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A Cycle Of New Leadership

Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director

The Annual Meeting for the NACCC, whether in person or virtual, is significant for many reasons. One reason that may not be given much thought is the leadership changes that take place. While the NACCC's structure allows much continuity in leadership, the changes that take place are still significant.

This year, for example, there are 3 new people on the [Board of Directors](#). That is a third of the voting members. On [Leadership Council](#), again, there are 3 people who are new, which is a third of the voting members. These new leaders will have to catch up on a number of issues. As part of the installation service, I remind the delegate body to pray for the elected leadership of the NACCC. This is part of the reason why. Those elected to leadership serve faithfully and for many hours to do the work of the NACCC between Annual Meetings; there are leaders who are just beginning their service. This new cycle of leadership deserves our thanks and our prayers.

Virtual Annual Meeting a Success!

Thanks to the hard work of NACCC Leadership and Staff, our Virtual Annual Meeting was attended by over 200 people on Saturday, June 27th, followed by a Worship Service on Sunday, June 28th. These events were recorded and can be found on our website.

Additionally, short videos were recorded by representatives of leadership, ministry councils, CFTS and various task teams. These reports would have been given live in Portland, Maine this year at the 66th Annual Meeting & Conference. Please take a moment to catch up with the latest accomplishments by our leadership team.



News and Needs of our Missions

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

News and Needs of our Missions is published quarterly with updates, pictures, prayer requests and a brief list of needed items. It offers a snapshot of national and international mission activity so that you can see how each mission is doing and how your donations are being used. If you would like to receive News and Needs by email when it is published, please contact Julie Robie to be added to the mailing list. Current and back issues are posted on the website under News for You.



*Send us your news and photos!
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by *Julie Robie, Missions Administrator*

Happy Life Children's Home

Every year at the NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference, the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) interviews all missionaries present at the meeting. The interview lasts for 45 minutes and includes questions about the work of the mission, projects for which they need support, a check in to see how the missionary is doing spiritually, emotionally and physically and ways in which folks can pray for them. It is a time of intimacy and information gathering with the goal of building supportive, reciprocal, and accountable relationships. This year, MOMC has plans to interview *every* NACCC missionary in a similar but virtual way. The interviews will be done with Zoom, phone calls or emails. Would you pray that God parts the waters of communication glitches?



Jim & Sharon Powell with members of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council at the 2019 Annual Meeting & Conference.

Praise for...

Rev. Matthew Oladele, Christ to the Villages in Nigeria, sent along a picture in his quarterly report of the thriving Cashew Farm project in Akuo Village of Kwara State. This sustainability project was started in 2019.



Panamerican Institute

The Panamerican Institute (PAI) continues its goal of providing the best possible Christian and learning environment to students by finding ways for their students to continue their education online. This has been difficult since not all students have equipment or internet service at home and many families have children in different classes. One family even has a student in the first-year class, second year class and third year class. (PAI) teachers worked on special lessons to be sent to parents' cell phones, via WhatsApp, because students did not have time to take their books home. Being aware that their students needed extra time to borrow computers from friends and family and/or use neighbors' WiFi connection, their teachers use a platform which allows work to be completed at a different pace than before the pandemic.

Hosanna Industries

The faith-based mission of Hosanna Industries transforms cries of "Hosanna" into praises of "Hallelujah." Hosanna achieves this vision through four main valves: by helping low income families renovate their homes at no cost, providing trade skill training, aiding in disaster relief, and by offering a variety of activities geared towards creative and spiritual wellness and development. In the process, Hosanna 'renovates' the lives of families, the mission workers, the financial supporters, and the hundreds of volunteers that give generously of their time annually.



COVID-19

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council wishes to thank donors who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing COVID 19 disaster appeal.

To date, funds have been disbursed for food programs, Personal Protective Equipment, clean water and personal health care programs, as well as

care for the elderly and children living in poverty both in the US and in the communities served by NACCC International Missions. Multiple international missions are experiencing a comorbidity of COVID 19, Dengue Fever, measles, H1N1, chicken pox and malaria. Please continue to pray for these missions as they navigate the very uncertain days and months to come.

Prayers for...

- ◇ Rev. Teodoro Stricker, who is recovering from surgery. (Asociación Civil Cristiana Congregacional)
- ◇ Rev. Charles Nyane (Word Alive Mission), and Rev. Matthew Oladele (Christ to the Villages) both recovering from malaria.
- ◇ Health and finances for Rev. Julio and Elba Santana as they approach retirement. (Bread of Life)
- ◇ For the family of Pastor Jaymar Doulos who passed away due to complication of heart and kidney disease. (Christian Mission in the Far East)
- ◇ A bilingual volunteer who loves children of all ages to come to work in their homeschool environment. (Fishers of Men)
- ◇ Finding willing and capable field mission workers to do this great work for the Lord. Also for youth who stand out with regards to strong work ethic and Godly values. (Hosanna Industries)
- ◇ Pray that we effectively put together the programs to help seafarers not only when they come to the ports we serve but when they are at sea and in other ports. (Seafarer's Friend)

Quarterly Reports

At the 2019 fall budget retreat, the MOMC developed a timeline for requiring and receiving quarterly and annual reports from all NACCC missions. These reports are structured to provide a clear overview of financial and program information, new project proposals, pictures, and prayer requests. October, November and December 2019 reports were due in January, 2020. 22 of 25 missions submitted their reports

Needs of the Missions In Brief

- ◆ **Argentina** (Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregacional) – 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
- ◆ **Ghana** (Word Alive Mission) – child sponsorship and school desks
- ◆ **Haiti** (Love Worth Sharing) - bedrolls
- ◆ **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) – 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
- ◆ **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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