly praise your name! –Psalm 4:8

Worship

Under the leadership of Jeff Renn, our Senior Director of Ministry Outreach, ASM&WA has sponsored many Concerts of Worship at local churches and undertaken an extended Worship Renewal Program with one area church. As the college works to train worship leaders, we seek to ensure that true, biblical worship remains central to who we are and what we do for God's glory!

In an effort to unite the community of believers in Athens, ASM&WA also spent much of this past spring making plans to host A.D.O.R.E., A Day Of Rejoicing for Everyone. This first annual community-wide day of worship will take place on Labor Day.

Lifelong Ministry Program

Over 700 participants have attended 33 different seminars ranging in topics from effective evangelism, to prayer, and biblical art. ASM&WA also launched the "Mobile LMP" offerings that allow us to bring a specialized training directly to your church or organization. We're especially excited that the Certificate in Prayer Leadership Program launched fall semester 2013. Students enrolled in this program become equipped to lead effective intercessory and Prayer Ministry efforts in their local churches.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

--Romans 15:13

Thank you to ASM&WA Year 2 Donors!

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

-2 Corinthians 9:13-14

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We thank and praise God for moving the hearts of scores of volunteers who have made the college's launch season exceedingly abundantly more than we could have asked or imagined.

Volunteers	Number
ASM&WA Board, Advocacy Council, Agricultural Ministry Team	23
Volunteer Instructors	8
Prayer Ministry Advisory Council, Prayer Ministry Teams	19
Special Events	165
Administrative Support	3

