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"Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too that God may open a door for our message." Col. 4:2-3a

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FAITHFULNESS IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGES

It is difficult for us to fully comprehend the challenges faced by our Christian brothers and sisters in some of the countries we serve. Conducting a Bible study or having a house church in a home can lead to arrest, beatings, imprisonment or even death. Pastors are frequently dragged from their churches, beaten and jailed for days on end until they can prove they did not forcibly entice someone to become a Christian. Christian groups may not be able to get permits to build a church and may find it difficult to rent property for Christian activity. Pastors and evangelists face open hostility when they attempt to share the gospel in towns or villages even within the confines of a church. Bibles and tracts have been taken and destroyed and many have had their lives threatened. New believers must register their conversion in some places and convince authorities that there was no enticement to convert. New believers are often driven from their homes and their villages with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Our dedicated partners remain faithful in sharing the gospel in spite of hostility often returning again and again to the places where they have been mistreated. New churches are being established regularly and all are growing. Lay people are being disciplined and trained to share in the work of the ministry. Your prayers and gifts are a great encouragement. We often experience a slowdown in giving during the summer months. This year is no exception. Anything you can do now to help us meet the needs of our partners will be most appreciated.

MINISTRY IN ODUWO VILLAGE KENYA

The rains have come to western Kenya and they have come in full force. Roads have been washed out as have many gardens. The mission gardens that Julian oversees have survived to date but the rains continue. The loss of crops and the closing of the sugar cane factories, the main source of local income, have caused great hardship and most parents are no longer able to pay school fees. Julian is encouraging the parents to keep the kids in school even if they cannot pay. The rains have also contributed to the rise in cases of malaria. We will provide supplemental funds to ensure sufficient food and to provide for school needs as God enables.

- Praise God that they were able to salvage most of the bean crop. Pray that rains will subside enough to allow the corn crop to dry and be ready for harvesting. This will enable them to depend less on help to purchase food.
- Pray for Julian as she prepares to lead a seminar in Uganda in early July. Half of the cost has been raised but she has asked if we can help with \$75.00 to allow her to go.
- Praise God that, due to their hard work and our partnership, they have been able to meet governmental requirements and to be certified as a recognized legal institution qualifying for various government benefits.
- Pray for completion of a campus dormitory to house vulnerable children in safety.

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH CHILDREN'S HOME AND MINISTRIES

Approximately thirty children returned to the home in time for the start of a new school year which began in early June. With your help we were able to supplement their resources to cover all the school start-up costs including fees, school supplies and uniforms. Most of the children were able to attend vacation bible school in their respective villages prior to returning to the home. The home needs a supplement of approximately \$600 per month to care for thirty children.

AN EVANGELIST TEACHER

Rev. Prabhu serves in an area that is approximately 2% Christian. His focus has been, and continues to be, on writing and distributing gospel literature and on preaching and discipleship training. He has prepared extensive training materials and teaches classes. Students have come who have had little idea of the faith but whose lives have been changed as a result of the study. Rev. Prabhu is currently working on a book on the life of Peter which he expects to complete in 3-6 months. His book on Disciples of Christ is now in its fifth edition. EWI assists to facilitate the publication and distribution of materials.

LIBRARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We currently are holding more than 40 boxes of books ready for shipment to Bible Schools and Seminaries when funds become available. Would you consider helping us with a gift in any amount toward the cost of getting these materials to those in need? One of the college presidents wrote to say how important these books are for their students and indicated that they really depend on physical hand-held books. Another wrote that because of the training received 299 churches were planted just in the last year alone by his graduates.

Mission India Bible College has asked for the following books:

- Greek and Hebrew textbooks
- *Christology of the New Testament* by Oscar Culmann
- *Interpretation of the Fourth Gospel* by C. H. Dodd
- *Jesus, God and Man* by Wolfhart Pannenberg
- Volumes of *Word Biblical Commentary*

MISSION EVANGELIQUE DU NORD D'HAITI NEAR CAP HAITIAN NORTHERN HAITI

The mission clinic, launched with the help of EWI, depends on a working generator to preserve medications that require refrigeration. Theirs has broken down and is beyond repair. They have asked for help to purchase a new generator.

The mother church is currently meeting in a tent as the original church had to be demolished. Construction on the new church has slowed due to lack of funding.

The mission is hoping to end the school year well by paying teachers their entire salaries. They have not yet been able to do that and seek our help to provide that portion that they cannot raise.

GOOD NEWS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN ACCRA, GHANA

Praise God for the 34 graduates of Good News Theological Seminary who received their awards in May at a ceremony on the campus. The president was pleased to inform us that their event was publicized on air. Pray for the graduates as they go out to serve in various ministries. Pray also for the administration as they recruit students for the fall school term.

In His Service,



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