East West InterKnit News

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9



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It is estimated that there are approximately thirty-one million orphaned and abandoned children in India, a number exceeding the entire population of many countries. These children have lost one or both of their parents or they have been abandoned because their families could not provide the care they needed. Government registered children's homes provide care for only about three hundred seventy thousand children. Children who remain unprotected run a high risk of forced child labor, human trafficking and exploitation, illiteracy, poor physical and mental health, hopelessness and poverty.

Because of his concern for the needs of so many helpless and homeless children, Mr. B. A. and his wife* registered and opened a home in 1972 for forty-nine children. When East West InterKnit began partnering with them in 1993 the home had expanded to accommodate about two hundred fifty children. Now, however, with the loss of an income-generating business due to a cyclone, and as costs continue to increase and support-raising has become increasingly more difficult, the home is currently able to support only between fifteen and twenty children.

Most of the children in the current group were being raised by single moms, often day-laborers earning less than $2.00 a day, whose husbands died or abandoned them due to inability to meet their needs. If not for the children's home, the children would not likely be able to pay to attend school, would probably be expected to work, would not receive proper medical care, might never learn of Jesus's love, and would likely live in poverty all their days.

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*Name withheld for security reasons

The home, now run by the son of the founder, provides the children with three meals a day, new clothing, and medical care, all in a safe and loving environment. The children are sent to school, provided with school books and supplies, are helped with homework, attend church, Sunday school and youth activities and participate in music, drama, games and other festive events.

Not only has the home been responsible for raising many out of poverty but its impact has been even more important in other ways. Hundreds of these children have become followers of Jesus and have had a positive influence on their families and communities. Seven of the ten evangelists affiliated with the home were raised and trained in the home and are engaged in planting churches throughout the area. East West InterKnit continues to help support their efforts to care for children.

In addition to the care of children, both of our Indian partners have responded to the need to provide care, encouragement and hope to the many victims of leprosy in India. There are a quarter of a million leprosy patients in the world. Seventy five percent live in India in leper colonies apart from their communities and their families. Although India is aggressively working to reduce these numbers, they still see approximately 120,000 to 130,000 new cases annually. Despite advancements, discrimination due to disfigurement causes many cured individuals to remain in leprosy colonies for life. Our partners regularly visit, provide food and clothing, and share the Good News.



Sharing a meal



Listening to the message

Mission Evangelique du Nord d'Haiti – College Evangelique Emmanuel

GOOD NEWS — AND AN OPPORTUNITY: A message from President Ebed Paul

One of the encouraging developments this school year is the remarkable growth of our school community. We had approximately 400 students last year, and we are preparing to welcome nearly 250 new students this year. This growth is a blessing—but it also comes with greater needs.

1. Welcoming 250 New Students — $5,000

   We need to increase our capacity to properly welcome and serve these new students. That represents only $20 per new student. The school will be able to cover $3,000, so we are urgently seeking $2,000 more to complete this need.

2. Restoring 7 Toilets — $2,500

   Seven of our school toilets are currently non-functional and need to be repaired or replaced. The total cost is $2,500. The school is committed to covering $500, and we are seeking $2,000 in support.

3. Fencing the Agricultural Training Space — $500

   We also need to fence the training area for our LKM agricultural program, where students will learn practical vegetable gardening and food-production skills.

- Total project budget: $8,000
- Already committed by the school: $3,500
- Urgently needed from partners: $4,500

WHY THIS MATTERS
Your support is not simply helping us build, repair, or equip a school. It is helping us receive more children, educate more minds, strengthen more families, and reach more lives with the Gospel.

Through this investment, more students will have the opportunity to:

- Hear the Gospel and grow in faith
- Learn to grow nutritious vegetables
- Take practical skills home to their families
- Contribute to greater food security in their homes

We believe that education can become a seed—and when that seed is planted with faith, discipline, and practical skills, it can bless an entire family and eventually a community. Would you consider helping us close this $4,500 gap? Every contribution, large or small, can help us turn this season of growth into an opportunity for greater impact.

Please prayerfully consider the following needs --

- Care of children in India
- Support for outreach and provision of food for school children and orphans in Kenya
- Support for the Good News Theological Seminary in Ghana
- Help to meet the needs of the school in Haiti

Partnership in Kenya: Your gifts contribute toward changing lives

The church in Oduwo, Kenya organizes an annual evangelism outreach in early August. This year lodging and food were provided to four visiting evangelists during the four-day event. Three local pastors and some church members also came. Groups of two or three went door to door sharing the gospel with as many people as possible followed each afternoon by open-air meetings to attract those they had not been able to visit.

This year unusually heavy rains necessitated rescheduling the event for late August. Julian reported that the church people came together and prayed that the rain would hold until they could finish the mission and it did. The rain started again immediately following the last event.

They had a list of homes they planned to visit but soon learned that God had other plans. As they headed toward their planned destinations, people met them along the way asking them to come and share. Many of these were people they had believed would never change. Some were brewers of illicit liquor who were known for barring others from attending church. One confessed to having killed some of his customers when they refused to pay. He kept asking if God would truly forgive him then he led the evangelists to homes of others who needed to hear of God's forgiveness. Twenty-three new believers were baptized, many others were prayed for during an evening meeting, and those who heard the message continue to come for counsel after the close of the event. Evangelists and some of the candidates for baptism are pictured below.



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