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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. 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!

I recently returned home from a mission trip to Costa Rica with a heart full of gratitude and thankfulness for each one of you. Pastor Robert Barrantes, his wife Anna and I traveled to a remote rain forest area in Turrialba (Llanos Quetzal) and were blessed to meet with indigenous Cabecar Indian pastor Daniel and his wife Christina. They pastor a church of about 45 Cabecar Indians from the local area and are pioneering two other churches in the region. God is moving and working in this area in a new and fresh way! Orval Butcher Missions is excited to help with the work utilizing the \$8,850 you have provided, working with and through our partner church Brazos de Amor (Arms of Love Church). Thank you for your gifts! I look forward to giving you a more detailed update on the Costa Rica work in our next newsletter.

### This past quarter:

**Emergency Food Relief in Kenya.** This past week I spoke with my good friend and our partner leader in Kenya, Dr. Peter Mulinge (Africa Servant Leadership Development [www.AfricaServantLeader.com](http://www.AfricaServantLeader.com)) regarding the situation in Kenya. There continues to be a significant need in Kenya. Along with the economic fallout from the Covid lockdowns, they are also dealing with a severe drought. This is creating a situation that is very desperate for many in Kenya. We have continued to raise funds for emergency food relief for the purchase and distribution of food through local churches that Dr. Mulinge is associated with in Kenya. This past period we sent **\$1,325** bringing the total sent to **\$27,540**. Thank you again for your generosity! We are continuing to raise funds for this ongoing, urgent and critical need.



*Mike w/ Cabecar Indian Pastor Daniel and his wife Christina*



*Mike w/ Costa Rican Pastor Robert sharing a testimony at Brazos de Amor Church*

**Costa Rica Church, Turrialba** This past quarter we provided \$8,850 for the Costa Rica work. We will have an update and details on the project plans for you in our next newsletter.

**Team Life:** \$480 was raised for Team Life for funding of baby beanies, booties and blankets that are sent to crisis pregnancy centers.

**Mitaboni Boundless Medical Clinic, Kenya, Africa.** Orval Butcher Missions sent \$3,822 to help cover clinic expenses for treatment of patients for Mitaboni Boundless Medical Clinic in Kenya.

**Morweh Educational Development Foundation (MEDF), Liberia, West Africa.** Orval Butcher Missions sent \$600 to help with the construction of a church building on the school property. Founder Daniel Menyon sees this church as a way



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to provide a welcoming environment for weekly church services for the community and strengthen the connection between the Christian school and the local community.

### **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 economic situation and drought in Kenya. We are utilizing the local church network in Kenya to accomplish this goal. Would you consider helping with this crisis?

**Mitaboni Boundless Medical Clinic, Kenya, Africa.** 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. The 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, including out-patient services, HIV and AIDS testing and prevention, eye care, Mother/child health care and dental services.

**Morweh Educational Development Foundation (MEDF), Liberia, West Africa.** This exciting ministry was started by Liberian National Daniel Menyon, who unfortunately passed away unexpectedly in September. Daniel and his wife Sonya started this ministry in 2010 with little money and a big vision. 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 had a heart to help provide opportunity for the children there. Please pray for the leadership of this great organization as they seek the Lord in finding a replacement for Daniel.

**Team Life.** This ministry is an awesome team of retired women lead by my mother Joyce Gaetke (yay Mom!). They create hand-crafted baby beanies, blankets and booties and distribute them to Pregnancy Care Centers throughout California and Nevada. The baby beanies, blankets and booties are given as gifts to expectant mothers to encourage them to make a choice for life. Any money donated for this ministry is used to purchase the materials to create these beautiful hand-crafted gifts.

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

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 and your family.

In His service,

Mike Gaetke,  
President, Orval Butcher Missions

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