



AMEN NEWS



Nigeria

Grace & Light's schools ministry

began 2 years ago when the team shared the Gospel and informed pupils of the consequences of HIV/AIDS. They were counselled, tested and introduced to Christian life sharing groups. The work has slowly grown to eight schools. Gospel values such as excelling through hard work, being truthful, showing respect, caring, and saying no to sexual exploitation were taught. Girls from poor families are sometimes exploited or forced to sleep with men known by their families in return for school fees, uniforms, shoes and books.



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Founder's Column



Greetings from India where we have spent the last few

days with VMM (Village Missionary Movement) which now has a staggering 440 full time workers. It runs its own Bible college training programme in purpose built premises while producing its own daily devotional Bible reading notes. As you read this letter, you will find other AMEN partners who are also realising their dreams because of the prayers and support of people like you. That is the DNA of AMEN - partnering with holistic Christian ministries which with our help, can reach and disciple even more people. Soli Deo gloria!

Gareth

WALK4AMEN 2017. Grace and Light wants to expand their important schools ministry. The target is to raise £7,500

to cover the cost of HIV/AIDS test kits, a teen novel exploring sex and sexuality, a leaflet on lifestyles, transport costs for counsellors and set up a fund to support vulnerable and exploited students. (See back page for contact details.)

Nigeria

Digging a bore hole in Tivland that will be able to supply water to around 200 families.



The kitchen in Eggon Hills



A new school in Tivland.

Naphtali, our AMEN partner, is digging bore holes and building schools.

Last year, WALK4AMEN raised money to build a new school in Tivland now in use by children who are eager to learn. Thank you so much for your support. Once a year, around 5000 people gather in the Eggon hills to worship God for 4 days. It takes at least 3 hours in the heat to climb up the steep and rocky path. At the top, people are refreshed by both the sweet spring water and the times of worship and teaching.

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."

Hudson Taylor

What a change for the HOPE CENTRE from the single storey building planned 3 years ago.

The generous contribution of many AMEN prayer partners and the hard work and integrity of Francis and Alison have made this dream come true. Francis refused to pay any bribes which meant that for two months, he had to go daily to council offices in various areas.



THE HOPE CENTRE

India

The purpose of the centre:

1. Lower ground floor for electrical or woodworking shops to train jobless men.
2. The ground floor has 3 classrooms with toilets and a kitchen. The grounds have been landscaped and the front entrance roofed.
3. The second floor has a couple of offices, sewing classroom, a computer room and a music room.
4. The third floor will be the main meeting room.

Funds have been raised to buy a bus.

May His Kingdom Come

Roy reports that believers have been through difficult times because of their faith yet God is working in unexpected ways. There are now 32 Bible study groups running and 55 Sunday school classes in north India. People from different castes are coming to know Jesus. Roy visited some of his Bible school students from south India who had gone to the north to plant churches.



India



Edwin and Surreya

Pakistan

"Pray God helps us overcome the challenges facing us to be more of a blessing to His people". Edwin and Surreya work hard to see good relationships in their community between people of different backgrounds and beliefs who live together in unity. Surreya is recovering from several health issues after surgery.



India

A boy aged 9 learned that Jesus hears prayers and also heals.

When he went home, he prayed for his father who had been ill for 6 months. The next day, his father

recovered completely. "Children are tasting that the Lord is good" one VMM worker commented. Santhosh, a VMM leader, asks for prayer that they will fulfill the ministry entrusted to them. One

of their visions is to raise the next generation of leaders for the church and for the nation. The generous contribution from AMEN has helped speed up the building of the VMM training centre.

Luke 18:17

Truly I tell you, if anyone does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, he will never enter it."

Philippines



With AMEN funds, Joe and the team travelled to the island of Batanes on a medical and dental mission.

They served 1047 patients. Each one heard the Gospel and some responded.



Basketball teams from different churches joined the SIKATT Brethren's 2017 Basketball Cup.



The goal was **fellowship and fun** with brothers and sisters. The youth were encouraged to join various sporting activities.



India

Keep praying that more tribes in India and Bhutan may know the glorious truth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Six years ago, Caroline made an evangelistic video for missionaries to use among the Kuvi people where there was just a handful of believers. In November 2016, she produced a



Philippines

Representing Companion With The Poor, Janette teaches **effective parenting.**

new DVD based on the life of Joseph and made 2000 copies. During the dedication of this new DVD, tents were put up to accommodate 600 believers. People have outgrown the small church!

May His Will Be Done



Serbia

To watch some of Sasko's films for the Balkans. Google [Elion Media facebook](#)

In December 2016, our partners in Romania together with a team of ten others, led by Trustees Chris & Trish Chatfield, **distributed 2122 Christmas shoeboxes** collected in the UK. They also handed out 150 food parcels and helped in a soup kitchen and orphanages.

Many thanks to all who took part in the SHOEBOX appeal and made it AMEN's most successful ever.

Janet, AMEN trustee

Romania

David and his team in Romania delivered wood to over 40 families last winter 2016.



Every orphan received a shoebox and a blue or red onesie, a fantastic gift to keep warm.



Super Typhoon Relief

The people of Batanes were hit by winds gusting at about 370 km/hour.



Roofs were blown off, electricity was cut, water caused flooding and farms were damaged badly.

Through AMEN's Go Project, the 10 church leaders were given a sack of rice and

many Christian families received seedlings.



AMEN bought 450 seedlings from pupils who were raising funds for their school gate. Everyone was very appreciative.



Philippines

OPPORTUNITIES to support AMEN...

DONATE to AMEN

Please see enclosed donation form.

SPONSOR a village pastor



for £40 to attend a three day leaders' conference run by Tender Heart. They will be encouraged by the Word and the fellowship.

Get information on TRIPS

WALK4AMEN



WHAT: 18 km sponsored walk for Grace and Light's Schools Ministry

WHEN: Saturday, June 3, 2017

WHERE: From Dorking to Mole River Valley

GET INVOLVED! You can walk, you can support, or you can tell others.

For more information please email Trish Chatfield.

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Please Contact AMEN

- If you want to support AMEN
- If you want to WALK4AMEN
- If you want to sponsor a village pastor
- If you want to join a trip
- If you want information on how churches can collect shoeboxes for Christmas



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