

East West InterKnit Letter

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6: 10 (NIV)

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As we approach the holidays please remember those who faithfully proclaim the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ while also serving the orphans, widows, the poor, the sick and those made homeless by disasters.

EWI LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: 53 BOXES DOWN BUT MANY TO GO!

We have shipped 53 boxes of books since our last letter and have another 60 ready to go as funds become available. Our partners are so grateful for these valuable books. From **Hindustan Bible Institute** – "The help from EWI is deeply appreciated and we are so thankful." From **Jubilee Memorial Bible College** in India – "I praise God for your ministry. These books will be useful for our students." And from **Glorious Harvest Ministerial College** in Ghana – "We are thankful and grateful to you and your entire staff for your dedication to serve His Kingdom through serving our institutions with library materials." EWI's current need: approximately \$3,500.00



OUR SEMINARY PARTNERS DO MUCH MORE THAN TRAIN PASTORS

Dr. Ohene Kumi travels back and forth from his home in Ghana to serve as an instructor at **Great Commission Baptist Bible College** in Liberia. We ship books for the college to Ghana and he gets them to Liberia. In addition to teaching in Liberia, Dr. Kumi has an active ministry in Ghana. Over 3,000 children attended Vacation Bible School programs run by his ministry this past August. He reported that 372 students gave their lives to Christ during these programs. He also oversees a group of chaplains who teach Bible lessons weekly to 60,000 pupils in the Ghana public schools! Pray for Dr. Kumi as he travels back and forth to Liberia and for his ministry in Ghana.



Himalaya Theological College (HTC) in West Bengal, India is training young men and women for ministry in north India and beyond. Over 250 graduates are serving across the Himalaya region including in Sikkim, Bhutan and Nepal.

In addition to training students for Christian service, the HTC campus houses a child development center which provides free tuition, meals, school supplies, and medical help to 275 children from poverty stricken families. HTC also houses a tailoring institute and a counseling center for poor unemployed women and a clinic for the poor. The mission that oversees HTC runs an orphanage and the Christy English Medium School in a nearby village. Some of the Christy school children after school are pictured here. Books received from EWI are important in supporting these training programs.

News From Mission Evangelique du Nord d'Haiti

The schools and churches under the leadership of **Mission Evangelique du Nord d'Haiti** (MENH) are concentrated in the northeast part of Haiti and consequently escaped the destruction that hit the southwest part of the country during the recent hurricane. There are a couple of affiliated churches that are close to the affected region. We do not yet know how they have been affected. Pastor Thony and his team are making plans to help as resources allow. We will want to participate with them to bring aid and comfort to those who have lost everything. Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and for that which is needed to care for them.

MENH schools currently have a total enrollment of 3,961 students. We are able to assist the two largest schools serving about 1,100 students. Some of the smaller schools get very little support. Many are in extremely poor areas where parents are seldom able to pay fees. They too need our help.

For Praise - MENH has started a printing service to produce photocopies, cards, notebooks and other materials for public consumption. They expect that this will be provide some income for the ministry.

A MISSION PARTNER

Rejoice with Pastor Frank as he entered his 38th year of ministry in south central India. He shared the following regarding the ministry: "Ministry must be biblically based, Christ-centered, contextual and relevant. It must be done prayerfully, assiduously, pragmatically, compassionately, patiently, humbly, faithfully, selflessly and expectantly." His passion is to be salt and light so that people will come to Jesus Christ. Praise God for his goodness throughout Pastor Frank's 38 years of service. Frank reported that a young man our team met some years ago in one of the mission children's homes has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Divinity degree In Theology and is now serving in the mission. Continue to pray for each of the pastors as they serve despite regular persecution.

CHILDREN'S HOME IN INDIA: TESTIMONY OF AN ALUMNUS (EDITED)

I am Pastor ..., from a village in Andhra Pradesh. I lost my father when I was a child. My mother was a weak, poor domestic worker, not able to look after me and my sister or provide any education for us. We used to go without food and good health for so many days. My mother heard about the children's home in town and admitted both of us when we were at an early age. We began to know about Jesus, prayer and the Bible. We never heard of Jesus before as we are from Hindu community.

I studied up to 9th class and started going to work and earned about 12 cents/day. One day Jesus touched my heart and I accepted him as my Savior. Mr. B. A. sent me to the 6 month pastors training. After completion, I assisted one pastor in his work for few years. After marriage, I started my work as evangelist and established a small church at my native village. Our Almighty Father blessed the work and Mr. David helped me to construct one church building in 2009 with the support of EWI and other God's children. Now 60 members attend the church and most of the members are converted from non-Christian background only.

I have one son and one daughter who are studying and all my family members serving the Living God Jesus Christ. If I was not brought up in the home, I would have perished without salvation and education. I praising God for all his grace for me. Please continue to pray for me, my family and the church.

Sincerely, Pastor D. Yesu....

KENYAN PARTNER RECOVERING FROM MALARIA RESUMES HER BUSY SCHEDULE

Due to the severe drought and loss of crops, Julian has had to travel far to find food for the children in Oduwo Village. Her travels took her into a heavily infested mosquito area and she succumbed to malaria. While still regaining strength she has had to resume her very heavy schedule of work both in Nairobi and up-country in Oduwo. She asks for prayer for each of the following programs for which she has responsibilities for planning, organizing and participating:

- Nov. 11, 2016 Bright Angels Christian Academy (BACA) graduation in the village up-country
- Nov. 18, 2016 Nairobi Great Commission School graduation November 18th
- Nov. 25-27, 2016 Kisumu County Christian Ladies seminar up-country as a teacher
- Dec. 5-9, 2016 VBS for children Bible study in Kisumu
- Dec. 11, 2016 BACA fundraiser for December 11th in Oduwo Village

The Vacation Bible school retreat is expected to involve 1000 children. Its purpose is to motivate the children in their study of the Word of God and to provide opportunities to interact with other children and teachers and to "connect with their maker." Some of her trained teachers will be training other teachers.

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