

*"Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you  
He is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11*

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Dear Friends:

We just received this note from a seminary partner in Nagaland, India:

*"Warm Christmas greetings to all of you! During this season of joy, we are so delighted to receive a huge consignment of books yet again from you. Thank you very much and God bless you for all that you do for us here in this remote corner of the world. Yesterday we received ten boxes containing over 200 books and booklets. This is an enormous Christmas gift to the seminary community here. Thank you very much. We continue to pray for you and the ministry of East-West InterKnit and all those who generously donate books. Please convey our thanks and warm regards to them. May you all have a very warm and joyful Christmas!"*

Recently a special celebration was held at a mission in India during which six men were ordained as new pastors and eleven men and four women were dedicated to serve as evangelists. Among them were several who had been raised in the mission children's homes that we assist periodically. Pray for them as they reach out into sometimes hostile communities. Pray also for the many special meetings to be held during the Christmas season.

Julian, our partner in western Kenya, was overjoyed when 341 ladies arrived to attend the three-day ladies seminar she led in November. She wrote that the testimonies especially of the widows were heart rending. She said "we encouraged one another, counseled one another and cried with one another. Many confessed their shortcomings in their families and wished they'd heard these lessons before." Some workmen nearby overheard the sessions and left to bring their wives to the meetings. Pray for these women that the lessons learned will have a long-term impact on their families and beyond. Pray also for the children, as many as 580 a day, that have attended the December 5-8 children's camp led by Julian.

Rahim (not his real name) was raised in a Muslim family. He faithfully attended the mosque and performed all the religious obligations. After his schooling he started a business that went well at first but ultimately failed leading him to contemplate suicide. A pastor visited him and shared the gospel message. He spoke of Jesus as the peace giver and then invited him to a church service. Rahim responded to the message that day and received "Jesus Christ as my Lord." His parents threw him out of the house with only the clothes on his back and said they would kill him. Some friends introduced him to one of the EWI partner seminaries where he was granted admission. He asks us to pray for him, for his family and for his future ministry of proclaiming the gospel among the Muslim people. Pray also for the Bible schools and seminaries that are training and sending out hundreds of new missionaries.

It is a privilege for us to partner with those who are committed to making Christ known and advancing God's Kingdom in some of the least evangelized regions of the world. It has been a great joy to see what God has done through their efforts this year. We thank you for your part in helping EWI make some of these efforts possible. Together we can continue to encourage and equip our international partners as they minister often in very difficult places.

Wishing you a Christmas filled with His peace and joy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette L. Jones".