

*“Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too that God may open a door for our message.”
Colossians 4:2-3a*

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NEWS FROM PLAINE DU NORD, HAITI



Northern Haiti, the home of Mission Evangelique du Nord d’Haiti (MENH), was spared the worst of Hurricane Laura when it passed over them. There was no loss of life in their area, but crops were devastated, animals were killed, and homes were damaged. The loss of crops is particularly problematic since food was already in such short supply. EWI has sent some help to enable the mission to purchase food as needed and will continue to monitor that situation.

Though the MENH clinic has remained open, it has been short of supplies. We have been able to provide them with some of the necessary supplies and equipment and President Ebed Paul reported that he was able to find a company willing to donate one microscope and a centrifuge which he received with great joy. They still need additional equipment, including another microscope and an autoclave. We are seeking funds to help purchase these expensive items.

While we speak of meeting the physical needs of the people, we also want you to know that their spiritual needs are not being neglected. Every morning the staff members of the clinic, the schools, and the sewing school meet for devotions and for prayer. This is followed by a time of devotion and prayer with all students and patients before they begin their studies or treatment. The pastors are doing what they can to minister to those they serve as well.

THE CHURCH HAS REOPENED IN ODUWO, KENYA

Your financial gifts have allowed the church at Oduwo to disinfect the building, meet all additional requirements of the Ministry of Health, and pass an inspection. It was with “joy and gladness of Spirit” that the church was able to reopen on the 9th of August. Julian reported that many came early hoping to be seated inside. Many people stood outside during the entire service because of limitations on the number permitted inside. People from other African indigenous groups who have not been able to open their places of worship have also been coming.

Due to the great demand, Julian reported that they are now having three services and that all are full. The government has permitted children from age 6 and older to attend the services. The number of new converts keeps rising and many have been baptized. One of those baptized had been a staunch critic of the faith. Julian said people are amazed at the great change in his life. He now defends the faith with passion and has opened his home for Bible studies for his friends.



The members of a sister congregation in another area were not allowed to open their church for worship so they started meeting in small group Bible studies. However, many of their members did not have Bibles. When Julian learned this, she asked if EWI could help. With funds sent, she was able to provide Bibles in the local language for each person who needed one.

For Praise –

Julian reported that last month they harvested a very successful bean crop and this month the rain ended long enough for them to harvest

the corn crop. They are extremely grateful. This will be a relief for Julian as she provides for the 43 children in her care.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND MINISTRIES IN NARSAPUR, INDIA

David, President of Jehovah Shammah Children's Home (JSCH), delivered bags of rice and trays of eggs to the families of the children. In talking to them he learned that many are often getting just one meal a day because the parents are unable to get any regular work. He also learned that the children are reading their Bibles and attending church when permitted. One of the girls shared Christ with her mother and grandmother who both came to faith and are attending church when possible. They are facing challenges but are standing firm in the faith. David said the children are very eager to come back to the home as soon as it is permitted.

The village pastors are still said to be having a difficult time but your financial gifts made it possible to send sufficient funds so that David was able to help each pastor. Most of the churches have not yet been permitted to open but the pastors are meeting with small groups and are encouraging people in word and in prayer. We want to continue to provide a supplement to ensure that these faithful pastors are able to feed their families and meet other basic needs.

For Prayer -

- School is scheduled to reopen this month but David doubts that can happen as the number of cases of COVID19 are rapidly increasing. He said there are currently more than 9,000 new cases per day in his state.
- Pray for the children who are anxious to return.
- Pray also for David's wife, Mary, as she is still having problems following surgery.



THE BOOK REPORT

We have continued to collect your donated books for overseas libraries during the pandemic. However, until very recently most ports have been closed for receiving shipments, so we have a backlog of boxes waiting to be shipped. As ports begin to reopen once again, we will be able to move out some of the boxes to make room for incoming books. A gift in any amount to cover shipping costs would be most helpful as we begin to send the books to those who are eagerly awaiting these valuable resources.

From a seminary in Nagaland, India: "The pandemic is felt for real even here in Nagaland now with several deaths and a few thousand infected. We are still under lockdown with many restrictions, so we are all working from home. We launched our online classes two weeks ago as we could no longer wait for the physical opening up of educational institutions. With internet connectivity an issue in this part of the world, we are facing challenges as many students are not able to access the classes online."

From Good News Theological Seminary in Ghana: Having received supplies enabling them to disinfect the campus and to provide masks and sanitizers, they opened the campus for in-person classes. Although they would prefer to offer online classes, they do not yet have the equipment needed. Pray for the safety of all at Good News and at many of the other schools attempting to open.

From the head of a children's library in India: "We miss the kids. And for many weeks, children used to come checking whether the library is open. They had to go back disappointed."

Many of the Bible schools we serve have also opened children's homes, elementary schools, child development centers, and other ministries in their communities in addition to training pastors and Christian workers. They ask for our prayers.

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