

*“Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;
make known among the nations what He has done.” I Corinthians 16:18*

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FOCUS ON INDIA

The church in India is increasingly under threat. The ruling party led by Hindu extremists believes that to be Indian is to be Hindu and that all non-Hindus should either leave or die. They continue to pass more and more restrictions on what churches can and cannot do. Anti-conversion laws in many states have made it possible to accuse Christians of a crime if they share their faith. This often results in Christians being violently attacked and the perpetrator being set free.

Nevertheless, our partners in India continue to work hard to find ways to reach the unreached. The free medical clinics, food distribution programs, vocational training options, children’s homes and other children’s programs all open doors for sharing the gospel. Door to door visitation, distribution of gospel tracts, and occasional outdoor meetings are other methods of engaging the unreached with the Good News.

David, our partner in southeast India, uses a variety of methods. The children’s home he operates provides opportunities to minister not only to the children but also to their extended families. He provides periodic training for ten or more pastors and with the help of East West InterKnit provides funding for some of their ministry expenses and for literature for distribution. East West InterKnit also provides about 85% of the cost of running the children’s home.



Ministry at a Leper Home

In late March, he and his associates went to a nearby town to spend time with 55 people suffering from leprosy. Their fellowship with them included a time of singing and a message. Most of these people make a living by begging but are unable to do much of that during the hot season when the temperatures each day rise to the mid 90’s and higher. Our partner responded to their request for help by combining funds raised locally with funds from East West Interknit to provide each person with a bag of groceries. We hope to be able to assist in May when they plan to do this again.

Another partner, in a different region of India, cares for 100 children, runs a tailoring school and a year-round computer school, offers free medical help, provides food for the poor, and oversees 64 branch churches. During the last week of March he reported that they were allowed to hold services without hindrance from local authorities during which 33 new believers were baptized. The baptisms were held in an enclosed area not visible to outsiders who might take offense and cause trouble for the church and for those being baptized.

His care of, and ministry to, children has reached thousands. They are preparing for a children's gospel club in May that regularly attracts hundreds of children. It is a way for newcomers to be introduced to the gospel through Bible stories, songs, and Bible memorization. Pray that they will be able to do this without challenges from local officials.

Special Prayer Concerns

- Pray for the work and the safety of the pastors in India as they continue to distribute literature and visit with unreached people.
- Pray for preparation for the children's gospel club that has the potential to reach hundreds of kids.
- Pray for the ministry to lepers being carried on by both partners in India.
- Pray for new believers especially in India as they often face persecution from the community and rejection from family.
- Pray for a resolution to the continuing chaotic political situation in Haiti that is affecting all aspects of life and of the ministry of our partners there.
- Pray for the ministry of Julian in Kenya as she seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of 300+ school children, 33 orphans, vulnerable elderly, in addition to leading women's groups and more.

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO OUR MINISTRY.

We are excited that God is using East West InterKnit together with our partners here and abroad to take an active part in the amazing things He is doing. East West InterKnit has been providing the supplemental support that encourages our partners and allows them to fully fund these and many other programs designed to plant, nurture and multiply communities of believers, train future leaders, and address the needs of those to whom our partners minister. Your prayer and financial support is helping to change lives in India as well as in Haiti, Kenya, and Ghana. We are very grateful for each one who has joined with us to make this possible. Paul shared the same sentiment as he wrote to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel." Philippians 1, verses 3 to 5a

However, our financial support is falling behind. If this continues we may have to cut back on assistance to the children's homes, on feeding programs at the school in Kenya, support that keeps the school in Haiti functioning, and for the work of the pastors and evangelists. Yes! God is their provider but He works through His followers, so if the Lord leads, please consider a special gift at this time. This would enable us to continue helping them to do the work to which God has called them. You can give online at our website—<https://ew-interknit.org/donate>

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