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*"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done."
1 Chronicles 16:8*

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PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN GHANA Good News Theological Seminary (GNTS)

Thank you to the many who have donated your theological books for the benefit of overseas Bible schools and seminaries. EWI sent three shipments of books to GNTS in 2019 but the first two were held up in various ports for the entire year. Dr. Oduro has reported that all three finally arrived simultaneously and on January 21, 2020 the school picked up 130 boxes of quality books and academic journals. We now want to help them purchase additional shelving to accommodate this much appreciated addition to their library.

One of the greatest needs at Good News is for funding to provide scholarships for worthy students. Many are sent to Good News from African Instituted Churches (AIC's) who draw their members largely from the poorer groups of society and often find they are unable to help support those students. Consequently, the students struggle to keep up with paying school fees. A scholarship, sometimes just \$100, will enable a student to remain in school. The current librarian has a bachelor degree but is required to have a master's degree in library science in order to meet the requirements for school accreditation. She will need a scholarship in order to pursue that degree.

In addition to the full-time on-campus programs, Good News is conducting leadership training for pastors and lay leaders at several off-campus sites in the Volta region of Ghana. Forty-five participants representing ten churches recently attended a program led by six faculty members from Good News. One of the participants shared the following about his experience:

"I was a full fetish priest till I was converted to Christianity. I am in the church now but still feel inadequate. When the Skills Development Program came, I came and patiently and excitedly sat through months of study and I have realized God is good and education is good. It has transformed my way of thinking and interpreting the Bible. I can't wait for February when the second year begins. I thank God and the seminary. They came down to our level and made every effort for us to understand everything they taught."

How can we help?

- * Several computer lab computers are no longer working. With more students on campus this year there is a need to replace them as soon as possible.
- * The school would like to purchase a machine for cutting grass and weeds that grow prolifically and can harbor snakes and other critters. They are currently paying \$155 every time they hire someone to do the cutting. The machine would save the school a great deal of money over time and enable them to do the cutting whenever it is needed. They have requested help in the amount of \$1500 toward this need.
- * Please consider contributing to the GNTS scholarship fund to help worthy students prepare for effective ministry.

Meet Pastor Djowuoro



Pastor David Djowuoro gave up his position in Benin and arrived at Good News with his wife and two children in November of 2019. The support someone had promised did not come through and the family is currently without any income. Their predicament is even more dire now that his wife has developed some medical issues. He is anxious to remain at GNTS in order to prepare to serve God more effectively. Without a scholarship he may have to give up his dream and return to Benin.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN INDIA

Bethel Mission



A youth revival meeting was held on January 25 and 26 at the mission church and was led by a guest speaker who is well-known for his ministry to children and youth. Pastor Frank reported that the church was full each day and included people of other faiths who had an opportunity to learn of the love of Christ. They are shown here as they listen intently and at the close of the meeting more than 200 children and youth committed their lives to Christ. Pastor Frank asks us to pray that they stay strong and grow spiritually.

Within days of the youth event Bethel Mission launched its 12th annual Twenty-one Day Early Morning Prayer Campaign on the first of February. Every day between 500 and 600 adults arrived before the sun was up to spend a couple of hours in prayer. In addition to praying for the church, Pastor Frank said they prayed for a revival to break out throughout India and that many would come to know the Lord.

Bethel Mission provided transportation for those in need and, as this picture shows, participants lined up to receive the nourishing breakfast which the mission served each day to all who attended. Pastor Frank wrote to express his gratitude for the help East West InterKnit was able to provide toward “supporting the cause of the gospel.”



Jehovah Shammah Children’s Home

In a recent note, David, President of JSCH, reported that he, his wife Mary, and all the children are doing well by God’s grace. He has been sharing a little about the background of some of the children being cared for at



JSCH. Most of them come from single parent homes headed by day laborers who are able to earn only \$2-\$3 per day. Many children as young as 5 or 6 are pulled from school and forced to find a way to earn some money in order to survive unless someone can step in to help. JSCH is there for them. Often it is one of the JSCH affiliated pastors that discovers a family in crisis and recommends the home. JSCH is currently caring for thirty children and also ministers to the families of the children as they are able.

All five JSCH girls pictured here are from single parent homes led by mothers who are day laborers. When it became difficult to feed and care for their children, they

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brought them to the home where they are fed, clothed, provided education, and learn of the love of Jesus. The non-Christian mother of one is now attending a church because of the influence of her daughter.

These three boys are from similar backgrounds as the girls. The mother and siblings of the first boy have all become believers and are attending church. The mother of the second boy is showing interest after JSCH staff shared the gospel with her. Pray that she, too, will come to faith.

Current Prayer and Praise Items:

- * Thank you for your prayers for Mary, wife of JSCH President David. She has completed her radiation treatments and is said to be doing well.
- * JSCH has been able to raise about half of what is needed to maintain the home. An additional \$20 per month per child would ensure their continued care.



The Jehovah Shammah Children's Home (JSCH) President oversees the work of twelve village pastors and evangelists. Each is pastoring at least one church and has started additional small house churches in neighbor-

ing towns and villages. Several of these pastors were raised at the JSCH and received much of their biblical teaching under the ministry of the home president. The Christmas season offers them an opportunity to put on special programs for the benefit of the whole community. Many of the 2019 Christmas programs were held outdoors thus enabling many from the community to come and hear the gospel message in a non-threatening environment. Your gifts helped to make these special events possible.



PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN HAITI

News briefs from Mission Evangelique du Nord d'Haiti (MENH)

- * Pastor Ebed reported that many people have come to a saving knowledge of Christ during the months of political unrest and hardships faced by the Haitian population.
- * Construction is progressing on the main church in Plaine du Nord.
- * A new leader has been appointed as head of the church department. He is visiting and providing supervision for all 21 churches.
- * A new pastor has been appointed at the parent church at Plaine du Nord.
- * The mission is planning to hold its first annual pastors' conference in July after nearly 5 years without one.
- * The schools are now fully operational since having been closed for the fall term due to civil unrest.

Current Prayer Concerns:

- * Pray for students and teachers as they put in many extra hours to make up for the loss of the fall term.
- * Those who oversee the 14 schools and 21 churches would benefit greatly from having a vehicle.
- * Funds are still needed to complete construction on the Plaine du Nord church.
- * Band instruments are needed for the schools.
- * The mission office would benefit from having internet service.
- * The clinic needs some additional equipment.
- * The mission would love to have volunteer doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals come to Haiti to provide additional training and to serve alongside their staff.

MENH President Ebed Paul has expressed his gratitude to all who partner with them as they minister to the people of Haiti.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK – IN KENYA

Updates on the Work of Julian Orimbo

The Oduwo area frequently experiences times of drought followed by excessive rains. The current deluge has made it impossible to prepare fields in the area for planting. Consequently, food is scarce and prices have risen yet again. In late January, with your financial assistance, Julian was able to find and purchase corn, beans, rice, cooking oil and other groceries to feed the children. Now when she needs to replenish supplies, prices have climbed still higher, and sources are even more limited.

Sometime in 2019 we reported that the heavy rains caused the collapse of the small school administration building and damaged many school records. The school has begun construction of a new administration office and have begun to use it even though it is still unfinished. We would like to help them with funds to install the windows and doors needed for security.



An Oduwo evangelist is currently receiving training at the Bible school in Nairobi. The church is providing for his family but they cannot also pay the school fees for his children. East West InterKnit would like to provide the \$500 needed to cover the cost of sending all four children to school for one year.

Current Prayer and Praise Items:

- * One of the schoolteachers and wife of the pastor gave birth to a baby girl in February. She had an infection that could not be treated until after the birth. Please pray for healing and strength to care for the baby.
- * One of the 7-month old twin boys was seriously ill with malaria and a viral infection. Praise God for his restored health.
- * Pray that conditions will improve so they can plant crops to relieve the food shortage situation.
- * Pray for the evangelist and his family as he continues his studies in Nairobi while his family stays in Oduwo.
- * Pray for the funding to ensure an adequate food supply, that the children can remain in school and the administration building can be secured.

- * 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.
- * You may also support EWI through the **Amazon Smile program** by making your Amazon purchases at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1772214> Those who wish to make credit card donations may do so safely via **JustGiving** on our website. You will also find an option for giving via **PayPal** on our website.
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