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Dear Friends of Orval Butcher Missions,

Greetings to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We at Orval Butcher Missions (OBM) are so grateful for you! You make this ministry possible, and we give thanks and praise to God for all He has done through generous people like you. Thank you for partnering with us to touch lives, in the name of Jesus, in faraway places around the globe. You are a blessing and an encouragement!

As we get out of the gate in 2021, I am excited that we have opportunities to partner with ministries around the world and I am looking forward to traveling again to visit and encourage our ministry partners in Kenya and Costa Rica soon!

## **This Past Quarter**

Emergency Food Relief in Kenya. As we shared in previous newsletters, we received an urgent request from Kenya for emergency food relief through our good friend Dr. Peter Mulinge of Africa Servant Leadership Development (<a href="www.AfricaServantLeader.com">www.AfricaServantLeader.com</a>). Thank you for your response to help! Many people in Kenya are still unable to work due to the lockdown and most do not receive any form of financial assistance. Because of this, they have very few options for obtaining food and necessities. We have continued to receive funds for emergency food relief for the purchase and distribution of food through local churches that Dr. Mulinge is associated with in Kenya. To date we have sent a total of \$19,230. Thank you again for your generosity! We are continuing to raise funds for this urgent and critical need.



Food distribution in Kenya



Mitaboni Boundless Love Medical Clinic, Kenya

**Team Life.** \$510 was raised this past quarter for Team Life for funding of baby beanies, booties and blankets that are sent to crisis pregnancy centers.

**Mission Building Repair**, **Brazil**. One of our missionary partners in Brazil was in need of some building repairs for the ministry structure/home OBM helped build in a remote area of Brazil (we are unable to disclose the location or names). We were able to send \$2,000 to help with the cost to provide repairs to the building.

**Mitaboni Boundless Medical Clinic, Kenya, Africa.** Orval Butcher Missions was able to send \$930 to help cover operational expenses for Mitaboni Boundless Medical Clinic in Kenya. See information below for more detail on this ministry.

**Oral Learners Bible Institute, Gujarati Language Project, India**. Orval Butcher Missions was able to send \$2,000 to help with the cost of translation, video production and course materials for the Gujarati-language group in India.

## **Current Projects**

Orval Butcher Missions is currently raising funds for the following projects.

Emergency Food Relief in Kenya with Africa Servant Leadership Development Initiative (ASLEAD), Dr. Peter Mulinge, Kenya. We are raising funds to go toward purchasing and distributing food for those who are unable to get food due to the current lockdown in Kenya. We are utilizing the local church network in Kenya to accomplish this goal. Would you consider helping with this crisis?

Costa Rica Church, Turrialba, Additional Sunday School Classrooms. The Sunday School classrooms completed in 2018 are wonderful. With the new houses being constructed near the church we anticipate a need for additional classrooms. Orval Butcher Missions desires to raise additional funds to help with construction of a second Sunday School building. The church is in a strategic location as the government intends to build over 600 low-income housing units adjacent to the church property. Pastor José told me, "This is an amazing opportunity God has given us, to be in this location to impact the people who will be living right next to our church!"

**Galilee Home Orphanage, Myanmar.** We raised funds to help with building reconstruction that has been underway after a devastating fire. We are awaiting updated information. The situation in Myanmar is very volatile and needs prayer.

**Mitaboni Boundless Medical Clinic, Kenya, Africa.** In October 2020 Mitaboni Boundless Medical Clinic was established by Barnabas Mutua, a Kenyan national. His vision is to provide a rural medical clinic where community members can go to receive medical care. Poorest patients pay nothing and those who can pay are charged a reasonable price. It is Barnabas' goal to have the clinic be self-sustaining as soon as possible. The clinic is located in Mitaboni, Machakos County, Kenya. The clinic currently provides several services. Some of these services include, out-patient services, HIV and AIDS testing and prevention, eye care, mother/child health care and dental services. The urgent needs for the clinic are for a dental chair, pharmaceutical drugs, monthly utilities, doctor, and health care worker salaries, as well.

Morweh Educational Development Foundation (MEDF), Liberia, West Africa. This exciting ministry was started by Liberian National, Daniel Menyon, who is a friend and dear brother to me. Daniel and his wife started this ministry in 2010 with little money and a big vision. God has provided and much has been accomplished, but there is much that remains to be done! MEDF serves a community that previously did not have good educational opportunities for children in the area. Daniel grew up in this remote area in West Africa and has such a heart to help provide opportunity for the children there. MEDF is currently raising funds to complete construction of a church building on the school property and provide a welcoming environment for weekly church services for the community. I am always excited to partner with indigenous visionary leaders like Daniel. Please see attached project information sheet for the details.

If you would like to make a contribution to any of these projects through Orval Butcher Missions, please indicate your preference of project(s) on the enclosed <u>Response Card</u> and return it in the envelope provided. If it is more convenient, you can contribute by visiting our website <u>www.OrvalButcherMissions.org</u>.

Orval Butcher Missions provides opportunities to participate in efforts on the mission field to support immediate missionary needs, special projects and short-term ministry. Through the efforts of Orval Butcher Missions, 100% of your tax-deductible support can be quickly directed to designated, immediate and short-term mission needs.

Thank you for your partnership in this work founded by Pastor Orval Butcher. We are blessed to participate in carrying on Pastor Butcher's vision and his love for those who serve in foreign missions. May God richly bless you.

In His service,

Mike Gaetke, President, Orval Butcher Missions

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## **Executive Summary**

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND DESCRIPTION: Morweh Educational Development Foundation (MEDF) endeavors to reduce illiteracy rate in Morweh District, down to the average national rate of 30%. To achieve this goal, MEDF constructed an educational facility that is currently providing free K-12 educational opportunities to 300 underprivileged children in the region. The project comprises three phases: Phase I was the construction of a 1,500 square foot church building, with six classrooms and two boys and girls bath rooms. Phase II is the construction of a nine-classroom 2-story building and Phase III is a 29,000 square foot school complex. Phase I & II are near completion, and foundation works for Phase III is near complete.

II. PROJECT LOCATION & TARGETED POPULATION: The school campus is located on a 100-acre site in Morweh District, Rivercess County, Liberia, West Africa; and sits on 25 acres of land for the school campus, and 80 acres of future agricultural development and campus expansion. The project is 176 miles from Monrovia (Liberia's capital), and is designed to provide high quality educational opportunities up to 500 poor, underprivileged, disadvantage village children ages 5 to 18 that reside in Morweh and Doedain Statutory Districts, Rivercess County, Liberia (West Africa). The program will have direct positive impact on 13,000 residents in the region as well as the entire 71,100 population that call Rivercess County their home.

III. STAFFING, PROJECT COSTS AND CURRENT NEEDS: Total construction costs for the project is \$1.75 million which includes construction costs for a 1. Church building; 2. School Building with library, science labs; 3. Multi-purpose building with additional classrooms, guest study and 4. Playground. Construction costs include Furniture & Fixtures, Utilities (Water system, Sewer, Plumbing and Electricals); Classroom Desks and Chairs; etc. Over half of the construction costs have been raised and expended. The church building and two-story multi-purpose building are near completion.

Funds are needed to finish the church building in preparation for regular Sunday worship services. The proposed campus will be operated by a total of 30 staff members, including 1 Principal; 1 Vice Principal, 12 Classroom Teachers; 3 Kindergarten/Pre-School Teacher's Aides; 1 Registrar; 3 Science Lab Technicians; 1 Librarian; 1 Bookstore Operator/Office Assistant; 3 Cafeteria Staff; 3 Campus Maintenance & Custodial Staff; and 1 Register School Nurse.

IV. FUNDING SOURCES: Funding for construction of the campus is primarily coming from families, friends and fundraising activities. Operational costs for the last five years has come from founder Daniel B. Menyon along with friends, and few donors. Thereafter, MEDF endeavor to farm 300 acres of Liberica-Coffee, grow rice, cassava and cattle as a self-sustaining funding source for the operation of the school.

Currently, MEDF seeks to raise \$20,000 to finish the church building for use as regular Sunday worship services. The funds will be used as follow:

- Purchase/Install pulpit and purchase 200 pew chairs
- Purchase musical instruments, bibles & worship hymnals
- Install baptismal pool
- Install well, storage tank and water pump for safe, pipe-borne water
- Install front and back doors, bathroom furniture & fixtures
- Annex a small office and study room for Pastor
- Train and install Pastors, Deacons and church officers

In addition to the above funding request, we are seeking help from churches and faith-based groups interested in helping us establish a non-denominational worship center to service over 300 students and their parents who reside in more than 15 villages around the school campus.















NOTE: Mike Gaetke and his wife have been financial sponsors and supporters since we started in 2019-

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