

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.” Psalm 105:1

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and the financial support that helps our overseas partners accomplish the work to which they have been called. Through all the challenges of the past two years they have continued to share the gospel, to care for and educate children, to meet the needs of families, and to train Christian leaders. Please continue to pray for open doors, for safety as they minister, for needs to be met, and for transformed lives as a result of the preaching of the gospel.

Annette Jones
Executive Director

FAITH AND HOPE MINISTRIES IN ODUWO, KENYA

Julian has left her position at the Bible college in Nairobi so she will be able to devote all her time and energy to the ministries in Oduwo where she oversees the Christian school, leads women’s seminars, and is involved in many other ministries of the church. In her words, “I want to help the children, teenagers, young mothers and all the women of the church. I want to help families bring up responsible children who can live a life of purpose and meaning for the glory of God.”



Many depend upon Julian for even basic food items. Recent provisions are show here.

Because of the severe drought affecting large parts of Kenya, Julian has had to focus her attention on finding food for the 43 children in her care and lunches for the 350 children in the school as well as food for her teachers. The cost of food has tripled in her area, and it is becoming more difficult to locate. She engaged a supplier who is helping to find the foods they need and East West InterKnit is helping with the cost. Other areas of need include helping with school fees, funding for required repairs and upgrades, purchasing teaching materials, as well as meeting needs of families and the elderly.

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THE BOOK REPORT

Your donated books are making a valuable contribution to many Bible schools and seminaries. Gilgal Theological Seminary in Tamilnadu, India is dedicated to the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is committed to preparing men and women for Christian ministry and missions. The school usually has about 40 students many of whom come from non-Christian background. The 1,400 or so books East West InterKnit has provided for their library has increased their total collection to about 4,000 volumes. Now they are seeking ATA (Asia Theological Association) accreditation. To qualify they must have at least 5,000 books. As resources allow, we will continue to send books to help them meet this goal.

From Telengana, India: "I am once again thankful to you and your ministry for sending boxes of books that arrived safely to the college. You are influencing many of the servants of God who are being prepared and trained in our school."

From Karnataka, India: "Greetings from the Berean Baptist College! We got another set of books on 19 April 2022. We thank you once again as these books are a great blessing to our students."

SCHOLARSHIPS ENABLE WORTHY STUDENTS TO PREPARE FOR MINISTRY

Each year many qualified students who seek scholarships to enable them to attend Good News Theological Seminary (GNTS) have had to be turned away for lack of funds. Some of those who have been attending lost their sponsors who were unable to continue support due to job losses during the pandemic. We would like to help students who are preparing for ministry. The head of the GN scholarship committee shared Maxwell's story. He had been pastoring a church before coming to GNTS but without any training. He came to learn how to do the work of a pastor and to learn how to correctly explain the 'word of truth.' Maxwell wrote, "Coming to Good News has been a tremendous blessing to me. It has enlightened my understanding of God and of pastoring and has given me many mentors and friends that have helped shape my life as an individual." Maxwell has not been able to keep up with his school fees and is seeking a scholarship to enable him to focus on his studies.

In past years scholarships have made it possible for many to complete their studies and go on to serve in Christian ministry. One former scholarship recipient wrote, "The scholarship I received while at Good News went a long way to helping me finish my seminary education. It lightened the burden on my family and gave me access to sound biblical teaching." This graduate has served as a church youth leader and as part of an evangelistic group ministering throughout the area. She also taught for a year at Good News before coming to the US where she is currently finishing her Ph.D.

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH CHILDREN'S HOME IN SOUTH INDIA: THEY'RE BACK!

The Jehovah Shammah Children's Home (JSCH) finally received permission to bring the children back to the home following their long absence due to the pandemic. The home cared for several orphans throughout the pandemic, but all JSCH children who had a parent or guardian were sent back to their villages. Because of the extreme poverty of these families, JSCH President David distributed food to them throughout the pandemic. Now that the children are returning to the home David will no longer be able to continue helping the families. Pray for the children as they readjust to living at JSCH, as they return to school and as they have more opportunity to learn about the God who loves and cares for them.



In preparation for the return of the children the home has had to upgrade the facility. East West InterKnit has been able to help with repair of the beds but now, because of new guidelines, the home is required to add a room and a toilet to the building at a cost of about \$1,500.

The JSCH affiliated pastors continue to hold worship services, regularly scheduled prayer services, baptisms, and outreach activities in the communities. We received a powerful video testimony from a widow who came to Christ from a non-Christian background through the ministry of one of the evangelists. She contracted Covid and was so sick that all had given up hope for her survival. However, the church people prayed fervently and she made a remarkable recovery. She reminded her audience that God is always near, and He knows all our needs and is our helper in times of trouble.