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SEE WHAT GREAT THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE!

*"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name:
make known among the nations what He has done." 1 Chronicles 16:8*

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PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN INDIA

Sharing the Good News while serving needs in their communities

Thank you for joining with us to help Bethel Mission share the Good News and meet the needs of so many during their Christmas and New Year celebrations. Pastor Frank shared that the last part of the year is a very special time for all at Bethel Mission as they stretch themselves to share the love of Christ not only in word but through their benevolence programs:

- * 100 poor women received blankets during a service held on December 19. A meal was served afterward.
- * As part of the children's Christmas program on December 22, more than 400 children performed skits portraying the birth of Christ. People from various religious backgrounds were there to see the children's program.
- * On December 23 the Bethel Mission Benevolence Ministry held a service during which they distributed 800 sarees and served a festive meal to poor women and widows.
- * The children's home children and all the pastors and their families were given gifts, including new outfits for each one, followed by a Christmas meal.
- * On Christmas day over 600 people shared in a meal as part of the mission's Feed the Hungry program.
- * The mission church people were invited to bring loaves of bread to the service on New Year's Eve. These were then distributed in the slum areas on January 1st.



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Pastor Frank closed his letter with this: "Your love, prayers and your participation...made this possible. On behalf of all the beneficiaries, we want to say a big, big thank you."

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN INDIA CONT'D

Jehovah Shammah Children’s Home (JSCH): Caring for children and ministering to surrounding communities

JSCH held its annual Christmas event on the 21st of December. President David reported that many relatives of the children, JSCH board members and their families, and other invited guests attended. He added that the guest speaker delivered the Christmas message in a very spiritual way. The children did well as they sang and performed for the audience. New clothing was presented to the children and to each of the pastors. The pastors were also given sarees for distribution to widows in their respective villages. The event was followed by a Christmas feast for everyone who attended the event.



Some of those at the Christmas feast



Distributing gifts to the children

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN HAITI

Mission Evangelique du Nord d’Haiti (MENH)

Pastor Ebed Paul, President of MENH, and Pastor Mathurin Laguerre, Vice President, led a ten day seminar in early December attended by all mission employees, including board members, administrators, pastors, and all staff. Several days were set aside to provide special training for the mission administrators. A theme of the seminar was ‘extreme commitment.’ They took some time to share the history of the mission and then to introduce some new directions. In addition to the training received, some participants helped with cleanup and repairs around the campus. Pastor Ebed emphasized the need for concerted prayer and a desire to strengthen the ministry to children and families “who need the gospel story taught every day of the week.”

They have directed the schools to add some new features to the curriculum. They will set aside one day a month to have the children go out into the community to do cleanup projects. The idea is to teach them to care about making a difference for good where they live. They also intend to involve the kids in tree planting projects. They are working to revitalize the school marching band for the benefit of both the youth and the community. They received a generous gift of musical instruments pictured here and would welcome additional donations of instruments. Finally, they have appointed someone to oversee spiritual life on campus. In addition to the current weekly Bible class, which is part of the curriculum, there will be a new weekly chapel service.



Please pray: (1) for MENH leaders at this time of transition that they might renew their commitment to impact Haiti for Christ; (2) for the training of clinic staff as they work to improve services to the community; and (3) for healing for Pastor Thony’s wife as she continues to receive treatment for cancer.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN KENYA

Julian Orimbo, the work in Oduwo village, and the Bible school in Nairobi

November and December were busy but rewarding for Julian Orimbo and those she serves. She oversaw the graduation festivities held for the children of Los Angels Bright Academy on November 2nd, then traveled back to Nairobi for the Bible school graduation, then back to the village for a four day ladies seminar in late November followed by a four day children's camp in early December. On December 15th she spoke to 300 youth at a youth ministry event at which 36 young people committed their lives to Christ. Before school resumed on January 2, Julian sewed many new uniforms, purchased textbooks and stationery, replenished the food supply, and arranged for new desks and chairs. Your gifts made much of this possible. During the school break she continued to care for 43 children as well as all the boarding house girls.



Because teenage girls are often the victims of kidnapping and rape as they walk to and from school, it was felt that the school should provide housing on campus for their safety. There are currently 20 teenage girls living in the boarding house. Some had already experienced trauma. Thank you for your prayers for them and for the financial gifts that allow EWI to assist Julian with their care.

In early January seven new students arrived at the school, all very needy orphans from what Julian described as "very pathetic conditions." Please pray for wisdom for those who will be called upon to address their special needs.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN GHANA

Good News Theological Seminary, Accra (GNTS)

In 2018 support East West InterKnit provided to GNTS included just under 1,000 books sent for the library and funds to meet needs in several critical areas:

- A monthly salary supplement enabled GNTS to hire and keep a qualified librarian as the accreditation board required;
- Upgrades, inspections and certifications required by the Ghana National Fire Service;
- GNTS Student Scholarship Fund;
- \$1,400 for a staff related medical emergency;
- A new computer to be used by the administration;

Please continue to pray for faculty wife Theresa as she begins radiation therapy

Scholarships impact lives. The testimony of Lydia Atiemo: When Lydia arrived at GNTS in 2013 she admitted that she did not know anything about the Bible. Her brother had encouraged her to attend in spite of a disability requiring her to use crutches. When he could no longer support her she planned to drop out but the seminary leaders encouraged her to stay and assured her they would find a scholarship. EWI was able to provide one and Lydia was able to stay in school. She graduated with a diploma in pastoral ministry and now teaches an adult Sunday school class and is often called upon to preach. Her testimony closed by saying, "Thank you so much and may God bless you all." EWI scholarships enable students like Lydia to grow in faith and knowledge and be equipped for effective service.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – OUTREACH

A ministry that runs a Bible school for which East West InterKnit provides theological books also oversees a number of churches, an English medium primary school and a child development center. They conduct medical checkup camps throughout the year that they tell us are a great opportunity for evangelism. During the holiday season they held a Christmas celebration attended by over 1,000 people and then held eight additional open air public meetings around the



city giving hundreds an opportunity to listen to the songs and hear the preaching of the gospel. Please pray for those who have come to faith, some of whom suffered beatings at the hands of family members, and who are not permitted to attend worship services.

The Principal of another Bible school in south Asia reported that they have launched a major outreach program to minister in one of the least evangelized and most hostile areas. Please pray that many will hear and respond to the message. Please pray also for the courage and safety of the messengers.

Olive Theological Institute in Kerala, India was actively involved in flood relief following the worst floods in a century. Hundreds were killed, thousands of homes destroyed, and more than one million had to relocate to relief camps. Having gained access into communities and homes has opened their eyes to the real needs of people. This has resulted in new projects and a new emphasis on caring for individuals.

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