



East West InterKnit *Letter*

“Devote yourself to prayer ... and pray for us too that God may open a door for our message.” Col. 4:2-3a

November 2018

Dear Friends of East West Interknit:

Thank you for your prayers for us and for those we serve. We have been greatly encouraged as we receive reports of churches planted, leaders trained, missionaries sent, children rescued, the hungry fed, and self-help skills taught by our partners. Your prayers and financial help have aided their efforts.

This is the time of year, especially during the holidays, when partners have unique opportunities to impact their communities with the life-giving message of the gospel and to share Christ’s love with those in need. We have the privilege of praying for them and for sharing some of the resources we have received so that they will be able to serve more effectively. Please consider what you can do at this time to help us meet these needs.



Special Needs and Opportunities to Serve Our Partners Through November and December

- Once a year the children in the homes receive a new set of clothing and a small gift. \$10 per child for a total of \$1,700 will provide food and clothing for about 170 children in the five homes (four in India, one in Kenya) between now and the holiday season.
- A \$2 gift per person for a total of \$2,400 will supplement what our partners raise to help them provide clothing and care for as many as 1,200 widows.
- \$2,000 will provide the extra needed to hold the holiday outreach events that attract many non-believers. It will also help them to distribute food to hundreds of impoverished villagers.
- Good News Theological Seminary has raised nearly half of what is needed to pay for the cancer surgery for a faculty wife. There is no insurance and unless they can pay the full amount the surgery will not occur. We are hoping to raise the additional \$1,400 needed to ensure that she can be treated. Our assistance would be an encouragement to the entire Good News family.
- \$1,500 will enable the Haiti clinic to purchase a much-needed generator to keep refrigerated prescription medicines safe for use.

- Funding is needed to provide scholarships for Good News Seminary students. Scholarships of \$250 to \$400 would enable most of their current enrolled students to remain in school.
- Good News Seminary needs \$200 a month to supplement what they are able to pay toward their Librarian's salary.

For Prayer

- Thank you for praying for all pastors and evangelists in India. One partner wrote that they face constant verbal and physical abuse, demands to eliminate loudspeakers, attempts to prevent members from attending services, filing false complaints against them, arrests, vandalizing the churches, and worse. He stated that 'our evangelists and pastors are carefully and cleverly handling these groups in a polite manner.' Pray that they will continue to respond in a Christ like manner. Evangelists affiliated with one of our partners in India have conducted about 50 baptisms of new believers this year in spite of the pressure. A special youth rally was held in one area resulting in 105 young people committing their lives to Christ. Other partners are cautious about reporting conversions and baptisms due to suspicion that their email accounts have been compromised.
- Pray for the children in the four homes in India. They will be taking exams in November and will be on break from December 23 to January 2, 2019 during which time many return to relatives in the villages.
- The special ministry to widows and other destitute women in central India continues to grow. The women meet every Friday morning for a time of teaching and prayer followed by fellowship and a light meal. There are as many as 1,200 women in the program. Pray for these women as they have an impact on those around them.
- Pray for Julian serving in western Kenya as she leads a women's seminar November 16-18 focusing on teaching women how to be Godly wives for the sake of their families and the glory of God.
- Praise God for the Kenyan church members who gave sacrificially during a fund raiser for the school and for those who have volunteered their labor to help keep costs at a minimum during construction.
- MENH in Haiti is preparing a two-week seminar and workshops in December to provide training for their administrators, educators, pastors, medical workers and others. The sessions will be led by Pastor Ebed, Pastor Mathurin and others. Please pray that all those who attend will learn much and will resume their work with great enthusiasm for serving the people of Haiti. Pray especially for those who will be doing the teaching and are working hard to prepare.



Women collecting rocks for the foundation of the new school assembly hall which is being required by the Department of Education.

News from a Library Partner

Thank you for praying for Ethnos Bible School in Myanmar. We told you that they were having a hard time finding a place with sufficient space to house their students. Non-Christian landlords would not rent property for use by Christians. You prayed and God provided. They have now moved to a property owned by a believer that can house all their students and faculty with no restrictions on its use. They ask us to pray that God will use this school to raise up effective national missionaries able to plant churches among the unreached people groups. Pray also for their safety as government troops have been attacking and driving out one of the primarily Christian tribal groups in this region. (see: 'Slow genocide: Myanmar's invisible war on the Kachin Christian minority': <https://www.theguardian.com/>)

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