

NEWS & NEEDS

of our Missions

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from *Julie Robie, Missions Administrator*

Fishers of Men, Mexico

From Julie Claassen: Fishers of Men ministries rejoiced with the recent delivery of much of the wood needed to prepare for the pouring of the first-floor ceiling of the new main house at Refuge Ranch in central Mexico. Lord willing, we will pour the ceiling before the rainy season begins in July, making this next stage of building a reality and, more importantly, a tangible hope for children in need of a family.



Julie Claassen with wood delivery

Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational, Argentina

On March 21st, the ACCC held its Annual Assembly during which a new secretary and a new treasurer were elected.



Congregational Church of Myanmar

From Rev. Sa Do: Due to the political crisis in Myanmar, the Congregational Church of Myanmar Mission has been faced with many unspeakable difficulties which include finances, safety for the workers and mission property, as well as safety for the Grace Children. We are under the Military ruling of Martial law. Due to daily demonstrations in Yangon, no one has been able to go outside for work since February. Our small church is a safeguard for some mission families who have no safety and no food. We are feeding 25-30 members daily. As Myanmar Mission efforts are being served by indigenous missionaries, most are from Chin State. Over 30 Missionaries have gone back to their native land for security reasons. Our Okkan Pastor and his family also moved to a safer place for a while.



Above: The ministry of the Congregational Church of Myanmar continues on at this home gathering.

Left: Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational ends their Annual Assembly with prayer.

Mission School of Hope, Cameroon

From Rev. Charles Sagay: Food is one of those things we cannot do without. For the children in our school, lunchtime is the best part of school. We feed the children in school since many of them trek for so many miles to and from school.



During the lockdown period due to the pandemic, life became very difficult especially for our community members who must go out daily to look for what to eat. To reduce hunger, our team came up with a strategy of supplying food to our children at the different village squares since we held open-air classes at the squares. Lolita, a girl in the 4th grade (pictured above), said "When I saw the cooks coming to the squares, my joy was inexplicable, and I couldn't wait to get a plate of the delicious food since I had not eaten since morning." The challenge we had was that we ended up feeding more children than planned. We thank God the children are back in school.

Seafarer's Friend, Massachusetts

From Ida MacRae: We continue to serve the seafarers that come to our ports. Because of the pandemic, they are still unable to come to shore and there are times where we can't board the ship. We still go to every ship that docks in the ports we serve, and we present them with a Goodie Box (pictured below). This box is filled with chocolate, oranges, cookies, and chips. Within the box are also devotionals, Bibles, books to read, and puzzles. We supply each box with contact information if they are needing counseling, spiritual encouragement, and friendship.



Christ to the Villages, Nigeria

Pastor Matthew ministered to teenagers in Shao and co-sponsored an event on sexual purity.



Contact Us

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"This was then" How much have the cashew trees grown? Well, they are about as tall as Pastor Matthew. How tall is Pastor Matthew? Find the answer at the bottom of the Prayers and Needs page!



PRAYERS & NEEDS

Seafarer's Friend, Massachusetts

Prayers: for the Seafarers

Needs: Sending donations to help with the supplies of the boxes or sending care packages that we can include in the boxes would be greatly appreciated. For instructions, please visit www.seafarersfriend.org and click on the donate box.

Christ to the Villages, Nigeria

Prayers:

- ◆ Wisdom for the leadership of this ministry
- ◆ Safety from all danger and political instability
- ◆ Provision to meet the needs of the mission
- ◆ Thank God for the work He is using Christ to the Villages to do here in Nigeria.
- ◆ For divine grace, direction, and divine provisions
- ◆ For faithful staff
- ◆ For the churches to grow in the Lord and in all good works
- ◆ Thank God for all our partners and supporters. Please pray for God's blessings on them.
- ◆ Thanks and prayer for NACCC and MOMC.

Needs:

- ◆ A high lumen portable projector that can be used during the day-time presentation
- ◆ Laptop Computers
- ◆ Restroom for Alpha Elementary School Shao
- ◆ Restroom for Omega High School Shao
- ◆ Missionary Children sponsors
- ◆ An off-road vehicle (the present one is wearing out and we spend more on maintenance)

*Pastor Matthew is 6'1"! The cashew trees are doing well!

Fishers of Men, Mexico

Prayers:

- ◆ We are grateful to the Lord for His faithful provision throughout the COVID pandemic, as well as continued health for all of those directly involved with Fishers of Men.
- ◆ The next stage of construction of the main house at Refuge Ranch - the pouring of the first-floor ceiling before rainy season begins in July.
- ◆ May the Lord continue to bring to our family at Refuge Ranch those children that He knows need a family.
- ◆ Continued unity among the staff at Refuge Ranch.

Needs:

- ◆ The Refuge Ranch homeschool is in need of volunteers to work with elementary, junior high and high school children in English. Spanish knowledge is helpful for relating to the children and explaining concepts. Volunteers can serve anywhere from several weeks to several months to even several years, according to how the Lord leads and provides! Room and board is provided in exchange for volunteer services.

Congregational Church of Myanmar

Prayers: Please pray for our Mission families and needs.

Needs: Relief efforts, Grace Children sponsorship, five Mission workers support

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.

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