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Military Chaplain Update

Michael Chittum, Executive Director

Last month in the [August 10, 2019 edition of the NACCC News](#), I noted that the NACCC is the endorsing authority for three military chaplains: Ariel (Al) T. Castillo, CH, CPT of the U.S. Army, Chaplain Derek E. Martin, LT of the U.S. Navy, and COL Andrew Gibson of the U. S. Army (Maine National Guard). As is sometimes the case, I discovered that the records of the NACCC were incomplete.

I am honored to recognize one other chaplain for whom the NACCC is the endorsing authority. He is: Koch, Richard J COL USARMY NG AKARNG (USA). Col. Koch has served as a chaplain for 23 years, with the last 16 being full time with the Alaska National Guard and has been deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. Col. Koch stated: "Beyond my full time work with the AKNG, Mary (also an NACCC minister) and I are serving as "Stated Supply" (sort of following the tradition of Johnathon Edwards) for a local Presbyterian church in Anchorage and we frequently remind them of our NACCC roots."

As you pray for our chaplains, please add Rick Koch to your list.

Word Alive Mission

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

Ghana, West Africa – Rev. Charles Nyane, president of Word Alive Mission in Ghana, West Africa, welcomed a team of eight who traveled to offer encouragement and support to the mission. Folks travelling to do mission work are invariably asked, “Why don’t you just send money?” Sending money is good. Money is needed. There is never enough money to cover mission needs. Both funds *and* fellowship are needed. Support, however we are able to provide it, reminds national and international missionaries that they are loved, that we pray for them and that we support them. That this sometimes very hard work of loving others to Jesus Christ is teamwork. And we journey with them, no matter how hard it gets.



Please enjoy the Fall issue of *News & Needs of our Missions*, featuring a new design collaboration by Missions Administrator, Julie Robie and Development & Communications Assistant, Tracy Bernhardt.

NAPF/HOPE Leadership Needs your Help!

Ryan Prendergast

The NAPF/HOPE Leadership Team are looking for two individuals who are willing to help plan and run the NAPF/HOPE conferences. This requires attendance at the three-day planning meeting in the fall, the pre-meetings which are a few days prior to the conference, and of course at the conference. Planning involves working with the two HOPE officers to totally organize the conference which includes; selecting the location, the theme, a mission project, a worship leader, band and conference speakers.

Please consider volunteering your time and talent to fill a two year commitment or a three year commitment.

NAPF/HOPE conferences are important to our youth and can be a life changing week for those who attend. If you have any questions please feel free to [contact me](#).

Member Church News

On September 28th, [Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, KS](#) presents [Nick Stoppel in Concert](#) as part of their Fine Arts Series.

After the success of their first offering, [First Congregational Church of Porterville, CA](#) is hosting another Silent Movie evening for the community featuring "Phantom of the Opera", accompanied by a professional theatre organist and an opera singer.

Send us your news and photos!

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NEWS & NEEDS

of our Missions



Fall 2019

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

Word Alive Mission, Ghana, West Africa

In August, an 8-member team from Porterville Congregational Church, CA and Bow Lake Baptist Church, NH, travelled to Word Alive Mission to work in the orphanage, teach at a church leadership seminar, preach and give personal testimonies in 7 churches and break ground for the Ghana Guest House. For two of the remote churches, it was the first time they were visited by a mission's team. Travel was grueling – the bus broke down 4 times and often filled with exhaust for hours. Roads were washed out and full of deep, wide holes. For three nights in a row, the team had less than 4 hours sleep. The hardest part though, was when one of the young orphan boys asked, "Will you come back tomorrow?" and the team had a flight to catch.



Emmanu, in her pillowcase dress at the Word Alive orphanage (left) and a member of the Hosanna Industries "Acorn Club" (below).



Hosanna Industries, Pennsylvania

"Their future is so bright, they gotta wear shades!" reports Hosanna Industries. Their Acorn Club 2019 was full to the brim with activities where young children played, grew and explored. They also learned to be respectful, kind and loving. The best part of all was that they learned that God loves them. Parents and students alike are grateful for this summer ministry.

Mission School of Hope, Cameroon

Hygiene and sanitation are a huge challenge in the Baka community and the most affected are women and girls. Hygiene kits which included reusable sanitary napkins were given out to 20 girls. Because most families can't afford health supplies, girls must skip school for a week due to their monthly menstrual periods. 10 girls have already been trained to make the pads and more will be trained in the future.



Girls at Mission School of Hope learning how to make reusable sanitary pads.

Ministerio Vida Hospital, Honduras

Part of the ministry of Ministerio Vida Hospital is to sponsor medical and dental clinics. The line is long, the sun is hot and the work is endless as staff ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of those who come. For those of you who speak Spanish, this is from Josue "Gracias Padre por permitir a MINISTERIO VIDA seguir siendo de apoyo en la obra que nos has encomendado. Gracias Dra. Rhona, por hacernos parte, y seguir expandiendo el Reyno de Dios. Vamos por mas!! A DIOS SEA LA GLORIA. For those of you who don't speak Spanish, a rough translation - "Thank you, father, for allowing ministry life to continue to be of support in the work you have entrusted us. Thank you, Dr. Rhona, for making us part, and continue to expand the kingdom of God. Let's go for more!! To God be the glory!"

Mission to Mission

Rev. Jaime Julian sent a note of thanks to the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council for connecting him with Educational Concerns for Hunger (ECHO). Christian Mission in the Far East is an NACCC supported *International Mission*. ECHO is an NACCC *Recommended Mission*. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council strives to connect missions for mutual benefit. During his last visit to the U.S., Rev. Jaime Julian visited ECHO in Florida. He learned different methods of installing wells and water systems. After returning to the Philippines, Jaime and his team have installed two wells and the Community Christian Fellowship Church now benefits from a sufficient water supply.



New water system,
CMFEI Mission Center

Prayers

- ◆ Flooding in Myanmar and those impacted by Hurricane Dorian.
- ◆ Missions Deeply impacted by recent political changes in their countries.

Praise

- ◆ Hospital records which are now housed and updated on a new (used) computer. Until last month, all records for Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregation were kept on paper.
- ◆ Josue and Marisela Hernandez who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. They pray for many more years together.

Needs of the Missions In Brief

- ◆ **Argentina** (Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational) – 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
- ◆ **Florida** (Love Worth Sharing) – generators
- ◆ **Ghana** (Word Alive Mission) – child sponsorship and desks for the school
- ◆ **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) – child 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 project
- ◆ **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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