

NEWS & NEEDS

of our Missions



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from *Julie Robie, Missions Administrator*

Seafarer's Friend, Massachusetts

Seafarer's Friend recently visited the crew of the Hourai Maru and met Master Rao and a few of the officers who were busy at work. Because of loving ministry partners, they were able to provide 20+ ditty bags as a belated Christmas present. Items are always needed for ditty bags. For the list of items, please visit www.seafarersfriend.org.



Morgan Scott Project, Tennessee

From Crystal Tompkins: Morgan Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns was able to help make the Christmas of the children in their area a little brighter with the help of many donors and volunteers. Toys, stocking stuffers, and toboggans (hand knitted by several from all over the United States) were given to children in Morgan and Scott counties of Tennessee. 838 children received gifts this year.



God's people sharing their blessing with others make this program possible, from the donors giving gifts and monetary donations to the volunteers showing up, organizing gifts, and playing elves for families.

Panamerican Institute, Mexico

Juana Santos reports that their 2020 year of classes ended with the distribution of support for 50 families to buy enough food for a nice Christmas dinner and to buy groceries to last about one week. Sadly, the picture on the wall is of a young family member who passed away from heart complications. She also noted that this was the 49th consecutive year of this growing ministry. In 1973, they provided a couple of grocery bags to 4 families. Juana sends along her appreciation for the privilege you give them to your extending helping hand to Panamerican Institute's families.



Pilgrims Presence, Kenya

Geoffrey Lemoi, Assistant Director of Pilgrims Presence, was in a bad motorcycle accident which resulted in a broken leg. He had a recheck to see how the leg was healing on January 26th.



ECHO, Florida

A note from ECHO - **Hope is an action. It is hard work.** At this ECHO training (pictured below), women are being equipped to prepare their community fields for planting in time for the upcoming rainy season.



As we reflect on 2020, we celebrate that there is much to see beyond the hardships. In nearly four decades of serving the hungry, this year we've helped more families than ever before. And in a year of economic disruption – we give thanks for each person who has sacrificially given to bring life-changing hope to families around the world! We are grateful for YOU!

Charles Rush Award

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 15, 2021

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is accepting nominations for The Charles Rush Award which is presented to minority persons who are working with Congregational Christian Churches toward worthwhile social and personal goals. The award exemplifies the spirit of Rev. Charles Rush and emphasizes the importance of Christian social involvement.

The late Rev. Rush lived in California. His life of unselfish service as an educator and minister, friend of the Free Church, and active participant in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches set an example for many. Friends have honored his memory by establishing this fund in his name. The Charles Rush Award is presented at the Annual Meeting and Conference of the NACCC.

Read more [here](#). Please send letters of nomination to:
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Word Alive, Ghana and the Ivory Coast

Pictured below is Rev. Charles Nyane presenting a thermometer to be used as part of their COVID 19 protocol and an example of how they must disinfect their churches.



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PRAYERS & NEEDS

CMFE, Philippines

Prayers: Ongoing flood control project at their central office.

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, Colorado

Prayers:

- ◆ We recently lost a Ministry Support Committee Member, Dale, in Glacier National Park to an unexpected heart attack. The community is grieving. He was a really joyful, selfless, and loving individual.
- ◆ Another Ministry Support Committee Member in Glacier, Shelby, is having her 4th surgery today for her battle with cancer and the outlook is not strong.
- ◆ Recruiting Associate, Toni, is recovering from COVID-19.
- ◆ We are praying to find creative ways to recruit team members for the 2021 season since our typical ways are not possible.

Needs:

- ◆ 2 Nest Cameras (security) to have in our office.
- ◆ Sending a care package to one of our 8 winter teams
- ◆ Fuel gift cards to send to our team members who have to travel for their worship services and ministry

Happy Life Children's Home, Kenya

Prayers:

- ◆ Thanking God for protection of our children and staff throughout the pandemic season.
- ◆ We need God's protection for our mission and especially the schools. We have opened schools after 9 and 1/2 months and are trying to cope with the new normal.
- ◆ For the children's health and well-being.
- ◆ For provision of food, school uniform, books, and tuition fees for our children at Happy Life and those from the community - most parents are struggling after job losses.
- ◆ For God's favor upon our schools within the community.
- ◆ For our candidate class to get ready for the final exam in March.

Needs:

- ◆ School books and stationery
- ◆ School uniforms
- ◆ Funds to complete the Phase One of our high school
- ◆ Funds to equip the high school - furniture, computers, etc.
- ◆ Food and supplies for the schools and the rescue centers.
- ◆ Funds to equip our Jesse Kay Satellite clinic.

Congregational Church of Myanmar

Prayers: Provision of Okkan Mission House and Yangon Grace children dining hall.

Needs:

- ◆ Child sponsorships for 45 children.
- ◆ Provisions for rural mission workers, pastors, and families.
- ◆ Rice for mission families.

ECHO, Florida

Prayers:

- ◆ Tensions, due to terrorism and political instability, are running high all across West Africa. Please pray for our West Africa Team, based in Burkina Faso, that God will grant them wisdom to provide training in Burkina and throughout the Region as borders begin to re-open.
- ◆ Continued prayer for God's grace within the ECHO-Florida Team as we implement our new Masters Level Certificate elements into our long-standing Intern Training Program.
- ◆ Continued protection for ECHO's global teams as we are receiving, and seeking to respond to, increasing requests for training and assistance that entail increased staff exposure during this pandemic.
- ◆ Prayers for our Board of Directors as they continue to carry out their governance of ECHO's global work through virtual means during this pandemic.
- ◆ For the more than 683 men and women, from 70 countries, who participated in our Virtual International Agriculture Conference on November 19th. We pray that they will be blessed and encouraged, and God will be glorified, as they take the new knowledge and insights they gained and apply them to benefit the people they serve.

Needs:

- ◆ Continuing to raise financial support to distribute seeds around the world and provide hands-on rural trainings throughout Africa and Asia. We have ongoing needs to cover the financial costs ECHO embraces to train young people who have a heart to serve on the mission field through our internship program.

Panamerican Institute, Mexico

Prayers for the several families who have COVID 19 and for them to have access to medicine which would enable them to recover at home.