

Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Dear Friends,

In these last few months, we have been hearing many stories of suffering and loss, of persecution and privation, and of interrupted ministries, interrupted education, and the challenges of social isolation. While we have all faced some of these challenges, our ministry partners continue to face some of the most difficult circumstances. They are experiencing on and off total lockdowns, limited access to medical care, joblessness, food insecurity, lack of relief programs, children who have had no access to education since the beginning of the pandemic, extreme civil unrest in places, and many restrictions on ministries.

Our partners are doing what they can to help alleviate the suffering of those around them. You have made it possible for us to provide some of the resources they need to do this. In India Pastor Frank provides food to those who come to the mission church for help. He visits grieving families who have lost loved ones to the virus. Some of the 100 orphans have access to online school because of the computers you helped us provide. President David of the Jehovah Shammah Children's Home is distributing food to village families when he receives our help. In Kenya Julian is providing lunches for as many as 350 children and food for disabled elderly in her area. Help is being sent to ensure that pastors who are without income due to church closures can feed their families.

With your help we will continue to provide the resources they need to share the Good News and to assist those in need. However, the thing they request most often is that we pray for them. I have included some of the most recent concerns for which we covet your prayer.

For prayer and praise:

- Pray for Julian, our Kenyan partner who was recently diagnosed with a heart condition that will require ongoing expensive treatment. Julian is asking the Lord to "turn my situation" to allow for further opportunities to share Christ's love with her people. Pray also for those who help her with the school, the church ministries, care of the orphans, and the various outreach programs.
- Jehovah Shammah Children's Home President David and wife Mary have been diagnosed with Covid. Mary is seriously ill and has been hospitalized. She recently completed cancer treatments and had been regaining strength. Pray for the safety of the children in their care and for the ministries of the many pastors and evangelists under their supervision.
- Pray for the students and leaders of a Bible school in Chin state, Myanmar. The military has killed more than 80 people, including children, in this area. Due to many Covid deaths and the danger from the military, the school has not been able to reopen.

- Both of our India partners have finally received the new government required bank accounts, mentioned in our last newsletter, allowing them to receive funds from overseas if the purpose of the funds receives government approval. They are required to explain to authorities how the funds will be used before they will be released. Pray for wisdom as they fill out their forms.
- Praise God for the great response to the Good News Theological Seminary (GNTS) student ministerial outreach earlier this summer in Ghana and in Nigeria. All the tracts were distributed and more people than could be accommodated expressed interest in understanding their walk with God. The students realized the need for trained pastors for many of the churches when some of the churches begged the students to stay and teach them. None of the students had contracted the virus at last report.
- Pray for the recruiting of students at GNTS for the fall term. Pray that those churches that realized their need for good teaching would send their students to Good News for training. Pray too that they will find the resources to assist the students despite the challenges due to the pandemic.
- Pray for Haiti! I received the following from the U.S. Department of State: Kidnapping is widespread. Victims have been physically harmed during kidnappings. Victim's families have paid thousands of dollars to rescue their family members. Violent crime, such as armed robbery and carjacking, is common across the country. Protests, demonstrations, tire burning, and roadblocks are frequent, unpredictable, and can turn violent. Local police generally lack the resources to respond effectively to serious criminal incidents.
- For these reasons our partners at Mission Evangelique du Nord d'Haiti (MENH) are praying for calm while waiting for whatever is to come following the funeral of assassinated President Jovenel Moise and the conclusion of the investigation into his death. The 22 mission churches are holding worship services, but most people are avoiding other crowded public places and institutions such as banks that could be subject to attack. They continue to face extreme unemployment, rising inflation, shortage of food, the dangers of violence, and a surge in Covid-19 cases.
- Pray for wisdom and God's guidance as they make plans to reopen the schools in September, to hold outreach events in the fall, and to host the 50th anniversary celebration in November.

Thank you for your partnership with us in prayer and with your gifts. Though the needs are great and the challenges many, God can use our little to do great things just as He did with the loaves and fishes.



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