

NEWS & NEEDS

of our Missions



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by *Julie Robie, Missions Administrator*

Maine Seacoast Mission



Maine Seacoast Mission is using telemedicine to meet the need for basic health care for island residents. Director of Island Health Sharon Daley, RN meets with islanders on the *Sunbeam* and in

Sharon Daley, RN

their homes, and keeps in touch between *Sunbeam* trips via phone and the internet. The *Sunbeam* is equipped with state-of-the-art telemedicine facilities, including a specialized examination camera and other diagnostic devices, so that islanders can have virtual office visits with doctors on the mainland. Telemedicine is increasingly important for its role in mental health, allowing adults and children to connect with psychiatrists for evaluations and medication reviews. A growing number of island residents use the equipment to meet with mental health and substance abuse counselors.

Prayers for...

- ◆ The impact of Covid 19 worldwide and on the already stretched medical resources available to NACCC missions and the people for whom they provide services.
- ◆ The NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference, for a spirit of celebrating Jesus Christ and Christian fellowship.
- ◆ Worldwide political unrest which deeply affects many NACCC missions regarding their safety and ability to receive funding.
- ◆ Worldwide weather-related disasters.

Morgan Scott Project

Crystal Tompkins, Executive Director for Morgan Scott Project in Deer Lodge, TN, is grateful for the calls and emails from NACCC churches and individuals checking to see if the mission was hit by recent tornadoes. Thankfully, the mission was not damaged. Crystal immediately reached out to Cookville, TN, one of the hardest hit areas. She will be following the situation in upcoming weeks and let the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council know of any needs.

Praise for...



Two new churches added to the ministry of Word Alive Mission, Ghana.



The "Bell Well", a new well soon to be dug for the Mission School of Hope supported by the Grace Church of Columbiana, OH.

Nominees Sought for the Charles Rush Award

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 15, 2020

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is accepting nominations for The Charles Rush Award which is presented to minority persons who are working with Congregational Christian Churches toward worthwhile social and personal goals. The award exemplifies the spirit of Rev. Charles Rush and emphasizes the importance of Christian social involvement.

The late Rev. Rush lived in California. His life of unselfish service as an educator and minister, friend of the Free Church, and active participant in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches set an example for many. Friends have honored his memory by establishing this fund in his name. The Charles Rush Award is presented at the Annual Meeting and Conference of the NACCC.

Please send letters of nomination to:

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Annual Meeting and Conference June 27-30, 2020

Amy Kennedy, Co-Director, *A Christian Ministry in the National Parks*, and **Rev. Matthew Oladele**, *Christ to the Villages, Nigeria*, are the invited missionaries for the 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference in Portland, Maine.

Amy will offer a workshop entitled: **Understanding and engaging the younger generation in Christian mission**. Matthew will offer an update of the work of Christ to the Villages, Nigeria and highlight the new Hybrid Brazilian Cashew Tree Farm.

Please try to visit the missionaries at their display tables in the hallways of the hotel. They look forward to talking with you and seeing you at the Missionary Dinner and Reception.



Amy Kennedy



Matthew & Mary Oladele

Field Interview Form

If you are planning a trip to an NACCC mission, would you please let us know? The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council has a **Field Interview Form** to use for mission visits. If you would take one with you, fill it out with the missionary and take some pictures, it would be a great help. Thank you.

Needs of the Missions In Brief

- ◆ **Argentina** (Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregacional) – child sponsorship; tools and medicine for the clinic
- ◆ **Cameroon** (Mission School of Hope) – mosquito nets, fish farm supplies
- ◆ **Colorado** (A Christian Ministry in the National Parks) – worship books, student sponsorship
- ◆ **Florida** (Bread of Life) – supplies for ministry to the homeless
- ◆ **Ghana** (Word Alive Mission) – child sponsorship and school desks
- ◆ **Haiti** (Love Worth Sharing) - bedrolls
- ◆ **Honduras** (Ministerio Vida Hospital) – medical and dental supplies
- ◆ **India** (Indian Community Fellowship) – sewing machines, food for the children, computers
- ◆ **Kenya** (Happy Life Children’s Home)–sponsorships, building funds
- ◆ **Kenya** (Pilgrim’s Presence) – mosquito netting, personal hygiene items for women and Bibles in Pokot Language
- ◆ **Mexico** (Fishers of Men) – supplies for medical crusades
- ◆ **Mexico** (Panamerican Institute) – student sponsorships, 30 lab coats for students (sizes 12 – 14), funding for facilities
- ◆ **Myanmar** (Congregational Church of Myanmar) – child sponsorship, support for teachers
- ◆ **Nigeria** (Christ to the Villages) – funding for Cashew Tree Farm
- ◆ **Pennsylvania** – (Hosanna Industries) – tools, building materials, classroom/activity supplies
- ◆ **Philippines** (NACC) – child support, kitchen utensils, kitchen appliances/equipment
- ◆ **Tennessee** – (Morgan Scott Project) – gas vouchers, home repair funds, books and tuition for students

For a more detailed list, please contact Julie Robie at jrobie@nacc.org.

For more information on NACCC missions, or to make a donation please contact Mission Administrator Julie Robie at 800.262.1620 or 603.642.7270 or email at jrobie@nacc.org.

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