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SHOWING GOD'S LOVE IN A TROUBLE WORLD!

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Dear Friends and Partners,

Since its creation, Eternal Word Ministries has always considered its mission to be ministering love in a hurting world.

The moral, material and even spiritual distress around us and more generally in this world is more than obvious. We do not want to give up but on the contrary, to put all our energy at the service of others. Our actions and projects bring effective and adapted solutions to the targeted populations. For example, we have started the construction of a home for physically handicapped children which will allow families to send their children so they can be helped. Naomi Sisters Homes for young girls and women who suffer from domestic violence or abuse have already proved to be a success.

Other projects such as the construction of latrines in very poor villages have brought decent and safe sanitary conditions and improve good personal hygiene practices; or else, the programme for young girls to educate them to develop menstrual health hygiene awareness has been well received and enthusiastically appreciated.

In this magazine you will discover all these programs and projects and much more. Our missions also depend on your generosity, and we are very grateful to all those who partner with us.

If you wish to support our actions or projects, we invite you to fill in the coupon enclosed. Your donations are precious and encourage us greatly! Thank you for your support!

May God bless you.

Pastor John and Catherine.





Pastor John

CONFERENCE FOR LEADERS AND NATIVE MISSIONARIES

The sudden outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic brought to a halt the pastorals we were organizing every month on the different EWM campuses.

Many of the pastors we support have seen their congregations cut in half due to mortality from the Covid-19 pandemic. They themselves have suffered greatly financially, emotionally, sometimes lost their loves ones. During this difficult time, our teams worked tirelessly on the ground to bring them the food and spiritual support they needed.

In 2022, EWM organized conferences for pastors and leaders. Hundreds of them came with expectations and were happy to be together and find encouragement in the Word of God that was preached.

The aim of these conferences is to put the Church's work in communities back at the centre. Everyone came together in the same spirit to praise, listen to the teaching and rejoice in a new-found brotherhood.

Our mission is always to strengthen the Church, growing in faith and progressing in love and compassion for the lost.



Pastor Gottfried K



Pastor Gottfried K
Ms Mirjam K
Ms Johanna K
Mrs Evelyn P

In April, we held three conferences for Pastors and Leaders. Pastor Gottfried gave a powerful and uplifting message to all the leaders. He also prayed a special prayer for them. They went home strengthened to continue the vision the Lord has given them.



Overcoming the post-pandemic crisis

The Covid-19 pandemic has really turned the world upside down, affecting all aspects of people's lives. At all EWM children's homes, it was a real challenge to comply to the sanitary measures imposed by the Authorities. But despite the difficult conditions, the challenge was met. All children are doing well and are happy now to be without restrictions. Of course, we kept the practice of washing hands frequently and we maintain a good hygiene standard with appropriate measures.

Children of all ages were brought to us by government institutions during this crisis. With love and patience, we helped them overcome their mental and emotional stress. These children have regained their strength and confidence. Love is patient, love is kind, love never fails.

The children participate in a range of activities, from running to dancing, learning songs, playing sports, or just talking together.

We thank all sponsors and friends for their faithful support their generous donations!





CHILDREN'S HOME BRIDGE OF HOPE WEST BENGAL

Here at Bridge of Hope, children receive a good education, health care and live in a safe environment. Their lives are changed. Our goal is to empower these children and build their confidence, strength, and skills so they can face their future with assurance.

- ✦ Children love to dance and sing.
- ✦ After school, the children enjoy doing their homework together with the help of an educational staff.

Three new churches have been dedicated and new Pastors and Leaders were appointed to do the work of Christ. The love of Jesus is shared through your partnership!

We thank you for your support in bringing hope to those in need.



AMBULANCE SERVICE

Provide free ambulance service to people in emergency situations.

EWM Ambulance transports the sick or injured people to the hospitals free of charge.

This is an important support for populations that do not have access to hospitals or medical centres.

We would like to thank all the donors and partners who have given generously to this project. We need your ongoing support to continue to help the most vulnerable. See the attached coupon for more details.

Testimony:

"I was attacked by a wild animal while I was going into the forest to collect firewood. I had been doing this for many years and was selling firewood and making a little money. My wife and two children live on this income. When this incident happened, we were desperate and could not get by for a month. Somehow this news reached the EWM office; immediately the team came and took me by ambulance to the hospital, where I received proper care. My wounds are healed now, and I am improving. I am so grateful for their care and support of EWM ambulance."



CHILDREN'S HOME - NEPAL

So many young children and teenagers are homeless, abandoned, no longer supported by their parents or relatives. They are the ones left behind, wandering the streets just to survive at any cost.

We help these young children to get a good start in life. They live in a safe environment, and we provide them with a good education to break the cycle of illiteracy. Knowing how to read, write and count will make them less vulnerable in their adult lives.

Ultimately, our goal is for them to realize their potential in life.

The truth is that it is not an easy task, but we persevere because the stakes are high: these children are the future of Nepal.

You can participate by sponsoring a child. If you are interested, please fill in the attached coupon or contact us by e-mail.



Water is life.

Access to clean water improves:

- ✦ Health
- ✦ Education
- ✦ Quality of life

People living in rural communities in India often must walk miles and miles to collect water from a stream. This water may not be safe to drink and can provoke diseases. This significant programme aims to improve access to safe and adequate water and reduce the risk of waterborne diseases.

After the project is completed, people enjoy many benefits like:

- ✦ Drinking the water
- ✦ Using water for cooking
- ✦ Washing their clothes
- ✦ Watering their livestock

You can be a part of this programme. The cost of drilling a bore hole is **£1700/\$2000**.

See the attached coupon for more details.

Note: If you wish, you may write the dedication text on the foundation stone of the well. (Please note that this is subject to approval by EWM depending on where the wells are drilled.)



I DESERVE - Dignity Project



In November 2022, we had a programme called 'Dignity Project' a programme that aims to reach young girls and women to educate them to develop menstrual health and hygiene awareness.

The consequences of menstrual insecurity on young women and their education, especially in the most rural areas of India, are a hindrance to their personal development.

The result is shame, lack of self-confidence and feelings of inferiority in a country where talking about this subject is still taboo, not to mention the health problems it can cause.

Many of these girls cannot follow a normal schooling because of an absence of adequate means to manage their menstruation.

The aim of this programme is to explain to these young girls how the female body works and why they have periods. We also give to each of them a pink bag with two pairs of underwear, a pack of 6 reusable sanitary pads and a waterproof pouch.

This programme has been a great success and we intend to continue it every year with this motto:

I deserve:

◆ Respect ◆ Dignity ◆ Self-care



Testimony:

“I am a computer science student, and I had the privilege to participate in the "Dignity Project". I learned a lot of useful information about how to take care of myself during my period. I received a kit with Re-pads and underwear and a booklet with recommendations. My practice was very different, but now, with the Re-pad, I am not stressed anymore. I like it so much. Until now, no one had come to our village to organise this kind of awareness program. I am so happy that the team came.”

Selvarani – 19 years old.



Testimony:

“I am a high school student. When my monthly cycle occurs, I never go to school because I have no way to take care of myself during that time of the month. After participating in the Dignity Project, I learned many useful things about my body and how it works. I received the bag with the Re-pads kit, and I am using them according to the method we were taught. It is very comfortable, and I don't feel any stress in going to school now. I am very grateful for this program.”

Shanthi – 16 years old.



2022, A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

✦ Fun at EWM Children's Homes!

All children received their personal Christmas gift.

✦ Reaching out to children in rural villages

Sharing compassion to those most in need is the motto of EWM. This year again, EWM distributed dozens of Christmas boxes to children from rural areas. The families were very happy, and the children's eyes shined with happiness!

✦ Showing love and hope to disabled children.

✦ Showing Jesus' love to the downcast

What a joy to see their faces light up despite the terrible illness that plagues them every day! Your donation goes a long way and opens doors for hope and peace!

Thank you to all the friends and partners of EWM who made this day so special! Your donations really made a difference!

Find more photos on our website: www.eternalwordministries.org







SHOWING JESUS' LOVE TO THE DOWNCAST

LEPERS' COMMUNITY

Being a leper in India means you are lower than an untouchable! God thinks of lepers, so do we! His mercy is endless.

EWM BREAD OF LIFE CLINIC: A NEW SERVICE FOR THE LEPERS

Last year, we opened a facility to provide care for people affected by leprosy, which also serves as a food distribution center. We are currently helping about 400 people in this Leprosy Colony. The stigma associated with leprosy discourages people from seeking timely treatment, resulting in lifelong disabilities. A nurse comes twice a week to treat the lepers' wounds.

EWM Team comes twice a week to provide cooked meals, rice bags and package of groceries to the Lepers' Community. They always are grateful for everything we offer them.

We thank you for your prayers and valuable support to reach these dear people affected by leprosy. See the attached coupon for more details.





TESTIMONY

"My name is Sarasu, and I am 64 years old. I had a happy marriage, but unfortunately, we were both affected by leprosy. We were told to leave our village and ended up in the leper community. It was not an easy situation for us. Gradually, we were accepted by the other members of the leper community. EWM team visited us, advised, and encouraged us, and also gave us food and clothes. Years passed, and two years ago I lost my husband because of Covid. Now I am a widow, it is very hard for me, but the other brothers and sisters in the community and EWM team encouraged me a lot and I got to know Jesus. He is my Lord and Saviour today! Thank you for your prayers for me."

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Sarasu



The children were happy to return to school after two years of interruption due to the successive confinements caused by the pandemic. We have purchased new equipment and school furniture. Teachers and students are enjoying a new environment.

Since the beginning of the school year, we have introduced a music class for students where they can learn music theory and play different instruments. Maybe new talents will be discovered!

Another new feature is that the schoolyard has been cemented, making it more suitable for outdoor play and sports activities. In addition, books are available to students in the new library.

Each year we allocate a significant budget to purchase books, notebooks, and school supplies for all grades. We have now three additional grades, 6th to 8th. We also provide uniforms, shoes, lunch for all students, etc. This year we are planning to build a basketball court.

The children come from the surrounding villages as well as from EWM orphanages. We offer a good quality of education regardless of race, religion, or culture. The teachers are experienced in giving the children the knowledge and skills that will serve them in their adult lives and help influence their society in a positive way.

We need your financial support. Your monthly support of **£10/\$15** for a child will help us to provide books and other school supplies and offer the best education possible. See the attached coupon for more details.





RAFAEL MOBILE EYE CLINIC



Seeing better to live better!

Eternal Word Ministries wishes to restore the vision of impoverished people suffering from eye diseases such as diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, childhood blindness, low vision, and corneal blindness. EWM strives to help the needy in rural areas of communities and villages through awareness and clinical assistance by providing power glasses.

Rafael Mobile Eye Clinic offers its services of

- ✦ Organization of screening camps,
- ✦ Identification of the condition requiring service such as cataracts, glaucoma, red eyes, etc
- ✦ Eye examination and dispensing of glasses,
- ✦ Educating the community about eye health.

Poor people cannot afford treatment. When patients are detected with cataract, we take them to reliable and competent eye hospitals and carry out surgeries. All costs are covered by EWM.

Our goal is to restore their sight and enable them to return to work and live a dignified life.

We thank all our Partners who contributed generously to this project. We need your ongoing support to continue to help the most vulnerable. **Your gift of £50/\$70 will provide 5 pairs of glasses for adults or children.**

See the attached coupon for more details.





NAOMI SISTERS HOMES – INDIA - NEPAL

Naomi Sisters home was created to help women in precarious situations to find a place in society and a fulfilling life through the persevering work of our teams. Some of the residents of Naomi Sisters Home are learning to sew. Several of them are discovering abilities they never knew they had! This will allow them to support themselves when their stay at Naomi Sisters Home is over.



MUTHUMANI

At the age of 31, Muthumani lost her husband and one child during the cyclonic storm that hit her village at the end of 2018. Her small hut was destroyed as well. During one of the EWM relief programme, she approached the Team and pleaded for help. She was enrolled in an NSH programme in beginning of 2019.

The loss of her husband, her home and especially her child seemed to be insurmountable for Muthumani when she arrived at Naomi Sisters Home. Her emotions, stress and anger were all challenges to overcome. EWM counselors supported her and encouraged her to understand that her suffering and bad circumstances were not her destiny. After a while, she recovered from her emotional trauma and we saw improvements, but she still needs time to gain confidence. Today, she is taking sewing lessons.





Our new project to build a house for disabled children is progressing well.

This Home is planned to offer a safe environment to children with special needs.

The construction of this new Home continues at a steady pace. The structural work on the foundations and the ground floor is now complete.

The building construction continues. The concrete floor of the second floor has just been laid.

The finishing work will soon begin with the goal of an opening service in August.

We value your continued prayers for this wonderful project.



To learn more, visit our website www.eternalwordministries.org



HELP BUILDING LATRINES AND BATHROOMS IN RURAL VILLAGES OF INDIA!

In India, open-air defecation is still a practice going on in many rural villages; firstly, because it is cultural, and secondly, because of lack of toilets infrastructure. EWM started to build latrines and bathrooms in some villages to ensure decent and safe sanitary conditions and improve good personal hygiene practices.

- This year, we were asked to build 12 separate toilet facilities for girls and boys in a public school. This has had a positive effect on the schooling of children, especially girls.

A basic latrines and bathrooms with septic tank cost £650/\$850

Thank you for standing with us with this new programme. See the attached coupon for more details.





Story shared by Manbhadhur Rai

My name is Manbhadhur Rai, I live in a slum in Bebaery, Jaigaon, West Bengal, I am 83 years old. My wife died a long time ago, my two sons left me and went to other districts, they are married and do not support me since I cannot do anything, and I am old. However, when other people see me, they sometimes help me to feed myself, sometimes I sit by the roadside to sell green chili, potatoes, and onions, which brings me barely 50 rupees a day, which is not enough for one meal. When it rains or when the weather is bad, I have to stay without food. It happened that, during the Covid crisis, my situation deteriorated greatly. I had to start begging, not for coins or rupees, but to fill my stomach. It was during that bad situation, that EWM Team came and I received a bag of rice and some money while Pastor John listened to my story. Also, his message about meeting Jesus and

that he is the way, the truth and the life touched my heart. I have had more peace in my heart since then and I am now sure that there is no obstacle to reach the Lord.

Story shared by Sheikh Ahmed

I belong to the Nashya Sheikh community of Alipurduar and live in Jaigaon. I am a rickshaw puller; my wife and daughter are domestic workers in rich families and my two sons are vendors in small stores. The tragedy never ends, and two years ago I lost my wife and one of my sons because of the pandemic. It left me mentally and physically beaten down, I saw darkness on all sides, I completely hated life. During this tragic time in my life, EWM team came to the poor slum where we live and offered bags of rice to our family and community. We were able to survive for at least a month. I came to know the true love of Jesus for the needy, the brokenhearted and those who have lost the peace to live happily. It was through searching again and again that I realized that the Almighty was there to take care of the helpless. I now believe that Jesus can offer a good life and hope for eternity.





What better gift could you give than to sponsor a child?

Eternal Word Ministries is working among the most vulnerable children in India and Nepal. Your sponsorship can dramatically change a child's life! It will help relieve its daily struggle with poverty and guide the child toward a happier and more productive future.

Your investment will provide:

- hope,
- education,
- health care
- and, most important, sharing the love of Jesus.

This is a truly worthy cause: **£25/\$30 per month will support a child who is in desperate need.**

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please fill in the attached coupon and send it back to our office address in France. You can also contact us by email to ewm@orange.fr. We will send you the child's details and sponsorship information.

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