

“As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.’” Romans 10:15

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BETHEL MISSION—A PRAYING CHURCH

Bethel Mission launched its 13th annual 21 days early morning prayer campaign on the 1st of February. The mission was concerned that the Covid/Omicron situation in addition to other external conditions might make having the campaign this year difficult if not impossible. With God’s help, they were able to overcome every hindrance and to finish well on February 21st.

Pastor Frank reported that their purpose in having this campaign every year is to “bolster, cultivate and help our believers grow in their personal prayer life and to inculcate in them a burden to pray for churches, servants of God, and other Christian organizations all over the world as a priority, and for the people of our country and leaders who lead our nation, which we do every year without fail. We also prayed for a revival and a breakthrough to happen in every place on this earth that people may come to know the Lord these days.”

An average of more than 600 people met for prayer at 5:00 AM each of the 21 days. In total, around thirteen thousand breakfasts were served following the time of prayer. Many who attended are very poor so in addition to being fed, the mission provided transportation for those who needed it.

This photo from a previous year shows auto rickshaws lining up to transport worshippers.

They also needed to pay school fees in February and to replenish food supplies for the 100 children in the mission’s three homes. Our thanks to those who made it possible for EWI to help meet these needs.

Please pray for the children as they face final exams at the end of March.



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Jehovah Shammah Children’s Home AND MINISTRIES

Caring for Children and Their Families

Jehovah Shammah Children’s Home (JSCH) is currently caring for about 24 children from very poor backgrounds. Most came to them from single parents not able to care for them and 80% came from non-Christian background. Because of Covid restrictions, 16 of the children have had to remain with guardians in their villages. The home provides for the education, medical care, and healthy meals for both resident and non-resident children and for the guardian families. Those at the home participate in morning and evening Bible reading, prayer, and learning of gospel songs and are currently able to attend Sunday school. When not affected by the pandemic, they participate in occasional youth seminars and retreats. One or more of the evangelists have been visiting the non-resident children to encourage them in their faith. Some of the parents or guardians have begun to attend church with the children and are also growing in faith.

Funds provided in late February helped to cover costs of maintaining the home, assisted with medical bills, and covered ministry costs for 10 evangelists. In addition, rice, flour, oil, spices, and soap were distributed to about 90 people including the children and their guardians as well as the evangelists and their families.

The evangelists continue to plant churches and to conduct prayer services and evangelistic meetings in the villages despite ongoing opposition. The evangelists have been receiving extra help from East West InterKnit for the past two years since most of their parishioners are day laborers who have not been able to work during the pandemic and are, therefore, unable to help support the church.



Above — Families gather to receive food aid

Below — A gospel meeting held in February by one of the evangelists



GOOD NEWS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN ACCRA, GHANA (GNTS)

Training Leaders for the Church in Africa

With your help, evangelistic tracts were published and delivered to Good News Theological Seminary in late February. Some were distributed to the students when they returned from spring break on March 8th. Pray for the students as they go out into the community to share the tracts and engage those they meet in conversation. Pray that God will touch the hearts of the readers and lead them to faith in Christ.



A shipment of theological books sent by East West InterKnit in early October arrived by container in Accra in late February. Rev. Botchway, from the seminary, retrieved 17 boxes for the Good News Seminary library, and 21 boxes for three other institutions including Christ the Holy Church Seminary in Nigeria, pictured here.

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Praise and Prayer —

- * Praise God for His provision and protection of staff, students, and lecturers during these challenging times.
- * Pray for the enrollment of students who have felt God's call to ministry
- * Pray for the provision of scholarships enabling very capable students to come or to continue at Good News Theological Seminary.
- * Praise God for the birth of a baby girl on the 14th of March to David and Sarah, a student couple living on campus.



MISSION ÉVANGÉLIQUE DU NORD D'HAÏTI (MENH)

The mission has invested much time and energy in providing ongoing training for its pastors and leaders. In addition, they recently sent six of their pastors to two weeklong seminars in Cap Haitian for further training. This benefits the churches as these pastors continue to serve their growing congregations. Recently two separate evangelistic meetings were held, each led by one of the MENH churches. One was a large outdoor gathering which drew in many who were attracted by the sound and the crowd. They reported a total of 22 people who committed their lives to Christ.

The clinic, which had been nearly self-supporting before the pandemic, is still struggling. Attendance was way down due to fear of Covid 19 and civil unrest leaving them without sufficient income to pay the staff. As in many places, the gas prices are hovering around \$7.00 per gallon. Consequently, all materials needing transport, including their pharmaceuticals, have increased in cost so they have had to raise their fees. President Ebed Paul said they are still the least expensive clinic in the region, but it has caused people to avoid coming unless they are desperately ill.

The MENH administration has been working hard to determine the direction for the schools and for ways to achieve their goals. In addition to providing quality academic programs, the priority will be to ensure that the school will have a strong biblical orientation and, secondly, that it will also have a strong agricultural program. At some point they will expect every student to have a garden and to put into practice what they are learning. They are working to improve the quality of instruction by gradually hiring more highly qualified teachers.

For Praise and Prayer —

- * The mission received a donation of new computers but not the funds to ship them. We are providing the funding needed to get them to Haiti.
- * Pray for the pastors. Poverty, exacerbated by the pandemic and crime, have left them with little support.
- * Pray for the needs of the clinic, that it will be able to fulfill its mission of providing healing for both body and soul.
- * Pray for the school officials as they work to improve the quality of instruction and make hard decisions regarding staffing.
- * Pray for the people of Haiti. Pastor Thony said there is no security, robbers and kidnappers are in control. "The poor people cannot buy a cup of rice. If given a cup of rice there is no charcoal to cook it."



FAITH AND HOPE MINISTRIES

Julian Orimbo, Kenya



The schools in Kenya closed on March 4th and will reopen on April 25th. National exams for eighth grade students normally would have been given at the Oduwo school but the government changed the rules regarding number of students required at an exam site and Oduwo did not meet that number. This forced Julian to hire enough motorbikes to transport sixteen students, two to each bike, every day for four days and to pay for meals at the exam center. She said, "This was the only means of transportation given the routes they had to take."

A separate vehicle was hired to carry the student desks by a much longer route to the place of the exams. East West InterKnit was able to provide sufficient funds to make that possible. Julian reported that all went well, no one got sick, and there were no other challenges.

School break in Oduwo presents a number of challenges. They do not receive income for the school during the break. When the high school students, for whom Julian has full responsibility, return to the home from their boarding schools,



Before

After



funds are necessary for transportation and for additional food. It is important to provide meaningful activity for the students during the break and they would like to include outings but find it difficult to cover the costs. We have been able to help with funding for the additional food and transportation needs and hope to provide help for an outing in April.

During the month of February, East West InterKnit provided funds to purchase food for the children, to pay national exam expenses, to purchase school supplies and to begin repairs on some of the facilities. Additional funding covered the costs of preparing the farm for planting and there was even enough to help with some medical expenses. Julian used the school supply funds to purchase 60 chairs and 10 tables for the lower elementary classes.

Julian reported "the teachers were so happy and the students even more than happy." They did not want to leave their classrooms to go home. After hearing from the children, their parents came to congratulate the school.

The school has had a significant impact on the community. The children are hearing the gospel at school and then share with their parents. Julian reported that most of their church members were led to the church through their children.