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As we approach what is called the mid-term elections, this part of George Washington's first inaugural address may be of some value. It seems God's providential hand in making the U.S. a nation that has done more for spreading the Word of God through the sending of missionaries in her history is not by chance. Read this, pray for our nation and the continued sending of men and women who will proclaim the truth of God around the world. Pray for CCC's mission program as well, that we may continue to be a force for the Gospel to go into all the world, starting next door.

"Such being the impressions under which I have, in obedience to the public summons, repaired to the present station, it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes, and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to his charge. In tendering this homage to the Great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow-citizens at large less than either. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency; and in the important revolution just accomplished in the system of their united government the tranquil deliberations and voluntary consent of so many distinct communities for which the event has resulted can not be compared with the means by which most governments have been established without some return of pious gratitude, along with an humble anticipation of the future blessings which the past seem to presage".

Our campus ministries are starting up again with the new school year. Pray for our campus ministers, the students who assist in the ministry and for the outreach programs of these ministries. We support campus ministries at Purdue, Ball State, Indiana University, Vincennes University and Indiana State University.

From David & Philomina Morris, South India Church of Christ Mission:

The persecution campaign against Christians is a daily burden. And then sometimes a clear and present danger, as when the flag marches take place or the roving gangs of Hindutva thugs attack. Just last Friday, several outcaste herdsmen were lynched in a village in Rajasthan. Their families and the village of outcaste laborers are devastated. The reason given was that the cow herders might kill and sell the cows. So they were hung by a roving gang of "cow vigilantes" because of this suspicion.

The real reason, as Christians and outcastes all know immediately, was to continue to spread terror. There's been lynching steadily in different parts of India, both in the countryside and in the slums. It's a "drip, drip, drip" of terror. Then also burning of thatch roof churches and the shed churches in urban slums. Or evictions or "road widenings" or many other ways to destroy Christian communities. The College is doing well, the four new church plants are ready for their eldership to take charge of their congregations, 11 more are likely to be planted by Christmas. The flag marches and the persecution have had major impact in families and whole communities deciding to choose Jesus as their Lord and Savior, following the plan of salvation in the New Testament given by God.

Once again the centuries old truth: Christ's church grows in the times of persecution. It started once Jesus was resurrected and then rose to Heaven; it continues until right now.

David Morris

From FAME- Bill Warren, Executive Director - our guest today

Dear Steve & Centerville Christian Church,
When 27 year old Jonathan was brutally stabbed and rushed to the Charles Selby Memorial Hospital in Aparri, Luzon, Philippines - both his life and his soul were saved! Thank you for helping make it possible through FAME.

Jonathan says, "Because of the employees sharing God's word, it made me believe and accept Jesus to become a Christian like them."

Catherine, at 20 years of age, was homeless, depressed and very much pregnant. When complications of delivery occurred at the Provincial Hospital, they immediately rushed her to Selby Memorial because it is equipped to deliver by cesarean section.

In her words, Catherine proclaimed, "Lord change me. I experienced a life-changing atmosphere at this hospital . . ." Two emergencies - three lives saved - two new believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ofelia, the Selby Memorial Administrator said, "Once again the ministry of the hospital has proven that it is not only established to 'save life', but also to 'change life' through God's Word!"

Through partners like you, FAME was part of the launch of this important medical center in 1998. In the nearly 20 years of operation (pun intended), it has become 80% self-supporting and 100% Filipino-led. It's a great success story as Jonathan and Catherine will attest.



From Don Tingle, ComeNServe:

Dear Frienda of ComeNServe,

I have been asked to become the director of Kenya Industrial Training Institute (KCITI) in Nairobi, Kenya. This will help our ministry among Muslims. Here are a few key points:

*The school is located in the heart of the Somali Muslim section of Nairobi.

*It provides training for high school graduates in job skills in various fields. Go to <http://www.kciti.edu/> for more information about the school.

*I will not receive a salary from the school. The school once was quite strong- with over 2000 students. Today it is much smaller. Part of my work is to help bring the school back to the strength it once had. My living expenses will come from friends and supporters of ComeNServ.

*The school was started by missionaries with Churches of Christ.

*Today it is one of the most strategically located Christian schools for outreach to Muslims anywhere in the world.

*Nairobi Church of Christ meets on the campus of the school. I often preach for them.

*I will teach courses for the preacher training school located on the campus of KCITI.

I believe this will enhance the work we are already doing among the Somalis, Boranas, and other Muslim background believers. It will give added credibility as we build relations with the surrounding Muslim community.

I leave for Nairobi on the 6th of September. As soon as possible after arriving I will meet with a lawyer to determine the best way to get my work papers, so I can stay in Kenya long-term. Currently, I can only get a visa for 90 days at a time. But this will change. I will need to live in Kenya most of the year.

Please pray that:

~I will receive my work papers from the government of Kenya in a timely manner.

~I will have the wisdom and strength to lead the school in the best way for the kingdom of God.

~That this will enhance our overall ministry among Muslims.

By the way, we began a Friday meeting for Somalis and other Muslim background believers in downtown Nairobi several months ago. We started out with about 10 people. It grew to the 30s then the 50s and last Friday we had 79 attend!

From Earl & Ruth Anne Haubner, Central Brazil Mission:

Dear Faithful C.B.M. Partners and Friends,

Greetings from the Rio Negro in Manaus as we get ready for the next team to arrive for our first of two Amazon Boat Trips in August. As I sit here and write this letter, I just noticed Captain Sanderley coming on the boat with Netel! She just had that 7 pound tumor removed 6 weeks ago. She is recovering well but must continue resting for a few more weeks. Please continue to pray for her, as well as for Ruth Anne who is still having plenty of pain and is going to stay here until we return the end of October. She was going back to the U.S with Michael and Kimmy for treatment after this last July trip but changed her mind. She will be getting a few more acupuncture treatments when we get back to Goiania.

We continue to hear good reports from our Amazon missionaries as they make disciples and are baptizing new believers without the presence of the boat. They used to wait for the boat to come to their village before baptizing but now know they don't need to wait for the boat. They just finished the July Seminar of three days with Pastor Geraldo and Cida, his wife. Also helping them was a young man we had met 18 years ago when we first started. He, Tony, is one of Geraldo's disciples and preachers in Manaus. On this last trip we were able to share in a cell group service in Mocumbo where there were over 100 individuals present for the Sunday night service.

It was a real blessing for us to have on this last trip Michael, our son, Debbie his wife, and our daughter Kim. She led the team from her church in Xenia, Ohio. Michael came to help Leticia as she was the "MD" for the trip. As you know she is CBM's medical student and in her second year of college. And a special thanks to some of you who are making this possible with your monthly medical gift of \$50. We could still use a few more individuals to help with this "Medical Student" project.

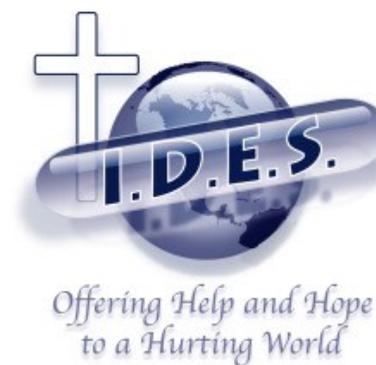
YOU CAN HELP! We are always in need of Children's Vitamins. This is one of our main medications that we give to each child. If you can collect some vitamins and let us know, we can send you the address of the next group that is coming so they can bring them to us. We will use on each trip about 25-30 thousand children's vitamins.

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We would love for you to plan an Amazon Boat Trip for your church. We are now confirming teams for 2022 and 2023. Thanks again for your partnership with us. Your prayers and financial support are needed and appreciated very much. Our web site: www.cbm.org.br. Please visit it. We continue with your help . . .

Working for a Greater Harvest,
Earl, Ruth Anne, Michael, Debbie and the Amazon Team

From IDES- International Disaster Emergency Service:



For over 7 years, people in Kenya and surrounding countries in Africa have been dealing with lack of food and water. Many have lost livestock. In some places, 80% of the livestock was lost because of severe drought conditions. Over a hundred people have come to know the Lord because they were given the opportunity to hear the gospel during food distributions.

Food has been the evangelistic tool used in these areas where food and water are scarce.

There are places where we work where there are almost no medical facilities or medical doctors. Clinics we've helped establish have become essential to villagers in jungles and mountainous regions. The local churches provide the follow-up and make sure that these clinics build bridges and break down walls that some cultures have against Christianity. These relationships are strengthened and God's redemptive work continues on, even after the medical emergency has passed.

Continue to pray with us as we close out these current projects and we continue to help rebuild lives at the different hurricane relief sites, do as many food distributions as possible, help families develop sustainable agriculture, deliver God's Word, and distribute medicine for the body and spirit.

We thank you for your partnership!