

A Global Ministry for a Global Need

The Carpenter's Project is an Independent Baptist ministry dedicated to church planting and church growth in unevangelized countries



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Update Vietnam Project



Last month we received \$500 toward the motorbike for the missionary in Vietnam. Our goal is \$2,140.

This missionary is a foreign national and ministers unseen.

If you would like to help, we would be very grateful.



Wars & Rumours of Wars

October 2019

Turmoil on the Mission Field



In **South Sudan** the agreement that was signed in September 2018 has resulted in a cease fire, but not a lasting peace. Last month, a United Nations panel citing accelerated recruitment of child soldiers stated that another "full-scale war could happen at any time".

Fearing more conflict, the refugee camps remain full. But this gives the missionaries more opportunities to share Christ before the people are able to leave and return to their homeland.

In **Ethiopia** in June, there was an attempted coup. A governor, a State Attorney General, and an army Chief General were shot and killed. Many others have been injured, killed, and their properties looted. Tensions among the tribes remains high and hinders the missionaries ministries in rural unprotected places.



Berhanu Yoseph, who trained and mentors the Timothy Project missionaries in Ethiopia and South Sudan, commented in an email recently:

"The situation is getting worse. Movement from one place to another is not easy. People are being attacked for being from a different tribe. One man and his son who lived in a town all their lives were stoned to death just because they belonged to a minority tribe. Honestly, I worry for my children's present and future life in such a divided country. But in such a time, I know it is a great opportunity to do God's will."



In Rakhine State **Myanmar** the missionaries and church members have fled, returned, and fled again as federal and local militias battle one another.

No one is safe from the wrath of either army and unbelievers and Christians must help one another when they are near. As a result, a mutual trust is developing and people are becoming more receptive to the gospel. In August, the four Timothy Project pastors in Rakhine baptized eight new believers.

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Timothy Project Missionary In Haiti



Seneous Serge
Missionary Evangelist

In emails to Rodney this month, Serge explained that things are deteriorating and hunger is spreading. Yet he is still preaching and said,

"I have an invitation to preach at a 5-day conference in the northwest city of Bombardopils.

What a wonderful opportunity for me to present the Gospel because more than 60 leaders were coming from different churches!

It breaks my heart when I cannot find a way to go and preach the truth to the people.

If they would hear and believe, even though life in Haiti is miserable, with Christ they would not spend eternity in the lake of fire.

At times I cannot sleep thinking of this."

Praises & Opportunities

October 2019

Rumours of Wars (continued)

In **Haiti**, government corruption, high inflation, and critical fuel shortages have caused widespread protests and rioting with no end in sight. With each new day it is even more challenging to just find enough food for families to survive. And yet we know that the Lord knows those who are His. Even in this situation He can furnish a table for those who trust in Him.



In spite of what are overwhelming difficulties, the pastors and churches are focused on remaining faithful to the Lord and being a light to the lost in the midst of very dark circumstances.

Your gifts are sponsoring 29 Timothy Project missionaries in these four countries plus five other men in the Philippines and West Africa. Please pray for these pastors as they minister during such trying times.

India: New Life Bible Baptist Church

Thus far \$4,500 has been given toward the church building for New Life Bible Baptist Church in Poduru. Construction will resume shortly, and just \$5,500 more is needed to finish the new building.

Pastor Dharma Rao (with his wife, Prisceilla at right) pastored for 5 years two churches simultaneously before starting New Life 15 years ago.



The church meets Sunday mornings with Sunday School preceding the worship hour. It also meets for mid-week prayer and Bible study. The current place used for services (left) is rented and having a building of their own will give the congregation room to grow and the ability to be self supporting.

Poduru is a town of 10,000. It is near the eastern coast, and the economy is mainly agricultural. Most of the members are field laborers or work in the fishing industry. The people of the town are Hindu (99%) and speak Telugu. All of the members including Pastor Rao were saved out of Hinduism.

Would you pray that the Lord provides for this need? The church would be most grateful.

Final Word

Last month, Rodney was unable to enter Haiti and his next visit will be delayed until January. On October 28, he departs for India to teach in two Bible schools and explore new opportunities for The Carpenter's Project. Please remember him in your prayers that this trip will be safe and fruitful.

Thank you for being the Carpenter's friend.
May God bless you.

Rodney John