

## Day 7 *New WMU Groups & Churches Revitalizing their WMU*

The local church can be a vessel for sharing hope within their community, but many churches are struggling with church attendance and growing their ministries. Today, take time to pray for churches that are stepping out in faith and starting new WMU groups.

*Pray* leaders use the resources and materials available for the various age-levels as a guide. Pray also for WMU groups that are struggling, and who desire to keep the impact of missions alive in their churches. They need encouragement to keep going, and prayers for a fresh vision for their WMU groups and churches as they share about the importance of missions.



These ministries would not be possible if not for your gifts to the Heck-Jones Offering.® Our offering is named after Fannie Heck and Sallie Bailey Jones, two beloved leaders, and founders of WMU North Carolina.

Together, Fannie and Sallie caught the vision of what God was wanting to do through WMU: to **teach, pray for, do,** and **support missions.** Today the missions and ministries of WMU North Carolina are supported entirely by gifts to the Heck-Jones Offering.® Both women left a lasting impact on missions that still continues today.

When you give to the Heck-Jones Offering,® you are not just giving a financial gift, you are helping WMU North Carolina to continue to share hope, and to fulfill its mission of challenging, preparing, and equipping Christian believers to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Thank you for praying for the ministries of WMU North Carolina, and for being open to the ways God is calling you to give to the Heck-Jones Offering.® You are helping to leave a lasting impact of hope.



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## Missions & Ministries

### MISSIONS EDUCATION

Education for Preschoolers, Children, Youth & Adults  
Children's Missions Day  
Prayer Partnerships  
Bible Study Lending Library  
Missionary Support  
Monthly Resources  
Tarheel Talk

### COMPASSION MINISTRIES

Pure Water, Pure Love  
WorldCrafts  
Mission Trips  
Prison Ministry  
Military Ministry  
Christian Women's Job Corps®  
Baptist Nursing Fellowship  
ProjectHELP: Mental Health

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WMU NC Women's Missions Conference  
ABOUND Leadership Training  
Monthly Leadership Luncheons  
Christian Women's Leadership Center  
Carolina Women  
Student Advisory Panel  
Hispanic WMU  
Sisters Who Care

All of the **Missions & Ministries** are made possible through the **Heck-Jones Offering.**® None of them would be possible without **your generous gifts.**

During the year 2024, **WMU NC** is striving to keep her vision and mission statement in clear focus. **WMU NC** seeks to inspire and equip believers to be radically involved in the mission of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." — Romans 15:13

# Sharing Hope

ROMANS 15:13 (NIV)



2024  
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# What Does It Mean for You to Have Hope?

We use the word hope in our everyday language. “I hope there’s no traffic on my way to work,” or “I hope it doesn’t rain today.”

Hope can be described as something we desire or even expect. But the biblical definition of hope is quite different. The Holman Bible Dictionary says that hope is “*an expectation with certainty that God will do what He has promised.*”

**Hope is an expectation with certainty that God will do what He has promised.** Hope is a part of our foundation of faith. Who would we be as believers if we didn’t have hope? And what would happen if we didn’t share the hope we have in Jesus?

When the storms of life rage around us, it is our hope in Jesus that keeps us grounded, steadfast, and immovable. We have the certainty of His peace and His peace flows in abundance to us. As hard times come our way, we hold onto the hope of Jesus.

The hope we have in Jesus should propel us into action. People all around us are hurting. They are grieving, hopeless, and even lost. We can help change that by pointing them to Jesus. You and I have the open invitation to be on mission with God every day. We can show compassion and love to others, and show people that hope is possible.

God is at work not only in your life but in the world around you. How is He calling you to share hope with the people around you? How can you overflow with hope to those around you who are hurting and need encouragement?

**It is up to us to be obedient to God’s calling.** Will we allow Him to use us? To send us? To grow us in our faith? The choice is ours and the opportunities are all around us.

As you read the prayer prompts each day and pray throughout the week, ask God to reveal how you can share hope with those around you. Prayerfully consider your next steps and how you can make a lasting impact through giving to the Heck-Jones Offering.®

# Week of Prayer for the Heck-Jones Offering®

## Day 1 Missions Education & Age-level Group Leaders

WMU NC is passionate about people of all ages engaging in missions. This wouldn’t be possible without age-level missions education within local churches. From preschool and Mission Friends, up to adults and Women on Mission, age-level leaders show people how to share hope and live on mission right where they are.

*Pray for the age-level groups and missions leaders (preschool, children, students, adults, churchwide, and associational) as they lead in their churches. Pray they make an impact on those they serve and for their endurance in ministry.*

## Day 2 Leadership Training Opportunities

WMU NC is committed to helping leaders feel equipped to lead in their churches and communities. Events are hosted in person and virtually throughout the year to train and equip hundreds of leaders who are passionate about sharing hope through missions and serving others. Training opportunities like the monthly *Leadership Luncheons*, annual *Abound trainings*, and the new *Women’s Leadership Cohort* aim to help leaders grow in their leadership skills and renew their passion for missions.

*Pray for the leaders who participate in these events, for WMU NC staff as they plan future events and opportunities, and for the reach of these ministries to continue to expand within the state.*

## Day 3 Children’s Missions Day

Day provides children with the opportunity to be hands-on in missions and learn about missions and missionaries. What a joy it is to see children become passionate about Jesus and sharing the gospel!

*Pray for the various Children’s Missions Days that will happen throughout the state. Pray for the impact it will*

*make on the children who attend, and for the missions days to help children see the kingdom impact they can make in their homes, schools, and communities.*

## Day 4 Hispanic WMU (UFM) & Sisters Who Care

La Union Femenil la Misionera (UFM) and Sisters Who Care are essential to WMU as they work with Hispanic and African American churches throughout the state.

*Pray for the women as they lead and seek to share the gospel with others, as they plan and host mission trips, leadership trainings, and other events that encourage women to participate and engage in missions.*

## Day 5 Mom Camp

is a weekend retreat devoted to helping equip mothers to be missional in their families. Mom Camp is a retreat designed for mothers to worship, rest, and grow in Christ. The camp gives mothers great joy and they can connect with other women, pray, worship, and laugh together.

*Pray for the women that will attend Mom Camp. Pray they will feel renewed and loved, for them to grow in their relationship with the Lord, and for their eyes to be opened to the ways God has gifted them to share hope with their families.*

## Day 6 Mission Trips

Sharing the hope of the gospel is at the forefront when teams get the opportunity to go on mission. WMU NC sends mission teams all over the United States to places like West Virginia, Standing Rock Indian Reservation, Montana, and Vermont, and to countries like Mexico, Italy, and Kenya.

*Pray for God to call forward team leaders to organize trips, and to open doors to new mission trip locations for the gospel to be shared.*