

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN KENYA

Students Have Returned to School in Oduwo, Kenya

Julian’s school, Los Angeles Bright Academy, has finally been allowed to reopen. They were given only a one-day notice to prepare and open. They had to scramble to inform students and teachers and to prepare the classrooms and gather supplies. Julian wrote to say, “We will need food supplements for us to cater for the increased number of children for our feeding program as parents do not have funds still. There are those under our care who have outgrown their school



uniforms and shoes and that needs replenishment. Teachers have a lot to do for the time is too short to exhaust the syllabus. Teachers who are not from the community are ready to come back but are having challenges of bus fare and upkeep once they report back. We desire prayers on this line.” It is good for the students to be back, but it is not without risk. Please pray for safety for all those involved. Her grade eight students are staying on campus to avoid outside contact – this means extra mouths to feed.

EWI was able to provide funds for the purchase of three computers for the school to enable them to begin training their students. They have two instructors

who will do this temporarily, but they hope to employ two teachers who can continue to provide the instruction. Julian anticipates that as many as 150 students will receive this instruction. Having the computers will also save the school from having to pay for outside printing.

The Oduwo church is holding three services to accommodate all those who want to come and, at the same time, comply with the COVID protocols. The pastor reported that 28 people had to stay outside during the last Sunday. He added that many are giving their lives to Christ because of fear of the virus.

Please pray:

- That they will be able to provide meals for the school children.
- That they will find a way to support the teachers during this time of hardship.
- For the students as they have limited time to complete their work before taking national exams.
- For the pastors as they continue to serve despite the many obstacles they must overcome.



PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN INDIA

Bethel Mission's Churches Are Now Open

Pastor Frank wrote the following:

Thank you for your prayers for our satellite churches. God is blessing, guiding, and leading us amid difficult situations that we face owing to this pandemic. A few of our pastors did report to be positive but the grace of God has been sustaining them and they were able to recover soon.

The Federal Government has allowed us to have Sunday worship, but it has also issued strict guidelines that have to be followed like maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks and sanitization. Now we have extended the number of services on Sundays to four to accommodate our believers. We pray that the church will be allowed to have services with no hindrances as we hear that there is an ever increase in the pandemic as we are witnessing so many positive cases in KGF, and of course a considerable number of deaths have also happened due to corona.

Our charity and benevolence for the poor and the needy will continue as usual but with following social distancing and other restrictions. Big gatherings are not allowed but that will be managed in a phased manner. As usual we will be feeding the poor, providing for the poor women and widows and children, and giving gifts for the pastoral staff and families. This year we will not be having Carol singing and visiting houses because of the restrictions in place due to the pandemic.

As far as my memory goes, never has our church refrained from doing charitable deeds during Christmas season and this year too we would be having programs but with a difference Please pray that God give us the wisdom and the knowledge to conduct ourselves diligently as the situation demands. We believe that God will make a way for us where there is no way.

Jehovah Shammah Children's Home (JSCH) Faces Many Challenges

Due to the increasing spread of the virus, schools in the region around JSCH had remained closed until November 2. Online classes have been available but very few JSCH children have access to tablets or to smart TV's so most have missed nearly a year of schooling. David wrote to say that attendance is not compulsory and that most parents are not in favor of sending their kids to school. He was informed that they can reopen the children's home on November 23, after disinfecting and painting the building, but they will only be allowed to take in 15 instead of 30 children. David has been distributing food and sometimes cash in the villages to help the families of the home children. This will continue for those who will not be able to return. He has also distributed Bibles to the children. Please pray for those who cannot return that they will remain faithful to that which they have learned. Eighty percent of the children come from non-Christian religions.

The pastors continue to hold prayer meetings and church services in the villages with a limited number of people. No open-air gospel meetings are permitted. However, they are continuing to do outreach despite limitations. One of their pastors has recovered from the virus but another has contracted it and is hospitalized. Please pray for the safety of all and for the recovery of Pastor Abednego.

David has been providing supplemental help for the pastors with funds received from EWI and asks that we continue.

The Indian government has passed new regulations regarding bank accounts for charitable organizations receiving funds from overseas. They have imposed many new restrictions making it difficult for ministries to survive. Please pray that JSCH will be able to get the new required account and will be able to continue caring for the children.



MISSION ÉVANGÉLIQUE DU NORD D'HAÏTI (MENH)

Pandemic and Resulting Lockdown Bring Unprecedented Struggles to MENH Churches

This has been a time of unprecedented struggle for the churches because of the pandemic and subsequent lockdown. The people could not work, so did not have income. There were no offerings, so the pastors had no income. Funds were sent for the purchase of food to aid both pastors and their congregants. Churches reopened in August but typically to smaller numbers. However, President Ebed reported that there has been an increase in conversions, in baptisms and in church membership despite the pandemic.



MENH Pastor distributing food packets

The schools reopened in August for about six weeks to allow the students to complete work missed in the spring. They closed for the month of October and reopened on the 9th of November to begin the new school year. Online instruction is not an option since none of the students have access to the necessary technology.

The administration is focusing its attention on creating more sustainable schools. There will be a greater emphasis on preparing students to be honest, hardworking, civic minded and responsible. Subjects including Bible, entrepreneurship, agriculture, and civic engagement are being added to the curriculum. New, more highly qualified teachers will be hired. All the schools have devotions every morning and a chapel service once a week, and every student receives a New Testament.

The mission is working with a branch of the University to establish a para medical school on the Plaine du Nord campus. They have the space, and they have the clinic staff to provide the teaching. They will also have the services of two of their former high school students who are completing their master's degrees in nursing. They plan to offer a 4-year nursing program, a 2-year certificate in pharmacology, and a 2-year lab technician program. They will be adding a computer lab to support the medical school and to provide training for high school students.

Please pray—

- For the health and safety of teachers and students as they return to school,
- For those preparing the new courses,
- For the development of the library,
- For the resources to purchase equipment for the medical school and computers for the computer lab,
- For President Ebed and Pastor Mathurin as they travel to Haiti the third week of November to provide training for pastors and leaders and to preach the gospel.

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- To make a **stock donation** contact us at 651-765-2550 for details.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN GHANA

Good News Theological Seminary (GNTS), Accra, Ghana

The campus was permitted to reopen and hold classes with the expectation that they observe the COVID protocols. They will continue to disinfect, provide sanitizer, and maintain social distancing in the classrooms. At this time 19 students have enrolled in the certificate program, 23 are in the diploma program, and 30 are in the bachelor program. The library is open for the students six days a week and, we have been told, that books sent by EWI have arrived despite delays due to the pandemic. Dr. Oduro reported that all have remained healthy except for one student who was hospitalized with Malaria and pneumonia – please pray for Jeremiah.



The campus owns only one vehicle, a twenty-year-old pickup that has been constantly breaking down. It has been in a shop for over a month waiting for funds to overhaul the engine. Dr. Oduro has not been able to get to some of his scheduled meetings and has had to resort to using Uber frequently. Please pray for the resources to allow for the purchase of a newer vehicle.

Good News still needs several computers for their lab and additional shelving for the library.

EWI continues to provide student grants and to supplement the librarian's salary. Following her graduation from GNTS, Joy Asare, pictured here, is a former scholarship recipient, now serving as a minister to children and youth. Her prayer is that God will empower her to teach effectively and that He would give the children understanding.

THE BOOK REPORT

We are grateful for your donations of books and have been busy processing them for shipment overseas. However, all overseas ports were closed for several months. Now that some have reopened, we have begun to ship a few boxes at a time. We are glad to report that the books are arriving although at a slower pace than before the pandemic. Pray for their continued safe arrival and for the resources to cover the added charges due to the pandemic.

The Bible school in Kenya that has been receiving books has not been able to officially reopen yet. Senior students have been allowed on campus to use computers and the library in order to complete their work. However, only three have managed to do so. Teachers are finding it challenging to provide online instruction when only two or three students can get online. One student uses his pastor's phone to get his class but must miss class when the pastor needs the phone.

A Bible school in central India reported that they have just 10 students on campus and another 6 studying online. He indicated that it is a challenge to meet expenses, when so few students can participate. He added, "We extend our heartfelt thanks to EWI in helping us to build servants of God through educating them in God's eternal word for the purpose of extending His kingdom."

Another Bible school principal wrote to tell us they are well but added that they lost a senior pastor to the disease. He thanked EWI for partnering with them to provide resources which are benefitting the students in their training program. He asked for prayer as they work to improve online instruction.

EWI continues to help develop the library of an organization in southwest India whose mission is to provide Christian counseling, to disciple believers, to train counselors to minister to others, and to network with churches and other organizations with similar goals to propagate the message of the cross. They have been busy in recent months ministering to those experiencing anxiety due to the COVID pandemic.

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