

WAYUMI

SUMMER 2022

We have just finished a few days at Wayumi with Rives Baptist and Village Hope Church from Jackson, Mi. Other churches from Michigan are also attending this summer. Southside Bible from Battle Creek will be there the week of July 18- 25. North Goodland Baptist Church from Inlay City will finish out the Expedition Season for 2022. Wayumi Staff will then gear up for college weeks and churches in September. The LEADERS CONFERENCE is scheduled for Oct. 21-23, 2022.

Kathy and I are now working on encouraging pastors and leaders to attend the free conference in October. At the same time we will start promoting Wayumi for churches to send their young people next summer, 2023 Wayumi Expedition.

You may be asking 'why are you putting so much focus on Wayumi?' The answer starts back before we started doing representative work for the mission in the late 1990s. We could easily see that work was coming to an end for us at the Mission Institute level. You may remember that was better known as Boot Camp from the early days of the mission. We were realizing that we were getting fewer missionary candidates into the training. So we volunteered to go on the road and challenge people into missions. The Mobilization Department of the Mission was willing to give us try and see how it would work.

We seemed to fit well into challenging young people in local churches. We put our energies into challenging young people for Summit Trips. From 1999 to 2017 we led young people to Bolivia, East and West Brazil, Paraguay, and Papua New Guinea. For us it is exciting to look and remember some of those young people, now adults, who are now Bible translators, Bible teachers and support workers.

We put our emphasis on the program called Wayumi Expedition which occurs in June and July. This is designed for local churches to send their youth groups. We have recruited groups of 1 and as large as 30 to spend a week at Wayumi.

As we see the missionary force getting smaller, we need to be involved in raising up new missionaries to take our place.

Pray with us and for us as we work to raise up laborers. Luke 10:2

Dan and Kathy