



AMEN News

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Founder's Column

I am writing this after the church worldwide has been celebrating Easter, the annual remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet even as we were celebrating, we were also mourning the passing in Holy Week of our AMEN partner, Pastor Joe Gonzales, who led SIKATT for 20+ years. (See page 4 for an obituary). In what has been a difficult and unusual year for many people, the work of AMEN has continued unabated and on some fronts, with greater vigour. Even as I am writing this to you, we are receiving reports from some of our partners in Asia of the critical situations they are facing because of the deadly spread of the Covid-19 virus. Because we need wisdom and see prayer as a priority, AMEN has started to produce a **Monthly Prayer Bulletin** which can be downloaded from the home page of our website. I am sure the information you find there will be enlightening and challenging. Thank you for standing with us in these days. Gareth

NIGERIA

Thank you for your kind donations to AMEN!



Naphtali & Gladys

Food for body and soul



Rice and Maize Seeds

Naphtali set up a successful agricultural project last year in north east Nigeria. Due to poverty and Covid-19, less food is available, so this year, Naphtali is repeating the project with a view to saving seeds for next year. This has opened doors for the gospel and at the same time, also helped to provide the needs of the missionaries working in the villages.

A timely word from the life of Ruth who gleaned in the fields of Boaz, has sharpened the vision and focus at MISSION FIELD HOUSE by mobilising the churches for evangelism. It has also challenged them to bring the gospel to those who call themselves Christians but have no living relationship with Jesus Christ.



Dave picking up boxes

Shoeboxes beat Brexit delays at the ports

ROMANIA

Even with the impact of Covid-19, the appeal continued. We are all grateful for its success despite the challenging

circumstances. It seems the prevailing view of looking out for one another seemed to strike a chord for many and helped counter the "stay at home" mentality in the UK. Numbers were down by about 20%, yet we still collected more than 2000 shoeboxes. The UK collection had to be delayed due to both the second lockdown and

travel restrictions which created pressures yet we are glad that the boxes arrived in Romania before Christmas. Our special thanks to the staff at Schneider Group, Worthing, for all their support and the use of their facilities as well as our hubs in Dartford & Stratford-upon-Avon'. Wayne & Sarah

Companion With The Poor (CWTP)



Winston training missionaries

Gunar Ram healed by Jesus Christ



In North India, SEMI students under Roy work among the Parajas, Pulaydris and Kondador tribal groups in Nabarangpur. They are the traditional worshippers of stone gods and labour in the jungle. Please pray for the salvation of these peoples.

Crafts and other skills

Some of these handmade crafts (on the right), are sold through WhatsApp. I discovered a deep joy in being able to make good use of my time during the lockdown. Awon



INDIA

"Our Lord will do great things in a wonderful way" says VMM



INDIA

To date, we have 740 missionaries working in three states in India in villages where there are no churches: Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. Our missionaries are reaching children, a vision God has given us through John 21:15 "... Feed my lambs." We have been praying for God's leading after this lockdown and the word he gave us is to reach those who are unreached. For that, we need more missionaries. In these last days, God is leading us to reap a great harvest. To respond to this guidance, we have started an intensive 40 day training programme to equip every minister of God for the end times. We prayed for more labourers and God answered. The first 120 who came are now undergoing the "Training Camp For Winners of India for Christ". Later, they will be sent out to 60 fields in Tamil Nadu. David

WORK

As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work John 9:4

ROMANIA

House of Life



'House of Life' helps single mothers and their babies with material aid. We do post abortion counselling, pregnancy tests, presentations in schools about abstinence, abortion and STD. We have been a bridge between Manna church and Betania Baptist church in Sighisoara. In this pandemic, we are also helping with food parcels and medical aid. Mia

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They provide stoves, windows and doors for their houses. They ensure babies have enough milk, clothes, blankets, toys and school materials. The building project is ongoing but needs more finance to complete it. However, we look forward to the time when mums are taught to sew and children are helped with their homework which will provide some respite from their hard day-to-day existence. They will be able to worship and join the Bible classes that will be held there. In addition, the children will be able to attend their Friday club where they are taught about God. Tijs and Jessica regularly pray with people in the village and have seen many answers to prayer.

Tijs and Jessica with their helper Dinah show God's love to the Roma people



God helped us to be a lighthouse and an anchor of hope in our village.



INDIA

We thank God here in El Shadai Children's home for giving us great hope during this lockdown and providing extra help from AMEN which assisted us in regularly feeding more than 150 families and 16 village pastors. This attracted our local newspaper and TV channel which shared the news showing appreciation for our work.
Joseph



Hebrews 6:19

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Micro-enterprise for pastors



Pastor Sidhu Bosle, a man full of passion and zeal and a convert from Hinduism, was diagnosed two years ago with a brain tumour. His wife gave up her job to look after him but his medical bills have become a big burden. To help them, Tender Heart Foundation invested money to start their business. Shilpa, his wife, can now earn a monthly income and is very happy for this provision. Francis

INDIA

A new prayer room



A new prayer and literature room for the team in Delhi is rented by AMEN for use in reaching out to the outcasts in society.

PHILIPPINES

Bible study for new believers



PRAISE GOD! Many young people who come to work on the island of Batan are coming to faith. Jerry

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Tablets are a real help and extra motivation for school.



We stay beside them and walk with them in these strange times! Liviu

INDIA

HOPE for the hopeless

Depression is one of the results of Covid-19 which often leads to suicide. However, we thank God for the timely intervention of Rani, whom the Lord used to bring physical



and spiritual help. Some of the families have now found hope in Jesus.

PHILIPPINES



Pastor Joe

With sadness we record the death of pastor Joe Gonzales, an AMEN partner for over 20 years and the founder of SIKATT in the Philippines. Converted out of a violent gang background, he became a zealous, irrepressible and successful evangelist through ministering in high schools and churches. Even from his hospital bed shortly before he died, he led one of his nurses to Christ and arranged for her follow up. But Joe was more than an evangelist – his initiatives were many including setting up a scholarship programme for impoverished slum children, arranging several exchanges with a church in Malaysia, planting Brethren Baptist Church in Manila, setting up a dental clinic for the poor and joining with OM. We send our condolences to his family, especially his wife Beth and his daughter Ria who with her husband, pastor Zaldy, will continue the SIKATT ministry as AMEN partners.

INDIA

Caroline
David, Santhosh & Anand
Francis and Alison
Jeyakar and Rani
Roy and Ponna
Joseph

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David and Rodica
Liviu and Elena
Mia
Tijs and Jessica

PHILIPPINES

Winston and Jannette
Zaldy and Ria
Jerry and Gea

NIGERIA

Tassie and Nehemiah
Naphtali and Gladys

SERBIA

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