

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

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PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN GHANA

Good News Theological Seminary (GNTS), Accra

Some time ago East West InterKnit provided funds to GNTS for the printing of evangelistic tracts. All of them have been distributed and now there is a demand for more. We have been asked if we can help once again with the cost of printing. The seminary students will be engaging in evangelistic outreach in nearby areas and want to be able to use tracts.

Dr. Oduro reported that the economic effects of the pandemic are hitting the supporting churches and the students hard. Most of the students have not been able to keep up with paying their fees and this creates a dilemma for the school. We want to help by providing funds for scholarships.

Praises:

- * Vaccinations have become available, and some faculty members have been vaccinated. The next eligible group will include many of their students. No one on the seminary campus has contracted the virus.
- * An off-campus pastor's training program is continuing successfully.
- * The library staff is successfully using the software provided by East West InterKnit for cataloguing library materials.

Prayer concerns:

- * Pray for increased enrollment for the new academic year which begins in August.
- * Pray for the provision of scholarships to aid those who are or will be attending the seminary.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN KENYA

Julia and the work in Oduwo

Much of Kenya is in lockdown again making travel between Julian's work in Nairobi and the work in Oduwo impossible. While stranded in Oduwo, Julian was diagnosed with COVID-19 after two months of being seriously ill. She has finally been given a clean bill of health but has been advised to remain cautious.

The Easter celebration in Oduwo was drastically affected as they were permitted to have only 15 people at any gathering. Instead of holding church services, they used funds received from East West InterKnit to distribute food to some of the needy families of church members.

The schools have been closed again. However, the high school girls, forced to stay at Oduwo, are taking exams. Julian was able to use funds originally intended for a women's seminar, which had to be cancelled, to pay for printing all the assignments and notes they needed and to hire four teachers to help students with some of the difficult subjects.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN INDIA

Jehovah Shammah Children's Home, Andhra Pradesh

The government has finally permitted children to return to the home and to school. However, there is an increase in the number of COVID cases in their area so, for now, just seven girls have returned. JSCH is continuing to arrange for food or other help for the families of the children who have not yet returned.

David reported that the pastors are continuing the work of advancing the gospel in the villages. However, since many people are still unable to work, pastors are receiving little income. We will provide additional funds to ensure their well-being and to assist them in their ministries. The photo shows six of the girls who have returned to JSCH.



PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN INDIA CONT'D

Bethel Mission, Karnataka

There has been a surge in the number of COVID cases in the area and they fear another lockdown that would seriously affect those who have already experienced severe loss of income. Pastor Frank reported that they have lost several members of the congregation to the virus, including some young ones.

The mission held services every evening during the week before Easter. Pastor Frank reported that the 21 Days Early Morning services in February and the pre-Easter services were a source of strength and comfort for the people, and that many came to know the Lord through this means. We

reported the baptism of 58 new believers in our February newsletter. Just before Easter another 23 new believers were baptized representing a total of 81 who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior since December 31st.



PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN HAITI

Mission Evangelique du Nord d'Haiti (MENH)

Jackeline Joseph is a hard-working single mother of three who attempts to support her family as a street vendor but often makes just \$20 per month. She is a member of an MENH church that has recognized her difficulties and tries to help. The mission is providing her with free medical care and, when they are able, provide her with some food. Their hope is to be able to give her a micro-loan so she can expand her business and be better able to care for herself and her family.

Prayer concerns:

- * Political instability in Haiti coupled with a rash of kidnappings is affecting all of Haiti including MENH. The school had to close for a while due to safety concerns. It has reopened but people are still fearful.
- * Costs are rising due to the instability and the pastors say they have never faced such a situation before. Food insecurity is increasing, and many are suffering.
- * Because of the lockdowns and occasional shutdowns due to unrest, the MENH school students had fallen far behind. Pray for the students and the teachers as they now meet six days a week in an effort to catch up.

MENH is grateful that its pastors and leaders have not been discouraged but have been patient despite the many challenges. They are also grateful that there have been few, if any, cases of the virus in the areas around the MENH churches and school.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

An update from Myanmar (Burma)

The principal of a Bible school in Myanmar sent a note saying that they were holding classes but that they faced much uncertainty due to COVID-19 and the military coup. Many civil servants are on strike including those working in the postal service. He informed us that nearly all their library books are from EWI but then advised that this would not be a good time to ship additional books. We were encouraged to hear from them and to know that they are safe and have been able to keep the school going. As of March 31st more than 520 protesters including many children had been killed by the military and over 3,000 detained. **Please pray** for Myanmar, especially the minority people including Christians who have faced persecution.

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