

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN HAITI

Mission Evangelique du Nord d’Haiti in Plaine du Nord (MENH)

Following a recent visit to Port au Prince, UN children’s fund director, Lillian Russell, reported on “unprecedented hunger and malnutrition, grinding poverty, a crippled economy, resurgence of cholera, and massive insecurity that creates a downward spiral of deadly violence.” Gang violence continues to increase with killings, rapes, and kidnappings so far in 2023 more than double those in the same period in 2022. Russell also noted that the government’s plea for international assistance has so far gone unanswered.

Despite the desperate situation in Haiti, MENH has made every effort to keep its schools, clinic, and churches open and, as resources permit, to meet the needs of people in their area. The agricultural project is already beginning to benefit local families and will be expanded to involve all those who are part of MENH.

The MENH leadership team led by President Ebed Paul is making plans for a three-day conference, currently scheduled to take place in November. They plan to present plans and provide training to all pastors, administrators, schoolteachers, and clinic staff, about one hundred people in all. The exorbitant price of a very limited



supply of gasoline and the rising cost of a limited food supply due to the violence continue to be a serious problem and may make it difficult for some of their people to attend.

Because the schools in Haiti were closed all this past fall, the current school year has been extended through August to attempt to complete a year’s worth of material. Grades 5, 8, and 12 students will be taking national exams. All other grades take school sponsored exams. Pray that the children will be able to absorb the material and do well on their exams. They will have a two to three week break before returning to school for the fall term.

Current Prayer Concerns

- * Pray for the preparation for the conference, for the resources to transport and feed 100 people, and for safety.
- * Pray for additional trained workers to pastor some of the churches and to do the work of evangelism.
- * Pray that the clinic will be able to meet its expenses while continuing to serve the poor of the community.
- * Pray that the children not only learn a year’s worth of material but that they understand and respond to the message of the gospel as taught in the school.
- * Pray for the family and friends of high school student Rock Henry Michel who drowned during a school outing this week.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN SOUTH-CENTRAL INDIA

Bethel Mission

In June Bethel Mission held a week-long “Children’s Gospel Club” in the main sanctuary of the church. Approximately 500 children attended.



On the 5th day the children were taken by bus to a nearby lake for games, swimming, and lunch.

Performances during the grand finale on Sunday night allowed the children to share some of what they had learned with their parents and friends. At the closing each child was presented with a gift followed by a time of fellowship and treats.

For Praise and Prayer

* Thank God for the 18 teachers and 12 additional volunteers who made this program possible.

- * Pray that the children will remember what they learned and that they will grow in faith.
- * Eleven-year-old Sam Moses, one of the children’s home boys, hurt his left eye during playtime at school. He was immediately rushed to a local eye specialist where they were advised to seek the assistance of a specialist 55 miles away in Bangalore. He has had two surgeries and now they are waiting to see if his vision will be completely restored. Please pray for the healing of his eye.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN KENYA

The ministry of Julian Orimbo in Oduwo

During the month of June an outbreak of mumps among the schoolchildren nearly forced Julian to close the school. Then Julian, the teachers, many in the church, and nearly all the children in the boarding house became infected with a variety of Influenza. Julian reported that there are no clinics or hospitals in the area and no vehicle capable of navigating the bad roads. Even with help from East West InterKnit to cover the cost of medical expenses and the purchase of first aid supplies, those supplies are now nearly gone.

When nearly a month had elapsed with no word from Julian, we were quite concerned for her wellbeing. Then a note arrived explaining what had happened. Her phone died at the same time as protests over rising inflation and government inaction erupted throughout the country. She could not send an email from a nearby town because the power was out, and she could not get to the town where her phone could be serviced. She added that markets and shops were closed, hospitals were not functional and government services were shut down. When she finally was able to go for phone repair, she said that the destruction she witnessed in that town was shocking.



These children are being served lunch at the entrance to the dining hall. They continue to eat outside when it is not raining. Because of so many other priorities the dining hall still awaits completion.

Julian shares the difficulties they continue to experience but her focus remains on the fact that God has pulled them through. “I know I am not serving God in the comfort of this world, but I get inspired when I see a smile on a little face that believes once inside the gates of Bright Angels Academy he or she is assured of a day’s meal, good friends, and a future through education. The food supplement you send to us has brought joy not only to us but throughout the Oduwo community. Your contribution has made it possible for many to remain in school.”

For Praise and Prayer

- * Praise God for safety during the unrest.
- * Praise God for many transformed lives through the gospel and through other ways they minister to the people.
- * Pray that the crops will dry and be ready for harvesting by the third week of August.
- * Pray for the resources to complete the Junior High lab, to pay High School fees in August, to replenish their dispensary, and to provide shoes, clothes, blankets, mosquito nets and food for many of the children.
- * It appears the poultry project is on target for making a profit. Pray that this project will continue to develop and lead to greater self-sufficiency.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN GHANA

Good News Theological Seminary in Accra (GNTS)

The GNTS 21st graduation ceremony was held on the 8th of July, 2023. It was the first to be held after the Covid-19 pandemic so it was highly anticipated and, therefore, well-attended.



A Bachelor of Theology graduate receiving an award certificate from Dr. Oduro

In the opening address, Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Oduro gave a brief profile of Good News Theological Seminary, a report of activities over the past year, and some projections for the future. Rev. Eric Annum, the guest speaker, pointed out that the theme for the ceremony was in line with the mission statement of the seminary, which is to produce servant leaders for Africa, and he emphasized that societies require not just leaders, but servant leaders who are faithful. He presented eight recommended actions that, if followed faithfully, would position the graduates for success.

In his note to us following the ceremony Dr. Oduro stated, “We praise the Lord for a successful graduation ceremony, devoid of rainfall and electricity switch-off.” It was the most well attended graduation ceremony in the history of the school.

Current Prayer Concerns

- * Funds to complete a staff duplex.
- * Funds to purchase metal shelves for the library to house a backlog of books still in boxes.
- * Ability to set up a research fund for the lecturers to do research and publication.

Fifty individuals graduated from various programs as follows:

- * Thirteen from the Bachelor of Theology Program.
- * Thirteen from the Diploma in Pastoral Ministry Program.
- * Twenty-four from the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program.

Special Awards were presented to about a dozen students for their good work.



Professor Humphrey Akogyeram and Jennifer Opoku, Registrar, prepare to hand out sets of gift books funded by East West InterKnit to the graduates

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