

“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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FOCUS ON SOUTH INDIA

The 16th annual 21 Days Early Morning Prayer Campaign began on the first of February. Every morning the church was filled to capacity as people came to worship and to pray. The mission provided transportation for those who needed it. A light meal was served each day following the service.

Pastor Frank has begun holding special meetings for parents in which the challenges faced by both children and parents today are addressed from a biblical perspective. They then spend time in prayer for their children and for their families. These have been well attended and Pastor Frank has been encouraged to know that parents are being equipped to deal with current issues.



Hundreds of people attended a free medical health camp at the church led by a team of doctors and nurses from a well-known hospital. Free surgery was provided for those who needed it. The church follows up with patients needing medicines and provides them free of charge. One of the branch churches has also launched another medical ministry to people of limited means providing them free checkups and treatment in addition to necessary medicines. East West InterKnit sends funds to help support these and other ministries of the mission.

One of the Indian pastors affiliated with another Ministry Partner in South India traveled to a major Hindu pilgrimage site where thousands of people were gathered to worship one of their gods and dip in what they believe to be holy water. He spent two days there distributing tracts and sharing the gospel despite opposition and many threats on his life. East West InterKnit provides a

small monthly supplement for this pastor and others to help with travel expenses, literature and other ministry expenses. The same pastor held special outdoor meetings near his church and reported that many non-Christians there heard the gospel message.

Children from one of the four children's homes in South India assisted by East West InterKnit



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KENYA — FAITH AND HOPE MINISTRIES

2023 was, in many ways, a very challenging year for Julian and the ministries in Oduwo and yet, with the Lord's help, much was accomplished. The church baptized 103 people during the year and witnessed several families being reunited. Julian credits outreach events, youth programs, seminars, a counseling ministry, and the influence of the school for pointing people to Christ. Often invitations of children from the school or from those in their Sunday school program opened doors for holding Bible studies in homes. The church added several church services during the year. They have also mapped areas where they will begin evangelizing with the goal of eventually planting new churches.

East West InterKnit has had the privilege of walking beside this ministry as they take the message of Christ into their community. We have shipped dozens of English Bibles for their use and sent funds to help them purchase Bibles in the local language for distribution. By sending them funds to help purchase food and for development of the farm they have been able to provide lunches for all the school children, which in turn opens doors for ministering to the families. Conferences, seminars, and youth events funded in part by East West InterKnit have been instrumental in pointing many to the Savior.

For praise and prayer:

- * Praise God for the influence of the school in the community and for the success of its students.
- * Pray for the completion of the dining hall and development of the school library and the computer lab.
- * Praise God for the success of the small business project which enables women of the church to feed the elderly and put food on their own tables.
- * Pray for the preparation and planting of gardens that produce crops to feed the school children.
- * Pray for the Lord's leading to the right area in which to plant a church in 2024.

EAST WEST INTERKNIT LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

EWI continues to collect gently used books you no longer need for the benefit of Bible schools and seminaries in Asia and Africa. These schools typically either do not have access to the kind of material needed or do not have the resources to purchase material that is available. We have shipped more than 90,250 books to 35 schools or ministries and continue to receive requests from others.

One such request came in 2022 from a school in Nigeria that was offering a three-year diploma in biblical studies to about 20 students. They reported that they had just ten books in their library. We have sent 228 books that are now being used by faculty, students, and by religious leaders in the community. Bibles they receive from us are distributed to people in the community by the students as they engage in evangelistic outreach.

We can use Bible commentaries, Greek and Hebrew language material, Bible atlases, study Bibles and Bible dictionaries, as well as books on systematic theology, church history, Christian ethics, apologetics, leadership, preaching, counseling and more. For a complete list of topics desired see our website or contact us at info@ew-interknit.org.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

First of all, you can pray for them as they faithfully serve on the front lines, in far more difficult circumstances than most of us can begin to imagine, willingly sacrificing not only their own comfort and convenience, but also often at risk to their own health and well-being.

Secondly, and equally important, as you are able and you feel led you can provide funds to support the following pressing financial needs:

- * Scholarships for worthy students at the seminary in Ghana.
- * The debt is crippling the MENH Clinic in Haiti; they cannot continue without financial assistance.
- * The MENH schools need funds to cover back pay for teachers and help with other expenses.
- * Schools and ministries in Asia and Africa are eager to receive Bibles and other donated books that are packed and only await funds to ship them.
- * Funds are needed to support the children at the four homes in India and Julian's home in Kenya as well as to support the outreach of native pastors and evangelists in India.