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Are Your Ears Tingling?

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director

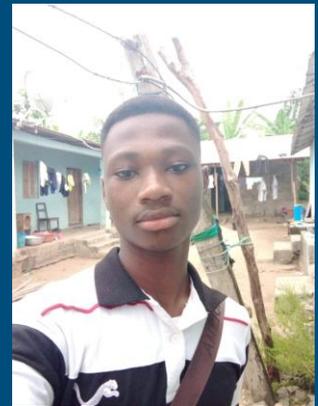
When calling Samuel, God says, “See, I am about to do something ... that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.” Promises of newness fill Biblical history, prophecy, gospels, and epistles. Likewise, beginnings shape both church life and the NACCC. January 1 introduces each calendar year. Our fiscal year starts on April 1. After the Annual Meeting and Conference, leadership team members commence new terms in July. Congregations often launch Sunday School programs in September to coincide with the academic year. Shortly after Thanksgiving, Advent announces a new liturgical cycle. Throughout the pandemic, we have adopted myriad new practices. To quote author G.K. Chesterton: “There is one thing which gives radiance to everything. It is the idea of something around the corner.”

Word Alive, Ghana

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

Please pray for the Word Alive Mission family in Ghana and the Ivory Coast Africa as they grieve the loss of their brother and son, Emmanuel Kwame, who lost his life when he was hit by a motorcycle. Emmanuel was a Senior in Nkforul High School and had lived at the orphanage for many years.

Word Alive Mission serves numerous villages and towns in Western Ghana and the Ivory Coast by planting churches, offering pastor and leadership training and a Bible College, housing abandoned children in the orphanage (Ghana), educating elementary age students, and providing training for community nurses. If you have questions about Word Alive Mission, please contact Julie Robie at jrobie@nacc.org or by calling 603.642.7270.



Help Lead the Way

by Debby Fulton, Director of Development & Communications

Attendance and participation at the 2021 Annual Meeting and Conference was energizing. Plans are underway for next year's event in Wichita when we hope to gather in person. Leadership reported that even during the past year of uncertainty the NACCC worked responsibly and creatively to help strengthen services and support member churches.

As we move into the second quarter of the 2022 fiscal year (April 1-March 31st) we are reminded of how important contributions are to the health and overall success of the Association. Thank you to those who have already provided a gift to the NACCC Shared Ministry Fund. We appreciate your dedication and commitment and are asking others to follow in your footsteps by donating. Your contribution will help to strengthen local churches in their communities, and around the world in the name of Jesus the Christ.

NACCC Member Church News

First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, NH is hosting banjo master, recording artist and founder of Grace Jam, Ross Nickerson on July 16th.

A Mobile Community Food Pantry event is taking place at Sandstone Community Church in Jackson, MI on July 17th.

Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, MN is hosting a Summer Music Series this month.

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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.



Contact Us

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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