



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,

Thank you for your prayers and for supporting our efforts to assist our ministry partners as they share the good news, disciple new believers and train new ministry leaders. This letter brings just a few of their recent stories and special needs.

EWI SUPPORTS LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

"When John Wood, an executive at Microsoft, visited a local school in Babundanda, Nepal, in 1998, he saw something odd: a room labeled "Library" in which no books were visible. It turned out they were locked in a cabinet – all twenty of them – to prevent damage at the hands of the cash-strapped school's 450 students."¹

Having access to an adequate library with physical books is important in the developing world for many reasons: 1) average personal income in most of the countries we serve is a mere 150 to 250 dollars per month; 2) little publishing is done in these countries so most books must be imported at high cost; 3) most of the institutions we serve cannot afford to purchase textbooks and if they did, the students could not afford to buy them; 4) a well-equipped library is essential for becoming accredited which is important for helping to recruit quality students and generating support from alumni; 5) the institutions we serve are not able to include the purchase of library books in their budgets; 6) most are in areas that experience frequent power outages and interruption of internet service so they cannot rely on electronic media; 7) many students do not have regular access to a computer.

There is a great need for Bibles and other material not only for the libraries but also for pastors, faculty and students. Students sometimes arrive at school without having a personal Bible. Graduates often enter the ministry without any supporting study material. EWI provides Bibles and study materials such as commentaries, Bible dictionaries, Bible atlases and other materials to incoming students, graduates and faculty when our resources permit. Thank you for sharing your donated books for those in need.

Bobby Gupta, President of Hindustan Bible Institute (HBI) in Chennai, India, recently sent the following note: "Thank you for your constant effort to help build our libraries and empower us to serve our purpose of discipling the nation. Your books are not only helping us build our research center in Chennai, but it is building libraries all over the country. All our extra copies are distributed to our regional centers. Thank you again for helping us build transformational leaders and disciple the nation." Please pray for HBI as they plan for an annual pastors' conference in early August which is expected to involve over 800 church planting pastors from all over India.



Oriental Theological Seminary (OTS) in Nagaland, India exists to "train men and women to be more effective witnesses to Jesus Christ and to encourage development of the skills that are necessary for ministry in today's world." EWI was introduced to the needs of the OTS library by Dr. and Dr. Imliwabang and Sashila Jamir, faculty members at OTS and recent graduates of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. They have been instrumental in helping us with the selection of appropriate material for the 12,000 volume library at OTS.

Seventy boxes of books are currently ready to ship from the EWI office. Please prayerfully consider whether you could help us get them to the institutions, faculty and students to whom they could provide such benefit.

¹From an online article by Sara Bernard entitled "Room to Read" dated July 11, 2008

MENH'S CLINIC (CENTRE DE SANTE JEHOVAH JIREH)

PLAINE DU NORD, NORTHERN HAITI



The Haiti clinic, launched with the help of EWI, employs nineteen people including a medical doctor, two nurses, laboratory technicians and other helpers. They serve as many as 700 people each month in a very small space. The average total monthly expense to operate the clinic is \$7,200.

Patient fees and dispensing of medicines provides enough income for the clinic to be nearly self-supporting. However, following the damage and theft of equipment by the previous manager, MENH needs help to repair the facility and to purchase essential equipment. EWI provided funds to purchase fans and repaint the clinic. Additional funds enabled them to retrieve a donated microscope. They still need several pieces of equipment.

They have asked for help to replenish the pharmacy and for donations of over-the-counter medicines. We recently sent a supply of over-the-counter items but the need will be ongoing. We are willing to send any of the following that you might be able to provide: Omeprazole, Pepto-Bismol (chewable), Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, folic acid, Naproxin tablets, sterile gauze, and exam gloves.

FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

Finding food for the children in Oduwo Village, Kenya, has become a serious problem once again. Total crop failure in their area due to heavy rains followed by drought means that Julian must travel long distances and pay exorbitant prices for whatever is available. Please pray for Julian as she seeks sufficient affordable food for the children. EWI provides monthly support toward the purchase of food.

More than 200 Oduwo children attended a special school program in early July. Each student received a new Bible and they spent time together in Bible study. Many are not regular church attenders. Pray that many will respond to the message of the gospel.

Praise God for a successful women's conference. East West InterKnit helped 15 ladies to attend. Julian reported that they returned "full of joy and spiritually uplifted."

David, President of the Jehovah Shammah Children's Home in India, has reported that the rains have come and the temperatures have come down – always a welcome relief. Pray for them as they make decisions about admitting new children to the home. Pray for the evangelists as they conduct street meetings and for new believers who have taken a public stand for Christ in spite of resistance from family and community.

David recently reported that they were totally out of funds. EWI sent immediate aid but they will need additional help in order to cover home expenses. Thank you for praying and for considering these needs.



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