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"Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people: For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10

Dear Friends and Partners,

How the world longs to hear good news these days! Yet every day brings its share of tragedies, wars and rumours of war. Christmas is the time of year when God gives voice once again to his message of peace between mankind and himself. The war between heaven and earth is over. The birth of the Savior is a covenant of peace between man and his Creator. Jesus bore our punishment so that we could be reconciled with God. This is the good news! It's the good news of great joy, and it's for everyone!

We are so grateful about what the Lord has done in 2024. It is through God's divine power and provision that we have been able to help, support, build and impact so many lives.

Through the generosity of our friends and partners and the commitment of EWM staff, we have brought



hope, peace and good news to the poorest, the most desperate, the disadvantaged, destitute families and orphans.

And in the year ahead, we will continue to pursue the vision with passion and dedication with God's grace and your support.

We're sure you'll enjoy reading this magazine.

May God fill your life with love, joy, and peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Pastor John and Catherine





DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOME FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

The construction of the new home for children with special needs has now been completed!

The home was inaugurated on 26 August. On this special occasion, we invited Pastors and Leaders, families and local representatives to attend the inauguration ceremony. We are grateful to all our dedicated partners who have been part of this remarkable project!

A few years ago, we took on the challenge of providing support and care for children with physical disabilities. This initiative was a big challenge for us as we had never started such a project before. By the grace of God and the support of dedicated friends, we embarked on this project. There were many obstacles along the way, the biggest being the lockdown due to the COVID pandemic.

This home will accommodate 65 children with various disabilities, both girls and boys. It will provide essential services such as food, clothing, shelter, education and training, while promoting equal opportunities for disabled children.





With just **\$60** per month, your compassion and generosity can provide children with special needs with medical care, physiotherapy and the love and support they truly deserve.

You can also provide a wheelchair or a medical equipment like a bed for a child with physical disability and improve his/her life.

- Cost for a wheelchair: **\$285**
- Cost for a medical bed: **\$380**

It is vital not only for the child, but also for the family or care giver, as it helps to ease the stress and difficulties associated with bringing in a disabled child.

For further details please see enclosed coupon.



MISSION TO INDIA 2024

Dr. Lonnie Jarvis



Our recent trip to India was an awesome experience. Eternal Word Ministries under the leadership of Pastor John Rajiah is doing a tremendous job in advancing the Kingdom of God in the nation of India and Nepal.

Our team witnessed first-hand the compassion and love Pastor John shows towards his fellow human beings. Pastor John is being led by the Holy Spirit and he operates in the spirit of excellence just like the prophet Daniel in the bible.

Pastor John and his team feeds lepers, provides medical care for them and also shares the Gospel. We were a part of his team during our

recent visit to the leper's colony; it's an amazing work of God. Additionally, Pastor John has a mobile eye clinic that provides eye care and glasses to thousands of villagers in remote areas. This is truly a labor of love and a vision the Lord has placed on the heart of Pastor John. We also had an opportunity to visit a local village where EWM drilled a bore-well that provides life giving water to hundreds of people. Over 400 wells have been drilled since the inception of EWM as well as over 402 churches planted.

EWM is a blessing to the nations that provides food, clothing, housing and education to 1200 orphans. All the work Pastor John and his wife Catherine does is by faith, no social service programs in India or Nepal. We admonish you to support this God ordained ministry through your prayers and financial support. (James 1:27)

Dr Lonnie J Jarvis,
Pastor



SHARING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men”

Luke 2:14

The beauty of Christmas is sharing: sharing happiness, sharing smiles, sharing hope, sharing the message of grace that the Gospel brings.

We want children in EWM orphanages and all disadvantaged children we can reach to know that God loves them, and they are not forgotten.

Your valuable contribution will enable us to give many children a wonderful Christmas. This is also an opportunity to teach your children about giving to those less fortunate.

Each box contains toys, clothes, school supplies, shoes and sweets. EWM will purchase gifts of equal value for each child, and make sure it is appropriate for his/her age.

Your precious donation of **\$30** (or more) will play an important part in bringing joy and hope into the lives of these dear children.

Please don't delay! You can give for more than just one child if you wish. Thank you for your love and compassion!

For further details please see enclosed coupon.



Due to frequent difficulties with lost or damaged items or customs laws, please DO NOT send packages directly to our children's homes. It is much safer and more efficient to make a financial contribution. We thank you for your understanding. If you wish, you can write a cheque payable to Eternal Word Ministries or send your donation via the EWM bank account in your country.



STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

Bhuvaneshwari and **Sowmiya** spent several years under the care of EWM Children's Home. Here are their testimonies of how they were helped to build a better and happier future for themselves and their families.

"My name is **Bhuvaneshwari**. I'm twenty years old. I come from a poor background. I could not go to school, but I always wished to study and have a good education.

Through a pastor who knows my family, I joined EWM children's home then I was able to study. I have completed my education up to 12th standard and am currently in my third year of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at an Arts and Science College.

I really enjoyed my stay at EWM Children's Home. I come from a background where it was difficult to find food at home. But when I stayed at the EWM Children's Home, I was so well fed that I did not know what hunger was. Every year at Christmas, we had a show with dances and songs, and we received gifts and a tasty Christmas meal. I've also made a lot of friends there. It's also where I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior in my life. I will always cherish those sweet memories.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Leaders of EWM and my sponsors for providing me with free food and accommodation and for protecting me."



"My name is **Sowmiya** and I am 20. My father died when I was young. My mother works for daily wages. My family conditions were very poor and I was not able to go to school.

My mother heard about EWM Children's Home, and she took me there. I was able to go to school and I passed all my school exams with very good marks. I am very grateful for the education I received and for all the good advice and safe environment I benefited from during my stay. I will treasure these memories forever. Now I am working and I have a good income to be able to support myself and my family."

DRILLING PROGRAM



80% of India's rural population depend on groundwater for their domestic needs.*

Access to drinking water remains a challenge for rural communities in India. Families and their animals need water, which means that people, mainly women and children, must walk miles and miles to fetch water. In doing so, they have less time to devote to their work, which reduces the amount of money they could earn.

By drilling wells, EWM's drilling program gives families access to water in their village or close to their home. This improves their quality of life and saves time.

Another important aspect of this program is that when children have access to drinking water close to home, they can walk to school instead of fetching water. Access to drinking water made an enormous difference, not only for the children, but for all the community.

You can be a part of this program and help provide drinking water for families in need. The cost of drilling a bore hole is **\$2,000**

For further details please see enclosed coupon.

*World Bank 2023



MISSION TO INDIA 2024

Pastor Dennis Walton

In "The Year of Acceleration" (For Kingdom Advancement) the Faith Temple of Christ family joyfully answered the call to expand God's Kingdom by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through prayers, offerings, and the leadership of their Pastor, Dennis Walton, in the remarkable nation of India.

A dedicated team of four individuals lightly packed their bags & embarked on a more than 20-hour flight to fulfill the Great Commission. The journey of the four included Gregg Kunes, John Kunes, Lonnie Jarvis and Dennis Walton. Their willingness to go in uncertain times serves as a reminder of our Great Commission where Jesus said ... 'Goye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.' (Mark 16:15-16)

Their willingness and shared purpose to go made their mission not only possible but deeply impactful, as they moved in unity with God's plan the EWM mission services abroad. Upon their arrival, Eternal Word Ministries (EWM) warmly welcomed them as a team, providing them top-notch transportation, security, and hospitality. From start to finish, it was clear that this mission had been bathed in prayer, both in America & India, ensuring every step unfolded smoothly & powerfully.

The mission was not about the four who went; they represented the heart and commitment of the entire church. A highlight of the trip was the dedication of a brand-new children's home for children with disabilities. There was an overwhelming sense of excitement and joy in knowing that these precious children, many of whom had been neglected, would now have a safe and loving place to call home. This moment exemplified the heart of EWM's mission to reflect God's love and meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

Eternal Word Ministries has a big vision which includes...

- Providing relief programs to the poor and needy.
- Operating 6 orphanages in India and Nepal.
- Empowering individuals through 402 Churches.
- Providing the best education and school service to hundreds of kids
- Offering mobile medical and eye clinic services for the needy.
- Established more than 400 wells in villages for clean drinking water
- Caring for lepers, with physical and medical services as God's love is shared to the outcast.
- And more . . .





The mission team was honored to witness and participate in these efforts firsthand. One particular moving experience was visiting the leprosy camp, where residents live in old military barracks and make shift shelters of cardboard and tree branches, abandoned by both society and government.

The team of four preached the gospel and laid hands on the lepers, offering prayer, love, and compassion. A simple touch of care brought smiles to faces that had long known rejection and pain.

The EWM team also prepared food bags for the lepers, which the team of 4 had the privilege to distribute. Seeing the joy on the faces of the residents—knowing this would be for some of them their only meal for the week—was both heart breaking and inspiring. It was a reminder that the love of Christ is most powerfully expressed through compassionate kind acts of service. The excitement and pure joy on the faces of the Indian children were beyond words as the four-member U.S. Missions team handed out more than a thousand lollipops, carefully packed in a large suitcase for the long journey to India. Their smiles were bright, their laughter contagious, and their eyes sparkled with delight, turning a simple act of kindness into a moment of profound happiness. Each lollipop seemed to carry with it more than just sweetness; it became a symbol of love, hope, and connection that transcended borders.

For more than 35 years, Apostle John, his loving wife Catherine and children Tiffany, Timothy and Hanna have saved the lives of many through EWM Missions and teams. They have tirelessly created sustainable places and hared numerous spaces, for many faces, offering children and communities more than just material help. They have cultivated environments where joy can thrive, and dignity is restored. Through their work, countless children many with challenging backgrounds have found not only safe spaces to learn and grow but also reasons to smile again. The enduring impact of EWM's mission is evident not only in the tangible facilities they have established but also in the countless lives transformed, creating a ripple effect of joy, gratitude and hope that continues to inspire future generations.

The mission of the four witnessed first hand how God is using Eternal Word Ministries to touch lives, transform communities, and bring the love of Christ to the outcast and forgotten.

It is a great honor to partner with EWM in this extraordinary work, and we encourage everyone to pray for their ministry and sow a financial seed to support their efforts. Together, we can continue advancing the Kingdom, one soul at a time. Scan the QR codes to give!



REACHING OUT TO REMOTE VILLAGES WITH MOTORCYCLE EVANGELISM

EWM provides motorbikes to pastors and native missionaries. They are not just a means of transport, but a practical way of spreading the Gospel to remote villages in India. They tirelessly travel the dusty roads of rural villages, bringing light to the darkest places with the power of the Gospel.

"My name is **S. Timothy**, and I am an Evangelist. Eternal Word Ministries gave me a motorbike for ministry purpose, and I can say it really changes my life!

I can go to more places to share the gospel and care for the believers. Truly, there are some places where the roads are there but there is no public transportation. Now I am happy because I can ride my motorcycle and visit believers' families and do all the practical work for the ministry. It helps me to reach more areas and bring the gospel to the people. I am deeply grateful and thankful to our God. Having this motorcycle is an excellent tool for ministry."





"My name is **John**, I'm an evangelist and pastor. I attended EWM Pastors and Leaders Conference and received a motorcycle. It's a real blessing for my daily life and also for visiting believers as part of my pastoral ministry. I can travel to remote villages to preach the Gospel, visit the families of believers to pray and encourage them. Thanks to motorcycle evangelism, the number of members in the congregation is increasing. I am very grateful for this motorcycle and pray that the Lord will bless the donors and their families."

*Now you can be part of this life-changing mission. Your contribution of **\$1,600** will help to purchase a new motorbike for a Pastor or a missionary to take the Gospel to the remote villages of India.*

For further details please see enclosed coupon.



SHOWING LOVE AND HOPE TO THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE AT CHRISTMAS TIME



Each year our team brings joy and happiness to over 400 people affected by leprosy.

You can give a gift of joy and hope to someone affected by leprosy this Christmas!

Your valuable donation of **\$35** per person will help us to provide them with a bucket full of personal items, a new set of clothes and a delicious Christmas meal and cake. The message of Christmas is also shared through this wonderful program.

Thank you for showing your love to them!

For further details please see enclosed coupon.



GIVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT!

Support a family living in poverty by giving them a goat or chicken!

GOATS

- Provide nutritious milk for the family, especially children
- Provide income by selling offspring or meat
- Have a significant impact on life of the family receiving the goat

CHICKENS

- Provide eggs for families
- Provide income by selling eggs and chicks at market
- Providing meat to families, ensuring food security

We buy the goats or the chickens from the local farmers; this is an important part of supporting the local economy.

Your donation of \$45 enables a family to receive a goat.

Your donation of \$25 enables a family to receive 5 chickens.

For further details please see enclosed coupon.



I DESERVE Dignity Project

'Dignity Project' is a program that aims to reach out to young girls and women to raise awareness of menstrual health and hygiene.

The consequences of menstrual insecurity on young women and their education, especially in the most rural areas of India, are a hindrance to their personal development.

The result is shame, lack of self-confidence and feelings of inferiority in a country where talking about this subject is still taboo, not to mention the health problems it can cause.

Many of these girls are unable to attend school because they do not have adequate means to manage their menstruation.

The aim of this program is to explain to these young girls how the female body works and why they have periods. We also give to each of them a pink bag containing two pairs of underwear, a pack of 6 reusable sanitary pads and a waterproof pouch.

These programs have been very successful. Girls and women come together and listen with great interest to the advice and practical information given.

You can get involved! A donation of **\$15.00** per bag will help support this program. For further details please see enclosed coupon.



RAFAEL MOBILE EYE CLINIC

Seeing better to live better!

Rafael Mobile Eye Clinic offers its services of

- Organization of screening camps,
- Identification of the condition requiring service such as cataracts, glaucoma, red eyes, etc
- Eye examination and dispensing of glasses,
- Educating the community about eye health.

Our goal is to restore their sight and enable them to return to work and live a dignified life.

We thank all our Partners who contributed generously to this project. We need your ongoing support to continue to help the most vulnerable. Your gift of **\$60** will provide 3 pairs of glasses for adults or children.

See the attached coupon for more details.





What better gift than sponsoring a child?

Eternal Word Ministries is working among the most vulnerable children in India and Nepal. Your sponsorship can dramatically change a child's life! It will help relieve its daily struggle with poverty and guide the child toward a happier and more productive future.

Your investment will provide:

- hope,
- education,
- health care
- and, most important, sharing the love of Jesus.

This is a truly worthy cause: **\$30 per month will support a child who is in desperate need.**

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please fill in the attached coupon and send it back to our office address in USA. You can also contact us by email to ewm@orange.fr or visit our website at ewmusa.org. We will send you the child's details and sponsorship information.



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