

“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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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for your participation with us as we continue to come alongside our partners who serve faithfully with very limited resources and often in the face of open hostility. Despite these challenges God is opening doors and enabling them to share the gospel message, to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ, and to show love by helping those in need. Your prayers and financial assistance are a vital part of this work.

We received this note from a South Asian partner: “The activities of the fundamentalists are increasing day by day. Street preaching has become much more difficult, but our pastors continue despite the opposition.” In late August two people came to Christ after listening to street preaching and reading Christian literature they had been given. They and two other new believers were baptized by one of the pastors. Your gifts make it possible to provide these pastors with literature for distribution and other tools to aid in reaching the unreached.

Another ministry in India supports a growing urban church, a village outreach ministry, and a child development center (CDC) serving 150 children. The CDC children receive help with their schoolwork, a meal, hygiene items, school supplies, and clothing if needed. The teachers lead devotions with the children each day.

East West InterKnit supports their work by sending Bibles, books for pastors and teachers, material for discipling new believers, and Christian children’s books.

Due to the concern for security, our partner felt she could not share more details of the ministry or provide close-up photos.

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THE BOOK REPORT

Thanks for your generous response to our request for books. We have received over 2,440 donated books since the beginning of 2023. In addition to the 136 boxes already shipped to six countries in Africa and nine states in India this year, we have 50 more boxes ready to send when funds are available.

Notes from schools that have received boxes of books:

The principal of a school in Nigeria wrote to say, "The box I just received contains excellent study materials. Please continue to send books for our school."

A seminary in India started the new school term with 330 students from many parts of the country and many cultures. Most face political unrest, religious persecution, and financial challenges. Among the new students are six refugees from the Rohingya community. They fled extreme persecution from the regime in Myanmar and made their way to the school to prepare for ministry. This seminary has received over 1,100 books from East West InterKnit.

From South India: "We are grateful to you for your faithful support of the ministry. The books are beneficial for our students. May the Lord continue to use you as a channel of blessing to His people."

Pastor Moses, Principal of Vision Bible College in Soroti, Uganda wrote, "Your books are doing great help for our students and our Library has greatly improved." Their 2nd year Diploma class is pictured here.



FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Julian Orimbo (Kenya) reported that one of their church members, a woman in her thirties and the family breadwinner, succumbed to malaria leaving behind six children. Please pray for the family and for the church as they seek to help.
- Praise God for the apparent success of the poultry project launched with the help of East West InterKnit. Julian said, "I thank God I have not lost any birds since starting to keep them." The income from this project helps provide for the needs of the school.
- Pray for the people of Haiti. Violence continues to escalate choking the nation's supply lines, causing the price of food and energy to spike. People are perishing while the UN tries to decide how deal with the situation.
- Pray for the adjustment of the six new children admitted to the Jehovah Shammah Children's Home in September.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- The Mission Evangelique du Nord d' Haiti (MENH) school in Plaine du Nord, Haiti had to pay US \$3,000 for the funeral of the student who drowned during a school field trip. Friends and former students raised nearly \$1,000 but the mission had to borrow \$2,000 from the teacher's salary fund. To pay the teachers this month we need to raise an additional \$2,000.
- The Haiti clinic treats all patients whether they can pay or not. Recently a victim of a motorcycle accident was brought to the clinic where they did initial treatment. Due to the severity of his fractures he had to be moved to a larger hospital. The MENH clinic paid his hospital bill because the patient had no way to pay. Because they offer reduced rates to most patients, they are unable to maintain the clinic without financial assistance from East West InterKnit.
- Forty-nine of Julian's students in Kenya must take national exams in October at a cost of US \$400.00. A women's seminar led by Julian is also scheduled for October. To provide for the seminar and enable students to take exams, we need an additional \$700 over and above what we normally send for food and supplies.
- For several months the government of India did not allow funds to be sent to the Jehovah Shammah Children's Home. East West InterKnit would like to raise the \$1,500 needed to pay off the debt they incurred during the delay.