



East West InterKnit News

“Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too that God may open a door for our message.” Col. 4:2-3a

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PARTNERSHIP AT WORK - IN INDIA

The Indian national election will be held in seven phases from April 11 to May 19, 2019. The counting of votes will be conducted on May 23 and the results are to be declared the same day. Article 25 of the Indian constitution grants freedom to every citizen of India to profess, practice and propagate his own religion. However, in the current climate, these freedoms are often being denied and many are experiencing severe persecution.



The people pictured here were part of the 72-hour non-stop prayer campaign held throughout India from the 2nd of April until 6:00 pm on April 5th. This nationwide effort involved all denominations for the purpose of seeking the grace and favor of God in the upcoming elections. Pastor Frank, of Bethel Mission, reported that they prayed especially for leaders who would be more favorable to the churches. The Bethel Mission church hosted the local event to which all the churches of the district were invited. Please pray for a peaceful election in India and for the election of officials who will honor the constitution and protect the rights of all its people.

The school year in India begins in June and ends in April with the start of the hot season. The 115 children in the homes run by **Jehovah Shammah Children’s Home and Bethel Mission** have successfully completed their yearend exams. Many will spend the next 6-8 weeks visiting family in their respective villages. Pray for two of the older girls who have committed their lives to Christ and are planning to be baptized in their home villages during the break. The missions are looking to us to help ensure that all children will be provided with uniforms, school supplies, and admission fees when they return to start the new school year. Our goal is to provide school startup funds of \$1,500.00 by the first of June. This is in addition to the usual assistance we provide for food and other needs of the homes. Please prayerfully consider helping us to ensure that these children get off to a good start in June.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK - IN AFRICA

The Skills Development Program of Good News Theological Seminary launched in 2016 at Ziope in the Upper Volta region of Ghana provides training in weaving, agriculture, and a variety of other skills. Hundreds have already received training and more are on a waiting list. Now they have added a certificate program for pastors. The new students pictured here are all pastors who have come to study the Bible and to develop their preaching skills.



Prayer requests --

- Graduation is scheduled to take place on the Oyibi campus near Accra on May 11, 2019. Please pray for the graduates as they begin their ministries.
- Please continue to pray for faculty wife, Therese Botchway, who is receiving treatment for cancer.
- Pray for wisdom as they seek to help a woman at Ziope whose husband severed both her arms with a machete and who is currently being cared for by a relative. She will need a prosthesis if she is ever to care for herself.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN HAITI

A Note from Ebed Paul, President of Mission Evangelique du Nord d’Haiti (MENH):

Thank you for your generous support for the ministry of MENH. Since Pastor Jean Berthony (Thony) Paul founded the ministry in 1971, our world continues to change. However, we have never wavered from our original mission “to build a future generation of Christian leaders to transform Haiti for Christ.” MENH has been instrumental in preaching the gospel throughout Haiti through our 21 churches and other ministries. By the grace of God and through your generous gifts, we have consistently assisted thousands of vulnerable children and adults spiritually, educationally and with health care services. Please accept the thanks from those we serve and from the volunteers, staff and the boards of directors and trustees of MENH.

Prayer requests --

- Pray for Pastor Thony and his wife as they continue medical treatment.
- Pray that the MENH school students participating in the May 18 Flag Day celebration will represent the school and mission in a positive way.
- Pray for a peaceful resolution to the civil unrest in Haiti.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE TRAINING OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS

EWI is currently serving 30 Bible schools, seminaries and other similar ministries by providing books and training materials in support of their programs.

The English language books for children and youth sent to the Los Angeles Bright (Christian) Academy in Oduwo, Kenya have been instrumental in enabling the children there to achieve the highest scores for English language proficiency of any school in the area.

All nineteen April graduates of a south Indian Bible school have begun their ministries in various parts of India. The undergraduates are involved in practical ministry for one month in their respective towns and villages before they return to campus on June 3rd. The principal expressed his gratitude for prayers and for your help in developing the library for the training of these students.

We have recently agreed to assist the Pastor’s Institute in North West Province, South Africa. The school currently offers certificate, diploma, and degree programs in Pastoral Studies to 57 students. Their library has a total of only 1,000 volumes and they have no support from other sources.

A relatively new Bible institute in northern Uganda was established for the purpose of equipping men for the pastorate, for church planting and for evangelism in refugee camps. The school has an average of 30 students per term and a total of about 50 books in their library. We have begun collecting books specific to their need.

A team from the accreditation board met recently at the Good news Oyibi campus near Accra. Dr. Oduro reported that the meeting was helpful and that the team was pleased with the number and quality of books at the library. Due to the anticipated arrival of many more books and bound journals from EWI, GNTS requested funding from East West InterKnit to help pay for additional library shelves. These were completed and installed shortly after the visit of the accreditation board team.

Currently we have a special need for books on English grammar, Greek and Hebrew grammars and lexicons, Bible commentaries, leadership, ethics, Christian counseling, ministry to children, preaching, systematic theology and much more.

Thank you for sharing your gently used books and other materials for the purpose of providing quality training for future pastors, evangelists, and other Christian workers. Please consider also helping EWI with the costs of shipping.

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