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## PROJECT UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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### *The Story Behind the Hymn*



#### "My Jesus I Love Thee"

First Stanza:  
My Jesus, I love Thee,  
I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Last Stanza:  
In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Lyrics by William R. Featherstone (1846-1873) Music by Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895)

The words to this hymn were not penned by an experienced writer, poet, or minister like others we have looked at in our hymn series this year. It was initially written as a devotional poem by a teenager who had recently come to faith in Christ.

Not much is known about William Featherstone, other than he attended a Methodist church in Montreal, Canada, and that he was either the age of twelve or sixteen when he penned these words. One story about how his poem became public is that William sent it to his aunt in Los Angeles, CA. From there, it made its way to England and was published in 1864 in The London Hymnal. Some years later, in Boston, Massachusetts, Pastor A. J. Gordon (the founder of Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) read it in a copy of that hymnal and, although he loved the words, he was not overly impressed with the tune. Being an accomplished pianist, he wrote a new tune, put the words to it, and published it in his own book of hymns. This is the song that has carried William's lyrics around the world! - Anita Souder

<https://www.challies.com/articles/hymn-stories-my-jesus-i-love-thee/>  
<https://www.staugustine.com/article/20151008/LIFESTYLE/310089989>

**Premiering  
Saturday, November 7th!**

Look for the special insert in this mailing with details about our **virtual fundraiser** for November, then **sit back and enjoy** watching our first-ever **ONLINE EVENT!**

**Please designate your gift toward Project #677...  
and help us give the gift of transportation  
to missionaries in Ghana, Africa!**

## Computer Need is Now Fulfilled

UPDATE on Project #647 — **SAT-7** (Cairo, Egypt)

Photo by [Simon Matzinger](#) from [Pexels](#)



In 2019, we partnered with SAT-7 to provide grant money for a new, upgraded **Mac Pro 8 Core computer** for their studio in Cairo. Most of their computers were over ten years old and unsuitable for handling heavy program editing and HD (high definition) content. The new computer allows them to continue making **God's love visible** across the Middle East and North African (MENA) region by enabling them to develop high quality Christian satellite programs, giving them greater flexibility and online security.

Thank you for helping MPF make a difference in the lives of more than 30 million Arabic-speaking people in the MENA region!

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him." - 1 John 5:14-15 NIV

## Vehicle Provided for VOO Farm Ministry

UPDATE on Project #652 — **Christian World Outreach** (Burkina Faso)

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Christian World Outreach runs a girl's boarding school and vocational training center in Burkina Faso called **The Village of Opportunity (VOO)**. Christ-centered training is given to at-risk young women to learn vocational skills, allowing them to provide for their families' future. The VOO offers classes in sewing, cooking, cosmetology, and agriculture. The women also take courses in small business management to help them succeed in the business world after graduation.

A few years ago, CWO introduced the **Chicken and Farm Project** to help this ministry become more self sufficient. For the Chicken Project, baby chicks are bought and raised to maturity by the students. Most of their chickens are used as egg layers to help feed the VOO students, but some are sold in the marketplace to purchase feed and new chicks to help keep the project running.



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For the Farm Project, nearly five acres of land are set aside to teach the students how to plant, cultivate, and harvest crops, which are then used to feed the students and support the program by selling any extra produce at the local market.

Their new **Tricycle Moped** was purchased through MPF's grant money and is a great help in managing and growing the Chicken and Farm projects. It has a flat-bed in the back for hauling large items such as feed, crops, supplies, and more. The vehicle also helps to transport eggs and produce to market. CWO staff member, Brim, provides maintenance for the vehicle so that it will last for a long time. The cook at VOO is also grateful. She can now bring food and various produce from local farms without having to make multiple trips on foot!



In a report from CWO's administration in Burkina Faso, they expressed their thanks: "This vehicle is providing more capabilities than we even anticipated. We are **grateful** for your donation and for helping to **make a difference**, one life at a time!"

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# CURRENT PROJECTS

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\* The projects below are dependent on the financial support of God's people \*

## # 675 BCM INTERNATIONAL (PERU)

Project Cost: \$7,440

Since the COVID-19 crisis began, church leaders in Peru have had to change the way they minister to children. Many churches were unprepared to do online ministry, so BCM Peru began preparing online Sunday School material for them. This has been difficult to do since they lack good equipment, and the results often fall short of their desired outcome. BCM Peru needs funds to buy video and sound room equipment to reach more than 30,000 children per week with both S.S. material and online Bible Club material. <https://bcmintl.org/>



## # 676 REFUGE FOR THE POOR (CAMBODIA)

Project Cost: \$14,700

Refuge for the Poor, founded over 14 years ago, meets the needs of the poor in Cambodia while sharing the truth of Christ. They are in need of a 15-passenger van to transport their poor students to school and different ministry locations. These college students live in a dorm run by Refuge for the Poor and are taught to share the gospel by doing village ministry and helping with VBS programs. The van will also be used to pick up locals who want to attend the church at the Refuge Center.

<http://refugeforthe poor.org/>



## # 677 ONEWAY MINISTRIES (GHANA)

Project Cost: \$15,065

Motorbikes are a **key component** to getting missionaries into unreached villages with the gospel. OneWay has five full-time native missionaries who travel extensively into rural areas, often riding through rough terrain despite physical challenges, inadequate equipment, and resistance from villagers. It would be a great blessing to provide new equipment for each of the five men! <https://www.owm.org/>

### Equipment per missionary:

YAMAHA Motorbike (\$2,000 each)	Outdoor solar-light system (\$70 each)
Water-resistant jacket (\$165 each)	Year's supply of water purification tablets (\$50 each)
Motorbike gloves (\$30 each)	Motorbike boots (\$80 each)
70-ltr Water-proof backpack (\$120 each)	Studs helmet (\$98 each)
and 4 Wi-Fi BiblePlus+ Hotspots (\$400 each)	

### 2020 Virtual Fundraiser!



## # 678 ANANIAS HOUSE (NORTH AFRICA)

Project Cost: \$8,000

This ministry trains local pastors in biblical doctrine and leadership skills to encourage and enlarge the church in Africa. Several native missionaries have recently built a school in their community which opened in 2019. They have also planted three churches in the area, one which operates the school. Since transportation is a huge hurdle to children's education, a ministry van would be a big help in transporting the children to and from the school, as well as serving the local churches and getting the missionaries out to surrounding villages to share God's truth. <https://ananiashouse.org/>



## # 679 CHRISTIAN MISSION FOR THE DEAF (CHAD)

Project Cost: \$15,517

CMD cares for the educational, social, professional, and spiritual welfare of deaf children and youth. Their ministry in Chad has played a major role in transforming the lives of the deaf community. They are in need of a truck to help aid them in daily tasks for both the administration and students at the deaf school, as well as doing outreach into the surrounding community. They have their eye on a used Toyota Hilux 4x4, a heavy-duty truck tough enough to handle the rough African terrain! <http://www.cmdeaf.org/>



# 680 **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATING MINISTRIES (AFRICA)**

Project Cost: **\$2,500**

Although most cultures now have the Bible in their language, many lack study resources to help them understand and apply its life-changing message. ICM has developed a program to address these needs, but there is one problem...accessibility. The **hotspot program** will provide "access points" for churches in Africa so that anyone within range can access these resources on their personal devices. Pastors from all over Africa will be trained on how to use this technology at various centers throughout the continent. Each device will cost \$500, including hardware and installation. MPF will fund **five** of these devices. <https://bcmintl.org/>



# 681 **CHRISTIAN AID MISSION (PERU)**

Project Cost: **\$4,950**

Christian Aid Mission assists over 400 indigenous ministries around the world which are working in areas of poverty and persecution. One of these ministries is currently working with the Ashaninka, one of South America's largest tribes, many of whom live in the jungles of central Peru. They are doing pre-evangelism, education, health, and children's ministries and at present there are a few believers who are scattered over a large area. A **three-wheeled vehicle** would be a great asset to help transport supplies and missionaries, allowing them to reach more households with the Good News!



<https://www.christianaid.org/>

**PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2020**

#656 Christian Mission for the Deaf (Nigeria)	#665 OneWay Ministries (Northern Ghana)
#657 International Cooperating Ministries (S. Africa)	#666 T.E.A.R.S. (Dominican Republic)
#658 UIM International (Canada)	#667 ThunderZoll, Inc. (India)
#659 Living Hope Global Ministries (Honduras)	#668 SAT-7 (London, England & NAME Region)
#660 SHARE Education Services (Worldwide)	#669 ACTS Beyond (Dominican Republic)
#661 Hope's Promise (Nepal, Vietnam, & Zimbabwe) *Giving Tuesday 2019	#670 The Mailbox Club (Nicaragua)
#662 Faith Comes By Hearing (Kampala, Uganda)	#671 ThunderZoll, Inc. (India)
#663 CEF Ministries (Sri Lanka) *Giving Tuesday 2019	#672 Christian World Outreach (Zimbabwe)
#664 Rishama International (Nigeria)	#673 Fields of Abundance Mission (Nicaragua)
	#674 ORPHANetwork (Nicaragua) *Special Fundraiser for COVID-19 Crisis

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