



East West InterKnit *Letter*

"Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body grows and builds itself up in love." Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

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Dear Friends,

We are privileged to have the opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of those served by our partner ministries around the world. Our partners face daily challenges including extreme weather conditions, famine, and outright persecution in many areas. They covet your prayers. Thank you for praying for us as well, and for the financial support that provides for many of the needs of those we serve. Your support enables them to provide loving care for more children, many from non-Christian backgrounds, than they could handle alone. Your gifts provide tools to village evangelists enabling them to present the gospel more effectively, from sound systems for group presentations to Bibles and books for individual study. When a partner's available funds did not cover the cost of necessities you made it possible for us to come to their assistance. Your gifts also make it possible to provide scholarships for those preparing for ministry. Schools, clinics, vocational training institutions, and churches are receiving aid and tools that increase their capacity to serve those in need. Thank you!

Janette L. Jones

VILLAGE MINISTRY IN KENYA

According to various news sources including Christian Aid Mission¹, the drought in Kenya has reached crisis stage over much of the country. As early as February the Kenyan government declared the drought a national disaster. In February Kenya's Red Cross estimated that 2.7 million people face starvation.² According to experts, the rains are not expected to be adequate to alleviate the situation and drought is expected to continue throughout 2017.

Julian Orimbo, founder and head of the Bright Angels Academy in Kenya has struggled to find food for the 43 children in her care and, as able, to help others in the community. Due to the severe shortages she has had to travel great distances searching for food and has found that the price of available food has skyrocketed due to the shortages. She reported that they are now frequently reduced to one meal a day. EWI is helping as able but the need is so much greater than what we have been able to do.

- We would like to provide a minimum of \$500.00 per month for the purchase of food until conditions improve.
- Her teachers do not receive salaries so they, too, are in need of food assistance.

WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS

We are receiving many requests from Bible schools, seminaries and other ministries for Bibles and books throughout the developing world but, due to supply, cost of shipping, or our inability to verify their need, we have had to turn some down or redirect them to other organizations. We have recently accepted the requests of four Bible Colleges; one in Pt. Moresby, Papua New Guinea, a new seminary near Bangalore, India, a Bible Institute in northern Myanmar and a second Theological College in Nagaland, India. These bring the total number of Bible Colleges, seminaries or other ministries being served to as many as twenty-nine. One of the newer Bible Schools reported that they have a total of 52 books in their library and another reported just beginning to find books as they had none!

- We welcome your donation of gently used theological books for distribution to those in need.

¹ Christian Aid Mission online, May 25, 2017

² BBC News online, February 10, 2017

- We can also use children's books and Bibles for those serving children.
- We currently need approximately \$1,500 to ship the boxes of books that are packed and ready to go.

GOOD NEWS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN ACCRA, GHANA

Good News President, Rev. Dr. Oduro, reported that they are anticipating a visit to campus from the National Accreditation Board. They need an official renewal from the board in order to keep their accreditation. Please pray for this approval.

In the meantime, Dr. Oduro is working diligently to identify and recruit prospective students for the fall semester. They have found that the most effective method for making Good News known is to advertise on radio and television but they lack the resources to cover the expense.

- We are seeking approximately \$1,800.00 to help them meet these advertising expenses.
- It is also time to renew the annual subscription for the Library software used at Good News in the amount of \$275.00.
- The regular stream students finished their exams in late May and are on summer break. The weekend intensive program began in late May and continues into the summer months. Pray for both faculty and students who are engaged in this program.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN IN INDIA

Each year those who provide homes and full-time care for children need to raise extra money in order to ensure that the children will be ready and able to attend school when the new term begins in mid-June. The children's homes are responsible for paying school fees, for providing uniforms, and for purchasing books and school supplies.

- We hope to be able to provide up to \$2,500.00 for school start-up expenses in addition to our normal support toward their care.
- We would also like to provide an additional \$1,000 to help cover school fees for 150 non-residential children whose support has been eliminated.



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