



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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Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry,

Thank you so much for your prayers and the financial support which allows us to come alongside our overseas partners to help them do the work to which they have been called. Though they often work in very challenging environments they still rejoice in what God is doing in their midst. Please continue to pray for open doors, for safety as they minister, for their needs to be met, and for transformed lives as a result of the preaching of the gospel.

GOOD NEWS IN GHANA

President Oduro of Good News Theological College and Seminary in Accra, Ghana, has been busy recruiting for the fall term. He was able to place an advertisement on a local radio station with a wide listening audience so they anticipated many inquiries. Those who have contacted them want to know if there are scholarships available. EWI makes an effort each year to help in this area. Pray that they will be able to assist those who are called to study for the ministry but need financial aid in order to attend the seminary. If you are able to assist, please mark your return slip GNTCS scholarship fund.

CHILDREN'S HOME IN INDIA FACING CHALLENGES

Jehovah Shammah Children's Home (JSCH) was founded in 1972 by Mr. B. Azariah, a former school principal, who used his own resources to alleviate the suffering of the destitute children in his area. He opened JSCH with 49 children and the number grew until they had as many as 250 residents. The current president and director of the home is David Sudhakar, son of Azariah, who assumed leadership at the death of his father. JSCH is registered under the state government's Societies Act.

In recent months Jehovah Shammah Children's Home has faced many difficulties including the loss of two major sources of funding: (1) an agricultural project meant to help fund the home and (2) individual donors threatened by religious fundamentalists opposed to Christianity. In addition, the costs to maintain the home and provide for the children have risen dramatically. The result? They currently have funding to support only 30 to 35 children. The home has a hired cook and one helper who stays with the children. David's wife Mary provides loving care and supervises all the activities of the home.

The children's daily routine includes morning and evening prayer and Bible study, a few chores, attendance at school, a study hour followed by small group prayer, and some play time. The children enjoy music, cultural dances, and drama and all are encouraged to take part. Every week they attend Sunday school and church



services and participate in children's and youth activities. Many participate in outreach activities and share testimonies of what God has done in their lives.

The majority of the children are semi-orphans, having just one parent or relative who is no longer able to care for them, or true orphans sometimes found wandering in the streets. Most suffer from malnutrition or other conditions and have not been able to attend school until coming to the home. The children living under the care and protection of JSCH receive three meals a day, clothing, medical attention, education, and some vocational training. Those who leave JSCH at maturity are said to be living productive lives and serving as witnesses for the Lord. Many have gone on to become evangelists and pastors.

In a note dated September 13, David asked for prayer for protection as there is widespread Dengue fever and many deaths in the area. He also indicated that they are experiencing a serious shortage of funds for the home. EWI provides regular monthly support for the home to supplement what they are able to raise locally. About US \$35 per month covers the basic expense of caring for one child. Building and facility repairs and emergency expenses add to that figure. EWI also provides a small monthly stipend for each of ten evangelists whose efforts have resulted in drawing hundreds to faith in Christ.

HELP!



We need your help. Sixty-five boxes of quality theological books are ready to be shipped to Bible schools and seminaries in Africa and Asia, and 60 or more are waiting for processing. Additional shipments are expected very soon and our space is limited. We need to ship as many as possible as quickly as possible at an approximate cost of \$45 per box. Please consider what you can do to help us get these wonderful resources to those who need them.



DROUGHT HAS DEVASTATING IMPACT ON THE WORK IN WESTERN KENYA

Because of severe drought conditions and the resulting loss of crops there is almost no food available in the region of Julian's ministries in western Kenya. She has had to increase the distance she travels to locate any source and, with the increase in prices, is unable to provide for all the school children. Many come to school hungry and go home not certain of getting even one meal a day. Parents who normally would be able to pay school fees can no longer afford to do so and also provide food for their children. Pray for Julian as she seeks sources for food and that the financial supplement we can send will enable her to find enough to provide the children with the basics.

DEVELOPMENTS AT MISSION EVANGELIQUE IN NORTHERN HAITI

A partner has reported that there is a new effort underway to reach out to youth and young adults in the church in order to help them catch the vision, to participate in reaching the lost, and to "produce a church as Christ envisioned." There are a growing number of youth who attend university, who love the church, and who have potential for leadership.

The College Evangelique Emmanuel, the school in Plaine du Nord, has a new administrator who is working hard to improve conditions on campus and to build the good reputation of the school. They are rejoicing that, after many years of trying, they are finally able to add the last year of high school. This will enable their students to earn a full diploma and qualify for university education.

Plans are in place for additional projects. They hope to build a water tank that will provide a supply of potable water for all who use the campus. They also hope to open a computer lab for the students and for community use. To do so they will need a number of new or rebuilt computers, some kind of solar power, and extension of the internet service to the campus.

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