



# EAST WEST INTERKNIT™

SEE WHAT GREAT THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE!

*“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*

January 2020

## PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN INDIA

### Bethel Mission Extends the Love of Christ to Many

“By the grace of God and through your prayers, the Lord enabled us to bless the poor and needy during the Christmas season” reported Pastor Frank, of Bethel Mission in south central India. “Thank you so much for your prayers for all of our events. Please thank all those who participated in lending their support toward helping our ministry and let them know that we are very grateful for their kindness...”

Before the special Christmas events planned by Bethel Mission, their pastors visited hundreds of homes sharing the gospel and praying for people irrespective of caste or creed.



**On the 18th of December Pastor Frank and his team ministered to residents of a leprosy colony about an hour away from the mission. The picture on the left above shows 100 patients as they listen to Pastor Frank share the story of Jesus. The team also brought each man and woman at the colony a new outfit and prepared them a special meal shown being served by Pastor John Knox.**

The children’s Christmas program presented on the 21<sup>st</sup> was participated in by both the children and their parents. This was followed by a special women’s meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> during which 800 women each received a new sari and were treated to a special meal. Both the Christmas Eve and New Years Eve services were filled to overflowing with many seated outside the church. The mission served a meal to hundreds of poor people on Christmas day. Finally, all 85 children in the children’s homes and all pastors and their families received gifts of clothing.



**Just a portion of the crowd who attended the Christmas Eve service is pictured here.**

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST FOR JSCH:

Please continue to pray for Mary, wife of President David, currently undergoing her third radiation treatment for cancer. Pray also for those who fill in for them at the home when they travel for treatments. All December Christmas programs were canceled but have been rescheduled for February 8th. Please pray as well for the pastors as they visit homes throughout the area.

## PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN GHANA

### Good News from Good News Theological Seminary in Accra

Dr. Oduro reported that the regular full-time program of the seminary has “bounced back to life” with the enrollment of twenty three students from Nigeria’s Christ Holy Church International. He said, “It is a great joy to see students walking from the residential halls to classrooms, to the library, playing soccer, and worshipping vibrantly twice daily and attending half-night prayer services weekly.” The seminary has also added a student from neighboring Benin who resides on campus along with his wife and two children. A total of 112 students are currently enrolled in the various programs. Dr. Oduro added, “Indeed God is a prayer-answering God.”

The campus was described as a hub of activity during 2019. Campus facilities were made available to churches, other organizations, and individuals for camp meetings, Bible studies, conventions, retreats, soccer matches and more. The renting of seminary facilities provides income to help run the seminary. With your help, East West InterKnit was able to assist Good News Theological Seminary with the purchase of a much needed computer and additional shelving for the library as well as funds to supplement the Librarians salary, purchase some additional supplies, and provide some student scholarships.

#### For Prayer -

- \* The enrollment of additional female students;
- \* The need for more local sponsors of the seminary;
- \* Finding a volunteer librarian and a school registrar;
- \* The need for funds to complete staff housing;
- \* The need for a car for the use of the president.

## PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – EWI LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

### 2019 Book Report

4,604 books were boxed and shipped to thirty Bible schools and seminaries in 2019 at an average cost of \$2.49 per book. It is a privilege for us to pass your valued books on to those who would otherwise go without. We will, therefore, continue to ship theological books for the training of Christian workers especially in the developing world.

### Recent Notes of Gratitude

- \* “Our students are very excited and grateful for the donation. May God bless your ministry as you make these donations to us.” Dr. Peter Botes, The Pastors’ Institute, North West Province, South Africa
- \* “The fourteenth box arrived in good condition. Thank you very much. Because of your support, our library has become so much bigger now. Thank you.” (Ethnos Bible School library held a total of 100 books before we began shipping to them.) Rev. John Lung, Ethnos Bible School, Shan State, Myanmar
- \* “It gives us privilege to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your constant help to prepare SATCS students for the extension of Lord's kingdom. I personally thank you and your team members for taking time to help us. Here my students and I are sincerely and consistently praying for you all.” Dr. G. V. Suman, South Asia Theological College & Seminary, Hyderabad, India

## PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN WESTERN KENYA

### God Is Blessing the Work of Julian Orimbo

In mid-December Julian participated in organizing a five-day youth conference held in the new Oduwo assembly hall. There were more than 350 registered youths plus many others from the local community. Some of the participating teachers provided counsel to youth when a need became apparent. They played soccer, volleyball and other games outdoors when it wasn't raining and they organized skits and choirs when outdoor activities were not desirable. On the final day the youth led an inspiring church service. Sixteen young men and women were baptized during the conference.



Your financial assistance enabled East West InterKnit to assist Julian's Compassion Ministry team as they went out on Christmas day to share with twenty elderly individuals reported to be living in pathetic conditions. Each person visited was given a packet containing rice, sugar, tea, cooking oil and a bar of soap. The team found many of them sickly, bedridden, lacking proper shelter and in need of ongoing care. Those visited said this was a Christmas unlike any before and they thanked God for those who made this possible. Julian hopes to organize youth teams to continue to provide such desperately needed assistance.



## PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN HAITI

### Mission Evangelique du Nord d’Haiti (MENH)

Pastor Thony and his wife Marie have been in Montreal following their medical checkups and while waiting for the situation in Haiti to stabilize before returning. Thony reported that both are doing well following multiple surgeries and are anxious to return in late January to minister in Haiti.

Vice President Pastor Mathurin visited the mission in December and noted that while the political situation seems to be somewhat better many are struggling to provide food for themselves and their families.

President Ebed Paul shared the following:

2019 has been a challenging year for the country of Haiti. Nevertheless, because of your ongoing support, we were able to:

- \* Increase school enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. However, due to the unrest schools did not reopen for the fall term. School reopened January 6, 2020. The school day will be longer and students will also have to go on Saturday in order to make up for the lost semester. The mission would like to provide students with some food to sustain them during the longer days.
- \* Professionalize the MENH marching band: The marching band continued to function amidst the political turmoil because it has become an essential element within the community. The City Hall commissioned the marching band for major national holidays. The band also performs at funerals and other community events.
- \* Continue to work toward financial solvency: MENH closed 2018-2019 with an 80% reduction in the total debts and 100% of the teachers' back pay.
- \* Increase access to quality healthcare: Our medical clinic, Jehovah Jireh Health Center, provided free and affordable healthcare to thousands of patients this year- averaging 80 patients a day.
- \* Improve the efficient management and oversight of member churches: MENH organized three training conferences in Haiti for the pastors and workers of our 21 member churches. Amid the complicated situation in Haiti, God has miraculously touched many lives with an increase in church attendance, bringing over 300 people to a saving knowledge of Christ.

With the generous support of friends like you, we will be able to continue to partner with many for the Kingdom of God. Together with you, MENH is working toward a brighter future with programs in church ministries, education, healthcare, agriculture, and development. On behalf of the MENH family, we thank you for your partnership throughout 2019 and look forward to your continued support in the coming years.

- \* East West InterKnit is now able to accept security/stock donations. Those who wish to support our ministries in this way are urged to contact the office at 651-765-2550 or Sage Point Financial (Focal Point) at 651-426-7375.
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