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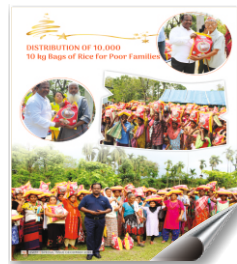
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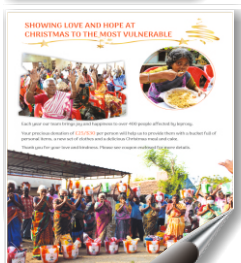
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## Joy to the world! The Lord has come; Let earth receive her King He comes to make His blessings flow

### Dear Friends and Partners,

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God. But this song 'Joy to the world' celebrates the glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth, to take back his beloved ones and shower his blessings upon those who fear Him.

The nations are in disorder, kingdoms fall, many places on the earth have been destroyed. But because God is there, we will not fall. The Word of God still speaks to us in this troubled time: "the Lord who rules over all is with us; He says, "Be still, and know that I am God"

Truly 2022 has been for us a year full of challenges, struggles, fights, waiting in faith, praying with perseverance, and waiting with patience for victory. But we stand on that promise; "So, whom shall we fear? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

As we approach the end of the year, let us fix our eyes on Jesus and His Word. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever! The nations of this world tremble, but the people of God stand strong and firm, expecting the return of the King of glory, Jesus Christ. Let us encourage ourselves to be patient and stand firm because the Lord's coming is near.

We thank our Lord God because we can do so many things through His might and power.

We thank our dear Friends and Partners, who stood with us through their prayers and financial support and pray this prayer over you: "Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

We believe you will enjoy reading this magazine.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year 2023!

**Pastor John and Catherine.**



Due to frequent difficulties with lost or damaged items or customs laws, please DO NOT send packages directly to our children's homes. It is much safer and more efficient to make a financial contribution. We thank you for your understanding. If you wish, you can write a cheque payable to Eternal Word Ministries, or send your donation via the EWM bank account in your country.

# Jesus, the precious gift of God for the world! Sharing the Joy of Christmas because He is the Reason for this Season!



Christmas: a time to give, a time to help others, a time to share happiness and kindness. Christmas is a special season, especially for children.

We want the children from EWM children's homes and any disadvantaged children that we can reach to know that God loves them and that they are not forgotten.

With your contribution, you can offer a great Christmas party to many children. You may also use this opportunity to teach your children to give to other children who are less privileged than they are.

Each box will contain a personal gift, toys, clothing, school supplies, shoes, hygiene items and sweets. EWM will purchase gifts of equal value for each child, and make sure it is appropriate for his/her age.

Your precious donation of **£20/\$25** (or more) will play an important part in bringing joy and hope into the lives of these dear children.

Please don't delay! You can give for more than just one child if you wish. Thank you for your love and compassion!

See the coupon enclosed for more details.







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Bridge of Hope  
West Bengal India





# RAFAEL MOBILE EYE CLINIC

## The fully equipped EWM eye clinic is a great success!

EWM has launched this programme, which mainly consists of setting up a mobile eye clinic to reach the most remote villages in rural India. Patients express overwhelming gratitude for this new mobile eye clinic service.

How it works?

Access to eye care in India is extremely limited, especially for the poor. Only a few cities offer basic operations, and most Indians cannot afford to have surgery or to go to these hospitals. The aim is to eliminate avoidable blindness and make modern eye care available to adults and children.

First, we organise an information campaign on the upcoming arrival of the Mobile Eye Clinic van in the village we have selected.

The villagers come and register for their optical test. After the test, they come to the stands to choose a frame adapted to their eyesight. Once they've chosen their frames, it is sent with their specific medical prescription to the various opticians we work with. It takes about 10 days before they receive their glasses. A new announcement of the passage of Rafael Mobile Eye Clinic is made and the patients come to collect their new glasses.

**You can provide a pair of glasses as a Christmas present. £50/\$70 will provide 5 pairs of glasses for adults. Please see the coupon enclosed for more details.**

"I come from a different faith, but I met the love of Jesus through the work of EWM. Yes, my wife and me are victims of leprosy and we lived for 11 years in a leper community because we could not stay anywhere and were shunned by society. We had no contact with our family members. The support of EWM is so very valuable. I had heard about Jesus before, but I didn't understand everything. Then EWM team helped me to have a cataract operation. My vision has improved and now I can read the Bible clearly. I can go out and come back to my house without falling on the road. I thank the true and living God with all my heart.



**B. Irudhayaraj**



# The major causes of blindness in India are cataracts



Poor people cannot afford treatment. When patients are detected with cataracts, we take them to reliable and competent eye hospitals and carry out surgery. 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.

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"You know what I am! Having no energy to do anything, begging is my profession; it is very common in our leper community. When I lost my eyesight, going out was too difficult and it was hard to find food. Our community is blessed to have the support of EWM. They have adopted us as their own and often come to us to share God's Word and pray for us. When they come to us, they bring us cooked food, groceries, clothes and daily necessities, because they love us and their Lord is real and alive. We see no love from anyone else. Many friends from our community have had their eyes operated on with the support of EWM, because we cannot even enter a hospital, as we belong to the untouchable caste. Our Lord is great! He knows and has given a wonderful opportunity through EWM to get us eye treatment so that we can see. My heart is filled with gratitude to EWM team for are helping us. May the Lord provide funds for EWM to help many people like us to obtain blessings through their ministries."



A. Sivagami





# EWM MOBILE EYE CAMP FOR PASTORS AND LEADERS

Since the beginning of the pandemic, many pastors, leaders and their families have not been able to get the optical health care they need. During the Pastors' Conference, we thought it would be good to take this opportunity to offer eye tests for people with impaired eyesight.

Our new service Rafael Mobile Eye Clinic was of course not enough to provide eye tests to all the people, so we hired several optical instruments for vision screening and refraction testing as well as ophthalmologists.

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"My profession is serving the Lord among rural and poor tribal groups. The believers are poor and needy. I work within a radius of 30 km from my home, travelling from village to village on my bicycle, but I have often fallen off the bicycle because of my poor eyesight. Reading for me has become too difficult. I often went to the hospital and the doctor prescribed cataract surgery, but I usually avoided it for financial reasons, just putting drops in as a treatment.

When EWM launched Rafael Mobile Eye Care, my heart rejoiced, and I made the decision to have the operation and enrolled in the programme. I had the operation, at no cost to me, and my life changed! It was so necessary. I am sure I can serve the Lord for a few more years. I know other pastors who suffer from eye problems too and I encourage them to join this programme.

I believe the Lord will help EWM to enable many pastors to regain their vision.

- Pastor Salomon





# SHOWING LOVE AND HOPE AT CHRISTMAS TO THE MOST VULNERABLE



Each year our team brings joy and happiness to over 400 people affected by leprosy.

Your precious donation of **£25/\$30** per person will help us to provide them with a bucket full of personal items, a new set of clothes and a delicious Christmas meal and cake.

Thank you for your love and kindness. Please see coupon enclosed for more details.





## GOATS AND CHICKENS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMMES



Support a family living in poverty by giving them a goat or chicken!

When you donate a goat to a poor family, whether in India or Nepal, your act of generosity has a big impact on their lives.

It provides a source of milk for their children, surplus milk can be sold, as can any kids, providing more income.

Imagine their joy when they receive the goat!

**£35/\$45** can provide a young goat for a family.

See the enclosed coupon for more details.





With your gift of **£20/\$25**, you can provide 5 chickens for a family.

It will provide for a family a continuing source of income. Families benefit from three types of production: first the eggs; second the many chicks the birds produce and third the meat, providing food security and improving rural livelihood.

See the enclosed coupon for more details.





## DISTRIBUTION OF 10,000 10 kg Bags of Rice for Poor Families





# EWM WELL-DRILLING PROGRAMME



## Providing sources of drinking water by drilling boreholes

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 leads to many diseases. This significant programme aims to improve access to safe and adequate water and reduce the risk of waterborne diseases.

People can wash their clothes, use water for cooking and everyday uses without having to worry about finding a water source miles away from their home.

"My family no longer worries about whether there will be clean water in the house."

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

Note: an inscription can be written if you wish on the bore hole foundation stone.



# EWM AMBULANCE SERVICE



## A new and successful Ambulance Service

This new service was launched at the end of December 2021 and is a great support for villages not far from our Children's Homes. This is a significant assistance for populations unable to access hospitals or medical centres. EWM ambulance transports the sick to the hospitals free of charge.

We would like to thank all the donors and partners who have given generously to this project and continue their support.



# TESTIMONIES



My name is **Govindan**

I am living in a poor community. For the last three weeks I've had high fever. Sadly, all my relatives and friends thought that I will die. I managed to contact Mr Durai from EWM Team to help me. I am an old man with no strength to walk. Their Ambulance came immediately to take me to hospital. The Doctor told me that I have lung infection and he gave me the proper treatment. I stayed there ten days and then returned to my village happily. The community was so surprised that I came back alive and well. Is not a wonder!

I am grateful for the love and financial support for my medical expenses which I received from Eternal Word Ministries.

My name is **Lakshmiammal**

I am a person affected by leprosy. In my condition, it is very difficult to get transportation to go to hospital. One day I fell to the ground because of high blood pressure. It was a tragic situation; I could not get up by myself. Someone from my community contact EWM Office for help. Immediately, they send their ambulance, and the Team came and took me to the nearest hospital for medical checkup. After the doctor examined me, he advise me to take the medication regularly. I cannot afford to buy this. Kindly, EWM provides for my monthly treatment. I will be thankful all my life for the wonderful service and help they do for my community.





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

This is a truly worthy cause: £20/\$30 per month will support a child who is in desperate need.

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

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