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SPECIAL EDITION:
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The late missionary J. Hudson Taylor once said, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies.” For Lightbearers, it is an awesome privilege to partner with God’s people so that He might use us to connect His supplies to His works. Through giving, prayer, discipleship with students living in our properties, and by traveling in support of those serving around the world, we long to advance the name of Jesus.

That’s why we get so excited about this annual issue of Ignite. It is an opportunity to share some of the bold and creative work

God is doing through our partners around the world. Though the obstacles might seem insurmountable, they march forward by faith, many of them serving in regions so restricted that we can’t mention them by name.

As you read through the projects, please pray with your families for the work and for the workers. If God draws you to a particular project, consider it an invitation to share in His work. The projects are innovative yet the needs are simple: Prayer and provision. >>

LIGHTBEARERS

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PROJECTS

> Learn more or donate to these projects at www.lightbearersconnects.com/projects



Wood Heat Boiler System :: \$12,150

This system will provide affordable heat for a youth camp that is reaching out to future leaders of the country.



Drum Carders :: \$2,271

These tools will be used in an arts project for women who are seeking to earn a living in a poverty-stricken village.



Mission through Entrepreneurship Training :: \$6,400

This training will introduce church planters and workers to an alternative income source to support themselves and their families.



Evangelism Training Sessions :: \$3,000

This training will equip national believers to more effectively enter their communities, share the Gospel, and group new believers into thriving churches.



Mobile Medical Van :: \$15,000

This mobile clinic will provide medical assistance in villages, and will allow the partner to share the Gospel and pray with unbelievers.



Church Planting Training :: \$2,600

Pastors and church leaders will receive training on many topics related to a Biblical church planting movement.



Biblical Storytelling Workshops :: \$1,000

This training will encourage students to further their skills in Biblical storytelling. Funds will provide Bibles and other study resources for students.



Church Planting Training :: \$5,000

Funds will cover transportation, food and lodging for training focused on planting churches within several different unreached people groups.



Digital Voice Recorder :: \$155

This recorder will be used by a church planter for language and culture study, Bible translation, and for recording teaching and evangelism.



Computer & Hard Drive :: \$600

The computer will be used by a church planter for home schooling and the hard drive is needed for language and culture study.



Professional Artisan Training :: \$5,000

Funds will hire a national believer and professional artisan to train women as a part of the arts project described above.



Garlic Dip Factory :: \$8,000

This will provide initial expenses for a small factory to be used by a church planter to sustain himself and his family.



Espresso Machines :: \$7,500

These machines will allow a coffee business to attract and retain new customers who are often very open to hearing the Gospel.



Bible Education Program :: \$6,000

This program allows students to engage in an intensive study without leaving their families and jobs to attend a Bible school.



Women in Ministry Training :: \$2,100

This course will cover the woman's role in her family, church and community, how God views women, and how to share the Gospel.



Evangelism & Discipleship Training :: \$2,100

This training is designed to further equip church leaders who have received instruction in church planting, evangelism and discipleship.



Sewing Training Project :: \$3,160

Sewing is a major platform and has been this partner's most successful project in sharing the Gospel and leading others to accept Christ.



Books for Seminary :: \$2,000

These books will equip the library with counseling, evangelism, church planting and missions resources for student education and teacher preparation.



Photo Copier :: \$400

A church worker assisting those who are orphans, disabled or destitute by offering to complete financial aid request forms needs this copier to expedite the process.



Brush Chipper :: \$900

This tool will aid the partner in a forest coffee project, used to provide income for villagers and to present himself as a useful community member.



Two Laptop Computers :: \$2,400

These computers will be used by a church planting team for language and culture study and to create Bible lessons in the future as well.



Exploration for Training Ministry :: \$10,000

This process would involve building relationships with potential program leaders and developing logistical plans for training given the restrictions on the church within the country.



a final word

by Kevin McCollum, *Lightbearers Executive Director*

GOOD DEEDS + THE GOSPEL

Probably my favorite quote from the Lightbearers Institute this fall came from pastor Chris Miller. In teaching through Hebrews, he highlighted its Gospel-centric message with the following statement: “The essence of Christianity is not in doing; it’s in belief in Christ; it’s in a confession.”

Someone objecting to this statement might note James’ words that “faith without works is dead.” Yet, James’ admonition was not addressing the basis of our salvation; he was addressing a culture that equated adherence to the law with a right position before God. James’ “works” weren’t for merit; they were evidence of a salvation that was already secure. A works-void person isn’t driven by God’s indwelling Spirit.

Without this understanding of good deeds, we might conclude the apostle Paul is taking James to task by saying we’re saved “apart from works” in his letter to the Romans. The New Testament defeats any notion that our works produce personal achievement that adds to the righteousness we have in Christ. Works sanctify us and glorify God, but they do not change our position before God.

This reality must effect foundational change in us. If we’re active in good deeds, we must consider our motivations. Is the hoped outcome the glorification of Christ because we stand justified before Him or in order to coax Him to pay more attention to us? If we’re not active in good deeds, could this be an indication that we operate in self-pursuit and not in faith?

As I travel to missional frontlines, I’m most discouraged when I see Christians addressing eternal needs with silence. It’s not that they’re asleep; they’re in motion digging, distributing, rescuing, training..., but proclaiming isn’t on their proverbial to-do list. Nice Americans doing good things help us politically, but this is not our cause.

I am highly encouraged, however, when I see the same flurry of activity by those who also proclaim the preeminence of Christ—“making the most of every opportunity.” This is missions. It’s our call from Christ and the purpose of every dot and iota of Scripture. And good works, performed in love and faith, illustrate the life-altering reality of the message we’re commissioned to carry until our final breath.

As you look over the Lightbearers projects this season, know that each has been approved with a view toward the spread of the Gospel. And yes, wood stoves, medical vans, books, and garlic dip can all be strategic tools to establish men and women of faith deeply in areas of the world where Christ is not known. These are means, methods, and modes, not ends in themselves.

Enjoy the grace-filled love of Christ this season and bless many with your generosity. Pray for those who work faithfully among the poor, the oppressed and the lost. Consider how you can serve them. Consider becoming one of them. And, as you go, do so unashamed of the name of Christ. He is our joy and our salvation! 🔥



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