



Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. . . a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 10b and 11b

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Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry,

Thank you for the important part you play in supporting and encouraging the work of East West Interknit. Your prayers are vitally important not only to us but especially for those we serve.

Getting Ready for the Holidays

At this time our mission partners are busily preparing for all the special activities of the holiday season. As is their custom, several in India and in Africa provide new clothing, a small gift, and a special activity for each of the children in their care during the Christmas season. Most hold festive programs and meals to which parents, relatives, and others from the community are invited and have opportunity to hear the gospel, many for the first time. They raise what they can from local sources but seek our help to enable them to provide for all the children. There are approximately 110 children in four homes in India and 43 who receive full care in Kenya.



In addition to providing for the children, the mission leaders hope to bless the mission workers, pastors, and others in the community during this season. The pastors and evangelists are not given a regular salary but rather depend on outside work or occasional gifts from their little congregations. Hundreds of widows have been reached with the gospel and are being aided in a variety of ways. The mission leaders hope to do something for every pastor and worker and every poor widow in their fellowship. They also plan for community food distribution programs, special meals for the poor in their communities, and special programs that allow them to present the gospel at a time when people may be most receptive.

Bible Schools and Seminaries

As we interact with the leaders of the Bible schools and seminaries receiving library materials from EWI, we continue to learn much more about the extracurricular work in which their students are involved. We received the following news from one North Indian theological college:

The school started a child development center in 2012. They provide care, guidance and a daily meal for over 200 children from nearby communities. Students from the college help the children with homework while also sharing God's love. They have also launched a vocational training program serving 80 young people. "The goal is to impact the market place with the Gospel and develop tent makers for God's mission." Recent graduates of this program are serving internships in preparation for starting their own businesses. The school also supports a Community Health Ministry focused on the prevention of malaria and alcoholism. They are making plans for establishing a boarding school for up to 250 very poor or orphaned children, children of persecuted new believers, and for ministry workers' children.

The materials we provide are useful not only for preparing them for pastoral ministry but also for a life of service now and into the future.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts that mean so much to those we serve. We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

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