

“We continually remember before our God and Father, your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 1:3

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GOOD NEWS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ACCRA, GHANA



Rev. Dr. Oduro, President, seated third from right in front row, shared the following news and prayer requests:

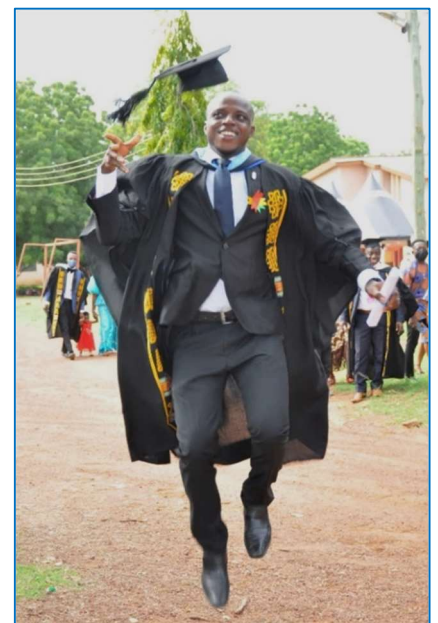
“The 20th graduation event was held on 3rd July 2021. It was the most colorful and successful of all the graduation events of the seminary. Prior to the event we prayed and asked God for clear weather devoid of rainfall. God listened to our prayer.” The guest speaker spoke on the theme of this year’s graduation, *Ministering with integrity in the midst of nominal Christianity and Covid-19*. Of the 48 graduates 11 were females and 24 were from Nigeria.

- Praise God for His provision and protection for the Good News family.
- Praise God for His leading of the seminary for fifty years and for the impact the alumnae have had on society.
- Pray that prospective students will answer the call of God on their lives and have the courage to answer the call to attend the seminary.
- Pray that God would provide funding for scholarships or sponsors for needy students.



- Pray for God’s guidance and provision as the seminary plans for many activities during the 50th anniversary celebration in the fall.

Books provided by EWI were distributed to the grads



THE MINISTRY OF JULIAN ORIMBO, ODUWO, KENYA

In addition to establishing a church, an orphanage, various ministries to the elderly, widows, and youth, Julian started the Los Angeles Bright Academy now serving about 300 children from pre-school to grade 8.

From This....

The old school kitchen, with leaking roof, was demolished sometime after January 2021.

A new building was started that would house a kitchen and include a dining hall for the children. However, they could only do the work when funds were available.



To This....

With the help of EWI they had the funds needed to purchase the roofing materials and to pay the laborers.

To This....

The new kitchen and dining hall is not complete but can be used as is until the mission can raise enough to finish the building. In the meantime, the children will be able to enjoy their lunch inside out of the rain.

For prayer and praise:

- Julian was diagnosed with a heart condition in July but is receiving treatment and has experienced some relief. Thank God for this measure of healing and pray for her as she makes decisions about her work.
- Pray for health and safety of the 300 + students that have returned to school for the new term following just a ten-day break. Pray also for the high school students who have returned to their boarding schools.
- The church has been allowed to reopen, although with reduced numbers according to Covid protocols.

Your gifts enabled EWI to help provide the supplies and toiletries the high school girls needed before returning to school and made it possible for the teachers to purchase books needed for the new syllabus.



Julian's High School girls ready for school



Los Angeles Bright Academy teacher with new books

MISSION ÉVANGÉLIQUE DU NORD D'HAÏTI (MENH)

While still reeling from the assassination of President Jovenal and dealing with pervasive gang violence and civil unrest, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest region of Haiti on the morning of August 14th killing more than 2,200 people and leaving 650,000 people in need of emergency humanitarian assistance. Over 130,000 homes were destroyed, and 250 hospitals and schools were badly damaged or destroyed. Two days after the quake tropical storm Grace drenched thousands who had been left homeless and without shelter. The greatest needs now are for shelter, food, water, and medical care, followed by clearing debris and restoring essential infrastructure.

Although the majority of the MENH churches and schools are situated in the north and did not suffer losses, EWI will cooperate with the MENH administration as they participate in relief efforts for those affected by the quake. Please consider a special gift toward this effort.

The MENH administration has been working with its school administrators to raise the standard of education in its schools and to improve the school facilities. The plan is to start with the school in Plaine du Nord with the goal of becoming a top 4 school within 4 years. Toward this end they are hiring more highly qualified teachers. New students will be required to take entrance exams and demonstrate a desire to learn. They are currently completing improvements to the library and are in the process of adding a computer lab. Your recent gifts have enabled EWI to contribute toward teachers' salaries, the installation of electric wiring and ceiling fans, and new flooring in the library. They plan to reopen for the fall term on September 13th unless the situation in the country makes it too dangerous to do so.

For prayer:

- Continue to pray for the pastors whose salaries have been greatly reduced or non-existent, and for the mission in its attempts to help meet these urgent needs.
- Pray for those who are suffering following the earthquake and for MENH's efforts to help.
- Pray for peace in the country and for a cessation of gang violence allowing for schools to reopen, for help to safely reach disaster victims, and for people to safely go about their business.

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH CHILDREN'S HOME AND MINISTRIES, SOUTHEAST INDIA



The JSCH pastors are holding church services, conducting weekly fasting and prayer meetings, and visiting households. They cannot get permission to hold larger evangelistic meetings at this time. They could distribute tracts or other literature but have not been able to purchase them. The pastors have seen their incomes reduced to almost nothing according to President David. When the members of their churches, primarily day laborers, cannot work, they are not able to give to the church. David has appealed to us to help rescue them.

David's plan to begin distributing aid to children, pastors and others was delayed due to his having contracted the Covid 19 virus. Although still regaining strength, he participated in distributing food to between 80 and 90 lepers in a colony near his town. This was followed by distribution of food to about 20 JSCH children and their families. Each family received bags of rice, lentils, oil, sugar, spices, and soaps. Nearly every family has been without work during the pandemic.

David reported that the local schools opened on the 16th of August but that very few children are attending. Because children's homes are not yet permitted to open in their state at this time, the majority of the JSCH children remain in the countryside with relatives and do not have the opportunity to attend school.

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For prayer and praise:

- Praise God for the recovery of David and his wife Mary from Covid 19. Pray for a renewal of their strength.
- Pray for opportunities for the pastors to share the good news in spite of the many restrictions.
- Pray for God's continued provision for the pastors and for the children and their families.
- Pray that the door will open for the children to return.

BETHEL MISSION – KOLAR GOLD FIELDS, INDIA

According to the 2011 census of India, Christians make up about 2.3% of the population of India. However, Pastor Frank, the head of Bethel Mission, estimates the Christian population of Kolar Gold Fields to be about 25%. Much of that growth has occurred in the last 25 years with the expansion of the mission. There are now 45 branch churches under their supervision and each of these has planted satellite churches throughout the region.

Bethel Mission started a children's home and, over time, was able to start two additional homes, one in a nearby town and the other in a more distant village. They currently house a total of 100 children. Since they began about 25 years ago, they have raised about 800 children. Many of these children, whose Bible school education was sponsored by the mission, have become pastors and evangelists.

The Covid 19 pandemic has brought much misery to everyone but has been particularly hard on those referred to as day laborers. These are non-salaried people whose slogan is "today we work, today we earn, today we eat." When the lockdown was ordered all work stopped and nothing was put in place to provide for these people. Pastor Frank said, "we have seen with our eyes how people have suffered due to loss of jobs which has created a crisis in many families." The church is continuing to do its part by providing provisions to those who come seeking help. "God was so gracious to supply the needs in the midst of this pandemic by miraculously providing us at the appropriate time so we lacked nothing." He expressed his thanks to the EWI family not only for help during this crisis but for "supporting the cause of the gospel."

For prayer:

- Pray for the health and safety of the 100 children in the Bethel Mission Children's homes led by Pastor Frank
- Pray for their ministry in a leper colony and rehabilitation center.
- Pray for Pastor Isaac, a Bethel Mission pastor, who lost his wife to Covid-19.
- A Bethel Mission pastor working in a resistant tribal region died due to the virus. Pray for Pastor Babu, who is now caring for the little church.
- Praise God for the new church plant located in an unreached region as "people are beginning to come to know the Lord."
- Praise God for the Bethel Mission pastors in other areas who are reaching out into the surrounding areas to preach the gospel despite many challenges and much opposition.

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