



# 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 partnership with East West Interknit as we seek to come alongside those who are laboring in some of the least evangelized areas of the world. Our mission is to provide some of the tools and resources that will enable our overseas partners to be more effective in carrying out their missions. We have chosen to partner with ministries whose goals include sharing the gospel with those who have not heard, planting churches, discipling believers and training leaders.

We have had a relationship with Good News Theological College and Seminary (GNTCS) and its president, Rev. Dr. Thomas Oduro, since 1994. Their mission is to provide solid Christ-centered education particularly for those who are or will be serving in African Independent Churches (AIC's). Their desire is to return these students to their churches as fully equipped servant leaders able to communicate the whole gospel and to see growth, both spiritual and physical, among the AIC's.

I am currently preparing to be at Good News from April 21 to May 4. I have the privilege of traveling with Carla Urban, a University of Minnesota librarian. We covet your prayers for the preparation, both ours and theirs, as well as for the travel and time spent with faculty, staff and students on the campus. We plan to assist the new campus librarian according to his need and to provide some training for students who want to work in the library.

We also hope to bring back stories of students who have benefitted from their time at Good News as well as a new understanding of how we can most effectively partner with Good News not only for their benefit but also for what we can learn from them.

The education of GNTCS students, and those at other partner campuses, has been greatly enhanced by the thousands of books shipped to their libraries by EWI. These books support the training programs and ministries of both individuals and institutions. We are grateful for all who have donated books and welcome any contribution of books suitable for Bible school libraries and for your financial assistance in covering the cost of shipping.

In addition to providing books, EWI has provided for computers, ceiling fans and air conditioners, smoke detectors, help with the cost of campus programs and improvements, and scholarships for worthy students. We will be carrying a large supply of materials needed in the library. Pray that they will arrive safely and give us no trouble as we go through customs.

Thank you for your prayers for me, as well, as I continue to recuperate from the surgery of August 27, 2015. I am approaching the energy level I had before surgery and expect to be able to do the work that will be required at the campus in Ghana.

In His service,

*Janette L. Jones*

## *Other Current Concerns*

This is the time of year students in India and in parts of Africa prepare for and take final examinations and the schools prepare for graduations that take place typically in late March. Some of the students return to towns and villages, sometimes to non-Christian families that do not encourage them in their faith. Many of the graduates of the Bible schools and seminaries are preparing for new ministries or are still seeking placement where God would have them.

The Principal of one of the Bible schools in India that receives books from EWI opened his latest newsletter with the words of John F. Kennedy: "There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long-range risks of comfortable inaction." He closed the article with these words: "If each one of us in the JMBC family is willing to take risks for Jesus and His Kingdom in our homes, communities, and nation, we will truly be agents of transformation in our generation."

We see throughout Scripture that those who had an impact were risk takers. The Apostle Paul was driven out of one place after another and was even stoned and left for dead yet he pressed on often returning to the place of persecution to preach and to encourage the believers.

Likewise, the graduates of the Bible schools in India, Myanmar, and even Haiti will likely face opposition and must be risk takers for the sake of the Gospel. The majority of these graduates plan to be involved in evangelism, missionary service and church planting. Others expect to serve as pastors, counselors, or in child and youth ministries.

## *Additional Prayer and Praise Items*

- Praise God for Christian teachers at the Bright Angels Christian Academy (BACA) in Oduwo, Kenya;
- Praise God for the parents who have come to the Lord through the influence of their children studying at BACA;
- Pray that BACA will find the resources to educate many more children and help to alleviate the problems of school drop-out, early pregnancy, prostitution, alcoholism, and more;
- Praise God for the 60 new believers added to the village churches in south-east India and for the 22 people who were baptized;
- Pray for the work of the 10 SE India evangelists as they plant churches, teach Bible studies, conduct prayer groups and face hostile opposition;
- Praise God for the dedicated graduates of the Bible schools and seminaries in India, Africa and beyond who are committed to reaching the nations with the gospel in spite of hardship;
- Pray for evangelist Prasad as he recovers from an accident;
- Pray for resources to provide church repairs and tools needed by some of the evangelists including megaphones, musical instruments;
- Praise God that Indian pastor SMH and his wife have experienced relief from most pain following a diagnosis of viral arthritis;
- Pray that at least one additional teacher with a burden to reach children can be hired for the Kids Club organized by pastor SMH;
- Pray for Pastor Thony in Haiti as he continues to oversee the work of the 20 churches, 14 schools, vocational training programs, and a clinic, all operated by faith and with the partnership of EWI and other organizations and individuals;
- Praise God for the hundreds of students who have hope for a better future because of their education and Christian training in the mission schools launched by Pastor Thony.