



# News and Needs of the Missionary Society

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## **Pilgrims Presence Update**



Children fetching water at the dam

Our community has experienced acute food shortage where three people died of hunger related conditions. The ministry intervened and through One Great Hour of Sharing donations they were able to feed about 6,000 households. The joined effort between the mission and other agencies and the mission saved a lot of lives.

The mission is planning to have three nursery schools. According to Ministry of Education record about 1500 children under age 8 are not in school in the area.

Water is a scarce commodity in the area. Community members resort to drinking water from the open dam together with cows and wild animals. The water is extremely dangerous but when there is no option community members go for it as a last option. Pilgrim Presence wants to sink a borehole for these community members. (Geoffrey Lipale, Director)

## **Mission News Flash:**

***Fishers of Men, Mexico:*** In 2011, the Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades visited 24 different communities throughout the country of Mexico, bringing physical hope and healing through volunteer doctors, dentists, nurses and others, while giving spiritual hope and healing through the loving touch of Jesus Christ. In these 24 communities, Fishers of Men volunteers ministered to a total of 8,235 individuals!

***Mission Mazahua, Mexico:*** Lisa Cortes, Elizabeth Cortes and Yoshi Cortes extend their thanks to all who helped them visit NACCC churches this past fall. They appreciated the chance to share their mission with the NACCC church family, make new acquaintances and renew friendships.

***Morgan Scott Project, TN:*** Please remember the Good Earth Project. Send seeds for spring planting. They are in conversation with a Doctor who would like to start a free Medical Clinic, one day a week in their area. They are in prayer that the Morgan Scott Project will be chosen for the site of the Clinic.

***Myanmar Congregational Church:*** The government has recently extended cell phone service to many areas in Myanmar. Now they can communicate with mission fields by phone. Five Congregational Bible College students graduated on January 15.

***Panamerican Institute, Mexico:*** PAI has started their new school year with 70 students and volunteers. The school year runs from August 2011 to July 2012. Five of PAI's graduates earned scholarships to attend the University and six others earned scholarships to attend Preparatory School.

## **Missionary Society Fall Retreat**



Loring Carpenter and Gayle Avery with the Missionary Society

The Missionary Society had their fall retreat in Boston. We stayed at the Mariners House. We visited with Loring Carpenter and Gayle Avery of Seafarer's Friend. They told us of their Mission, the

work they do, the people they meet. their goals, their challenges and their dreams. We were all very enlightened. Thank you Seafarer's Friend!

### Prayer Requests



**ACCC, Argentina:** Prayers for the completion of their Sports & Bible Center this year; for reaching out to native Indians; for the four main areas of their mission; - the Health Service, - the Sponsorship Program, - the Community Garden and - Christian Education to develop regular activities.

**Indian Community Fellowship:** Prayers for stable housing for the Malakars that could also be used as a training center.

**Indian Trails Mission:** Prayers for Sharon Gossett's health.

**Morgan Scott Project:** Prayers for replacement power tools (drills, saws) before summer 2012; for continuing to meet the needs of the families in our area that are hurting due to lack of employment.

**Panamerican Institute:** Prayers for their safety and strength to keep serving the Lord.

**CMFEI:** Prayers for the protection of Pastors and Workers, especially the Chairman of CMFEI. Prayers for support of the vision among the brethren of seeing a transformed nation where peace, justice, and righteousness reign; where everyone has a decent standard of living; and where Jesus Christ is recognized as Lord of all through the discipling of every Filipino for the Lord Jesus Christ.



### Stories from our Missions

#### **Educational Concerns for Hunger Org (ECHO):**

The ECHO team was meeting with one of their Asian partner organizations who told them that years

before they had been instrumental in introducing coffee to southern Laos. While coffee had now become a major industry, small farmers were losing market share to big growers that were moving into the area – their livelihoods were imperiled.

The team asked if they thought about adding cardamom to their coffee. It seems that Laos is a major producer of cardamom.

A Nicaragua producer added cardamom to their coffee and exported it to the Middle East where sweet cardamom coffee is their preferred coffee drink.

Within days, the team was able to connect with an ECHO network member in Nicaragua who gave details on how easy it was to add cardamom to coffee during the grinding process.

From an Austrian coffee producer in Nicaragua to an ECHO network member in Nicaragua to an NGO in Bangkok to small scale coffee farmers in southern Laos. The outcome of this initiative is not yet known, but the "ECHO Effect" has offered hope to those who had despaired for their future.



#### **Indian Community Fellowship:**

**"BAND-AID:** We received first-aid kits from the believers of McGrath Church but we did not know what a small piece of BAND-AID (adhesive bandage) can do in a sinner's life! When our field worker gave a BAND-AID to a small girl injured while playing she ran and told her mother about the "sticky plastic" (she said) pasted on her knee!!! Her mother also looked at it with utter surprise. (1st time seeing a band-aid!!!) That's it. Mother and her daughter come to a Cell Group. Now Mother is a Christian like you and me. A band-aid? For Indian this is more than any accomplishment. We thank God for YOU prayer partners."

For more information on any of these missions, or to make a donation to any of the above, please contact Linda Miller at the NACCC office, (800) 262-1620 Ext. 13.

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