NEWS & NEEDS of our Missions



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A quarterly publication of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council Updates provided to Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator

Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational, Argentina

From Rev. Dr. Harding Stricker, Director: I had the honour to participate at the NACCC Annual Meeting in Brookfield, Wisconsin, and want to express my gratitude for having given me this opportunity to renew my fellowship with the larger Congregational world and my commitment to the Congregational Mission in the Northeast of Argentina to continue to witness to the love of God that is in Christ through congregational ministry and social service.

The areas of service of the Congregational Mission of Jardín América continue to be the following: 1- mission clinic, 2- soup kitchen, 3- community gardening, 4- sponsorship area, and, 5- christian education, which includes Sunday School, youth group, music ensembles, and regular church services at the mission's chapel.

With upcoming general elections in our country, we are living with a high level of uncertainty about the economy and political stability. Thank you for praying for Argentina. We all wish the best for the people we serve and to be able to envision a better future for themselves and for their children.

We want to stay connected with all of our mission partners, but **donations need to be channeled through the NACCC Office.**

Thank you for your prayers and donations towards the Congregational Mission in Jardín América, Argentina! *God bless! <u>www.accc-ja.com</u>*

Right: Cooking together at Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational, Argentina

Happy Life Children's Home, Kenya

From Rev. Peter and Faith Ndungu (Kenya) and Rev. Jim and Sharon Powell (US), Happy Life Directors: The first Happy Life Mission prospectus was published in 2018 to reflect how the Lord had provided for the Abandoned Children of Kenya. The Happy Life Mission has grown steadily in the past 5 years!

"This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes." -Ps 118.23 and Matthew 21:42

The most recent prospectus "Caring for the Abandoned Children of Kenya" has just been published! If you want to know more about the Happy Life Mission and how you



can help, we will email you the 16-page prospectus. Please contact us at: <u>happylifechildrenshome@gmail.com</u> <u>https://happylifemission.org/</u>



Love Worth Sharing, Haiti

From Rev. Jim Owens, Director: The Lord continues to bless us in our efforts in Haiti. We have been asked by World Missionary Press (www.wmpress.org) to become the distributors of their Bibles and scripture booklets in Haiti. Pray for this new ministry to help spread the Gospel to all the towns and villages of Haiti. Pray that the UN will finally agree to send in a stabilizing force to bring the unrest under control and get elections scheduled so the country can begin to heal. Pray for our team as they continue to teach the children the Good News of Jesus Christ. Picture – 4,2000 Scripture booklets await shipment from New Paris, IN to Port-au-Prince.

www.jesusloveshaiti.org



Scripture booklets awaiting shipment to Haiti

Mission School of Hope, Cameroon

From Rev. Charles Sagay, Director: Mission School of Hope is on a celebration mode as our children in Molobo all passed their entrance exams into middle school and our first promotion class in Owens also recorded a 100% pass at the national entrance exams into middle school. We want to use this opportunity to thank you all for feeding the children, providing school supplies for them, for health care and for taking care of our teachers. You all contributed greatly to the successful performance of the children. May the Lord continually bless all you do.

www.missionschoolofhope.org

Right: "We made it!" at Mission School of Hope

Morgan Scott Project, Tennessee

From Crystal Tompkins, Director: Morgan Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concern serves the needs of those in two rural counties of East Tennessee, Morgan and Scott counties. It has been a busy summer. So far, completed 11 ramps, built handrails for couple sets of steps, replaced wall on a house from storm damage, put in a handicap shower, pressured washed, and painted a park and baseball field. Hosted weeklong kids' community camp in each county. We are fortunate to have a mobile medical unit from Ridgeview at our office each Friday for those who have any medical or behavioral needs. The food pantry/food line is going well, serving on average 100 families a week. Both counties are in need of more housing resources. We are thankful for your support. God is blessing our many programs. www.morganscottproject.org



Newly constructed ramp at Morgan Scott Project



Word Alive Mission, Ghana and Ivory Coast

From Rev. Dr. Charles Nyane, President: The Word Alive Christian Academy is one of the arms of the Educational Ministry of the Word Alive Mission. The Word Alive Mission has three main arms of ministry:

- 1. Church Ministry Department
- 2. Educational Ministry Department and
- 3. Social Services Department.

The Word Alive Christian Academy is one of the important sectors of the Educational Ministry Department of the Word Alive Mission as the Mission aspires to equip and train the hands of young people for life through education.



The primary objective is to educate the children in the area with Christian values and principles. The school consists of Elementary, Primary and Junior High school education. The school teaches all the subjects as in the syllabus of the Ministry of Education of Ghana. These subjects include English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Citizenship, Home science, Technical drawing etc. The school also teaches Bible lessons, has morning devotions and scheduled church services every week. The objective is to instill Biblical principles and values in the students.

Indeed, the school has been one of the best schools academically in the Nzema District of the Western Region of Ghana. The school has fared very well in the final examinations of the West African Examination Council of Government. In 2018, 59 schools in the Nzema District sat for the examination and the Word Alive Academy placed the 11th position in the academic ladder. In 2019, 58 schools sat for the examination and the Word Alive Christian Academy claimed the 6th position. In 2021, 60 schools sat for the examination, our school claimed the 17th position. In 2022, 67 schools sat for the examination and the Word Alive Academy took the 8th position in the academic ladder of the District. Indeed, the academy is faring well in the academic ladder of the Nzema District of Ghana.

In sports, the school has been very active in field events and in soccer. In 2019 at the inter schools' sports event in the District the school took the 1st position in volleyball and soccer. In 2020 there was no sporting event due to covid 19. In 2021, the school took the first position in soccer and the second position in volleyball.

We are thankful for the hard work of the teaching staff and the auxiliary workers who make things happen. To God be the glory.

Also, all Glory to God, on Saturday, July 1st, 2023, I graduated from Northwestern Christian University – USA – affiliate of Northwestern College of Arts Sciences – Ghana with a PhD in governance and leadership. These skills will help me as President of Word Alive. The graduation went well by the grace of God. It was a beautiful ceremony beyond my comprehension. Family, friends, and some pastors attend. The ceremony was organized at the Assemblies of God church auditorium in Accra.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) is monitoring the catastrophic loss of life and destruction caused by global natural disasters. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council, on behalf of the NACCC, is gratefully receiving funds to assist with relief efforts. Any contributions to the NACCC should include the notation OGHS-Disaster. We are grateful for your generosity and concern.

For more information and to donate online: <u>https://www.naccc.org/missions-outreach/oghs/</u>

NACCC Webinar: Gaining Confidence in Mission & Outreach Giving November 2, 2023 ~ 2:00-3:00 PM Central Time

Each of us feel the burden of recommending local charitable non-profits to our congregations for outreach partnerships. In a busy pastor's life there are tools available to screen charitable non-profit organizations.



This webinar will help you develop skills gathering background information about existing or potential partner organizations such as "Is the organization legitimate? What percentage of their funds go to administration/people/programs? What documentation should be required demonstrating how donated funds were spent?"

There is no cost to attend. <u>Please RSVP on our website</u>. Limited to 20 people. This webinar is organized by the NACCC Director of Programs and sponsored by the NACCC Mission & Outreach Ministry Council. Questions? Contact <u>Rev. Gerry Brannon Krupp, Director of Programs</u>

https://www.naccc.org/events/webinar-gaining-confidence-in-mission-outreach-giving/

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To nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches and to support ministries of the local church in its community and to the world, all in the name of Christ.