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Belonging

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director

Perhaps your employer, school, or civic organization recently has increased advocacy for diversity, equity, inclusion -- DEI. The NACCC Racial Justice Task Team embraces diversity by carrying out the 2020 Cadman Resolution to "acknowledge and address the current global issue of racism and social justice." Decision-making processes around awards, grants, and scholarships embody equity because committee members apply pre-determined criteria when reviewing applications. The Nominating Committee strives for inclusion by seeking variety in age, race, gender, church size, skill set, and geography. Some DEI proponents embrace a fourth aim: belonging. According to the Psalmist, we are "known by God." Belonging happens when we are known by one another. Many of us find this extraordinary awareness within the National Association. Are there untapped ways we can add to the abundance of belonging?

Happy Life Mission, Kenya

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

From the Directors of Happy Life Children's Home – Several weeks ago the Jesse Kay Clinic at Juja Farm opened to provide Health Care for the 20,000 people living in the Juja Farm. Many of these residents previously have not had access to affordable quality health care. Please pray that those that come to the clinic will recognize health care in the name of Jesus. Also, the school year at Happy Life started on July 26th. Please pray that all of these children will grasp all that they learn from a Christian world and life view so that they will be used by God to change the world. For more information about Happy Life Mission, please visit happylifechildrenshome.com or www.naccc.org.



NACCC Logo for Members

by Debby Fulton, Director of Development & Communications

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Christmas Wish List for Missions

NACCC Member Church News

First Congregational Church of Frostburg, Maryland recently held their annual summer worship service with baptism and picnic. Three of their youth choose to make a public commitment of their faith in their Lord and Savior. Assisting Pastor Ken Hamilton in the baptism was Deacon Jeremy Shirk.



*Send us your news and photos!
Submissions for the September issue are due by August 25, 2021*

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Christmas Wish List for Missions 2021

(as of 8/3/2021)

This request is for financial donations so that the mission may purchase the items they need. Please make your check out to NACCC, and send it along with a note as to how it should be used, to:

**NACCC
PO Box 288
Oak Creek, WI 53154**

If you would like to ship items to the mission, please contact Julie Robie (jrobie@naccc.org) for shipping information. Please keep in mind that the deadline to make your financial donation is **November 15, 2021**.

Thank you!

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, Colorado

Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational, Argentina

Christ to the Villages, Nigeria

Congregational Church of Myanmar

ECHO, Florida

Fishers of Men, Mexico

Happy Life Children's Home, Kenya

- Shoes and clothes for the kids 2-3 year old
- Christmas decorations
- Christmas Hats
- Gifts for the caregivers (a purse or a bracelet)
- Coloring books and crayons
- Blow drier
- Shaving Machine
- Commercial blender for baby fruits
- Crib sheets and mosquito nets

Hosanna Industries, Pennsylvania

Love Worth Sharing, Haiti

Maine Seacoast Mission, Maine

Mission Mazahua, Mexico

Mission School of Hope, Cameroon

Morgan Scott Project, Tennessee

Panamerican Institute, Mexico

Pilgrims Presence, Kenya

Seafarer's Friend, Massachusetts

Word Alive Mission, Ghana and the Ivory Coast

NEWS & NEEDS

of our Missions



Summer 2021

A quarterly publication of the **Mission and Outreach Ministry Council**
from *Julie Robie, Missions Administrator*

ECHO

From Alyssa Barrett: In places like Arusha, Tanzania, where 40% of the population, primarily children under 5, were already malnourished, the pandemic is causing even more dire food insecurity. So, during the last several months, the ECHO East Africa Impact Center has been focusing on health and nutrition training in and around Arusha. More than 26 groups of women and youth have been trained in perennial vegetable gardening with the goal of improving nutrition through household food production in urban gardens.

One recent trainee, Joyce Charles, is a mother, gardener, and hard-working entrepreneur. "We were taught how to produce and prepare perennial vegetables which are high in vitamins and nutrients," Joyce said. "Through this training, I will be able to produce these vegetables for my family's use and also for sale. This will increase my income because during the dry season, it is difficult to find fresh vegetables. Perennial vegetables, though, produce throughout the year!"

Equipped with skills to grow a better future for their families in these difficult times, may many more people come to know God's love and provision for their lives!



At this training in East Africa, a group of women taste chaya and moringa after learning how to grow and prepare a variety of nutritious perennial vegetables.

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks

From Amy Kennedy: Our team members are arriving in their national parks as we speak! The first couple weeks are always the hardest, so we need prayer for them to stay encouraged, rely on God, and stick through the sometimes-tough transition. We are already hearing encouraging stories of how they are seeing God show up in their relationships and experiences in their jobs.



Please also pray for my mom, brother-in-law Dan, me, and my husband Bobby. My sisters Lisa and Laurie and baby nephew Milo were killed in a car crash last month.



Left to Right:
Amy, Laurie and
Milo, and Lisa



Hosanna Industries, Inc.

From Katie DeJournette: It's never too hot to help! Or so said volunteers from Glenshaw Auto who closed their business for the day so that all of their employees could join Hosanna Industries, Inc., in siding a house in Clairton, PA. The grateful homeowner has been in the home her entire life, taking it over when her parents passed away.



Mission School of Hope

Water: A Timely and Lifesaving Gift for Such a Time as This, from Rev. Charles Sagay:

When the wells were built, no one had the pandemic in mind. No one knew that God was positioning the wells to save lives in such a time as this! The children in our community lack soap and water in their schools and homes, not even being able to wash their clothes with soap because they cannot afford it. They have been extremely blessed by the presence of the water in school and the funds to purchase soap.

In the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, one of the cheapest and easiest important pieces of advice we were given was to wash our hands multiple times a day with soap and clean water. Water in school has been serving the community in so many ways. In addition, it helps community members fight against the spread of the Coronavirus and the Covid-19 pandemic, bringing hope to many families.

The commandant du brigade of Mbang commented " I don't want to imagine the magnitude of the health disaster we could have faced without the water from Mission School of Hope campuses!" Thank you so much for water!

Prayers please for:

- ◇ our nation Cameroon for the anglophone crisis to come to an end.
- ◇ God's protection against the pandemic. By God's grace we have not registered a single positive case in our community although our region is 4th in prevalence in Cameroon.



Maine Seacoast Mission

From Chris Stelling: President John Zavodny was part of “Team Vaccine” as the Maine Seacoast Mission undertook the challenging task of vaccinating residents on seven of Maine’s unbridged islands. In partnership with the Maine CDC, mainland hospital pharmacies, and members of the local communities, a successful series of clinics was held over the course of several months. This picture was taken by Erin Clark of the Boston Globe who chronicled one of the trips, which often included turbulent weather and complex logistics.



Congregational Church of Myanmar



From Rev. SaDo: Grace Children’s home is a safeguard for poor, destitute, and orphaned children: we provide food, clothing, education, welfare, and healthcare.

Love Worth Sharing

From Rev. Jim Owens: Summer is upon us, and our summer camps will soon start up. The summer camps are important because the children learn life skills as well as have a safe place to spend the summer instead of wandering the streets. We continue to seek donations of musical instruments as well as financial assistance to help with the feeding program each day.

The children can attend cooking classes, music classes, and arts and craft classes where they learn to make sandals and bracelets. We will also offer a soccer camp again this year. Thank you for your prayers and support as we minister to the children of Haiti.



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For more information on NACCC missions, or to make a donation please contact Missions Administrator Julie Robie at 800.262.1620 or 603.395.6159 or email at jrobie@nacc.org.

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