

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN SOUTH INDIA

In June of 2021 Bethel Mission in South India reported having 45 branch churches scattered across three southern states and one in New Delhi. Today they have 56. Pastor Frank devotes some of his time to visiting these pastors to encourage them. Several pastors are responsible for multiple churches. One pastor recently planted a church in an area that previously had no church of any kind. Due to unrelenting pressure from non-Christian sources, however, the mission is planning to focus more attention on efforts in two neighboring states where they have a foothold and find it easier to do ministry.



The photo above shows the youth meeting hosted at the home church on October 24th. It was attended by 600 young people who listened to the preaching of the Word, shared in fun activities, and were treated to a nice lunch.

Please Pray —

1. For the ongoing programs of Bethel Mission that meet the needs of the people and, in doing so, open the door for sharing the gospel:
 - * Weekly medical clinic;
 - * The computer training center; and
 - * A women’s empowerment program that offers free tailoring classes.
2. One of the three children’s homes extends care to the neighborhood children as well as to the home children. This has led to the planting and growth of a church in that town.
3. And for the mission as they plan for the year end programs including both Christmas and New Year events, the annual help for as many as 800 widows, provision of clothing and gifts for the 100 home children and help for their pastors.

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Jehovah Shammah Children’s Home (JSCH) and Affiliated Ministries

In our last newsletter we asked for prayer for fruitful ministries despite harassment from anti-Christian elements. God has blessed their efforts; there has been good response and several new believers have been baptized. The pastors regularly go from village to village and door to door sharing the gospel message and distributing gospel literature. They have run out of literature and have asked for our help to purchase Bibles in the local language and other literature for distribution. Just \$150.00 will provide the pastors with what they need.

A local non-Christian group is putting pressure on officials to force them to tear down the church building used by a congregation led by one of the JSCH pastors. The church leaders are trying to reach an amicable settlement rather than wait for a court settlement. Court cases of this nature tend to drag on for years. Please pray for an end to the dispute and for the protection of the building.

The children at Jehovah Shammah Children’s Home are adjusting well. President David reported that they did well on recent school exams. They are also participating in Sunday school and in daily devotions at the home and are learning Bible stories, action songs, and prayers.

In July we told you about the need to build another room on the JSCH house to accommodate some of the boys. David reported that the room has been completed and is now occupied. Your gifts helped make this possible.

These pictures David sent show the new room and the happy faces of the new occupants.



PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN GHANA

Good News Theological Seminary (GNTS)

The mission of Good News Theological Seminary, in Accra, Ghana is to provide sound Christ-centered biblical, theological, and pastoral education, primarily but not exclusively, to leaders of African Instituted Churches (AICs). These are the fastest growing churches in Africa and GNTS has been the only school providing training for their leaders. The staff and faculty of GNTS have been visiting and worshipping with AICs for the purpose of informing them about the seminary and to encourage them to send their pastors or leaders to the seminary since many of them have not had any prior theological training. Pray that many more students from these churches would enroll, be trained, and return to effectively lead their congregations.

In addition to the Bachelor of Theology, Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, and Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, GNTS offers Theological Education by Extension (TEE) at various sites. Recently thirty-eight students completed this course and were granted certificates.

Inflation continues to create challenges for the administration, staff, and faculty of the seminary. Supporting churches have not been able to meet their financial commitments to the school. Staff and faculty have not had a salary increase since 2005. The cost of transportation has forced 8 lecturers to purchase cell phone data allowing them to teach from home since they cannot afford the cost of going to and from the campus.

For Prayer —

- * The seminary is applying for re-accreditation and for chartering. Pray they will be able to meet all requirements.
- * Pray for the enrollment of additional students.

- * Pray for additional churches who will support the seminary.
- * Pray for Bishop Sechi Boateng, the new chairman of the alumni association, whose task will be to organize the alumni “to become a dynamic wing of the seminary.”

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN KENYA

Faith and Hope Ministries in Oduwo led by Julian Orimbo

Since sometime in August Julian has been holding a 45-minute Bible study every evening with a large group of teens. She has also been meeting weekly to teach young mothers. During the month of October, a total of twenty teenagers who have been part of the Bible study group committed their lives to Christ and were baptized. We have been informed that there is a great need for Bibles among them. Most are able to use English Bibles. Your gently used Bibles can be sent for approximately \$5 per Bible. We also want to provide funding to enable Julian to purchase Bibles in the local language for those who cannot use English Bibles. Please pray for Julian and the teens as she continues to disciple them.

Their school, known as Los Angeles Bright Academy, received word that the Director of Education was considering approving them for adding a junior high school. After being evaluated and advised on a few things they needed to do, they were approved and given an official certificate enabling them to register students. Some work has begun on building the new classroom. Additional construction materials have been ordered but cannot be collected until paid in full. They are hoping to have the building ready by sometime in January and will need some help to cover the cost of materials.

Julian continues to provide lunch for the 350 children attending the school in spite of the ever-increasing cost of food. They considered discontinuing the lunches but decided to continue when they realized that this was the only meal of the day for many. Though the new government promised to bring food prices down, this has not happened. With the help of East West InterKnit, Julian was able to plant a bean crop. They finally got some of the rain they so desperately needed. Pray that the rain will be sufficient to produce a good harvest of beans (their main source of protein).

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK — IN HAITI

Mission Evangelique du Nord d’Haiti (MENH)

According to President Ebed Paul the situation in Haiti remains grim. Gas is still very costly. Food is very expensive. The banks in the northern part of the country are only open three days a week and for fewer hours than normal. Consequently there are long lines of people hoping to get the funds family members in the US have sent them. Since the banks limit the amount that can be withdrawn, multiple trips are necessary each time standing in line to get what is needed to pay MENH teachers and clinic workers. Water is also in such short supply that people have resorted to taking water from streams. This is happening at the same time as an outbreak of cholera that has already taken the lives of over 150 people.

It is still very dangerous to be out in public since criminals control parts of the large cities. They kidnap people for ransom, burn whole communities, and prevent the distribution of goods. One never knows when something may trigger a riot. The extreme danger has resulted in schools not being permitted to open for the fall term. Many of the churches closed also, since people have been afraid to leave their homes even for food and water.

MENH is attempting to minister where circumstances permit. Their churches have reopened, and people are attending. President Ebed said when the people have problems they come to church. They recently held a week-long camp meeting which was well attended. The clinic has remained open, but few patients are coming. Although the MENH schools remain closed, the mission is providing some support for the teachers.

For Praise —

- * Despite the perilous situation MENH continues to share the love of Christ in any way that is open to them and the people of Plaine du Nord are responding, as evidenced by the numbers who attended the recent camp meeting.

For Prayer —

- * Pastor Thony became seriously ill after the camp meeting and was hospitalized. He is home now but in need of treatment.
- * Pray for resolution of the conditions that have led to civil unrest and incredible hardship for the people of Haiti.
- * Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ would penetrate the hearts and minds of the people of Haiti.

THE BOOK REPORT

In addition to serving our mission partnerships in India, Africa, and Haiti, we continue to ship books and Bibles to Bible schools and seminaries in many nations, providing them with essential tools for the training of missionaries, pastors, and other Christian workers. The commentaries and other materials needed are not available in their locations and, if they were, most have little or no budget set aside for the purchase of books.

- * From a Bible school in Nigeria: "We appreciate the books you send. They enable the school to train gospel preachers and church leaders. Religious leaders in our neighborhood also come to read and study the books."
- * From a school in Kerala, India: "Thank you for standing with us in prayer and support. The mix of books you provide us each time is quite good and useful for the students and faculty."
- * Report from Tamilnadu, India: "Our students are back on campus, and are participating in outreach to the community." Every 2022 graduate of the school is already engaged in evangelism, missions, or in pastoral ministry.
- * One of the seminaries receiving EWI books participated in the translation and printing of 6000 study Bibles in a local language spoken by 74 million people. It is the first study Bible in that language, and it will be distributed free of charge.
- * Another library partner wrote to say they did not feel they could give us much detail about their work because it is not safe to send reports or pictures by email. However, they did say that the pastors are working hard to share the gospel and there have been a few baptisms. Their child development program is also growing. They asked that we continue to pray for them as that is their strength when times are hard.

Your gifts make it possible for us to continue providing these schools with the books they need. Thank you both for the books themselves and for the funds to ship them to the pastors, evangelists and students who are eager to receive them.



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