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Rejoicing in Amazing Support, the NHMS Board Gives Thanks and Looks to the Future

With great joy the Board of New Hope Mission Society has received an outpouring of support both for the overall mission our Lord has given us and for undergirding the training and needs of Dr. Abdul Messiah for his present and future leadership of this witness. Long time and new supporters have stepped up, and your leaders are thankful.

It may be especially timely to note that the Board is just processing a report **that the educational and personal/family needs for Abdul are in hand or committed for 2019.** We are very thankful for the special partnership of the Gospel Network for East-West Services led by Dr. Christoph out of Germany for its generous covering of a significant part of the need. Congregations and special donors have also stepped up. Added to that are funds

from a major past gift from a family in SD. Thank you to all for this generosity.

We now are studying to what extent we as NHMS can bring the resources to bear in strengthening the ongoing witness to Jesus Christ led by our partners out of the Bishara Center and the Bible College in Kerala, India. Abdul notes in articles he has prepared a couple illustrations of how going above and beyond present levels of support will multiply our witness.

In the near future the Board will present to you their collective decisions as to what this will mean for all who are partners in this mission. Please hold the Board in your prayers. They meet on April 9.

Stepping Down but Not Stepping Away

Dorothy Desens has been the President of NHMS since its beginning, over 15 years. During this time she has traveled to our partners in India five times accompanied by her husband Dick on two of those journeys. She has made a huge commitment of time and resources to this mission. This has included many travels to national conferences and conventions to tell our story. We express our profound gratitude for her servant leadership. We are thankful for her willingness to remain on the board.

Pastor Scott Grorud of Faith Lutheran Church has agreed to serve this year as President. We thank him for his willingness to do this. Leadership remains crucial to the vitality of our mission efforts together.



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“The Lord has been shaping my path”
report from Dr. Abdul Messiah



The Lord has been so faithful! He is doing wonderful things and I know that He will continue to be faithful to finish the good work He has started in me.

The Lord has been shaping my path. He has permitted me the grand privilege of studying His Word in South Dakota and learn modern standard Arabic in Chicago. I am looking forward to be back in India in the month of May '19 for the ministry ahead. I am praying that God will let me witness among the people who desperately need to hear the Gospel of Salvation.

India is often referred to as 'the heart of darkness.' As a mission Bishara is reaching out to the Muslim community in Southern India, ministering to both their spiritual as well as their practical needs. Please do pray for the mission as we need God's protection and wisdom to carry out the work the Lord has entrusted to us in these times of trial and persecution

in India. It has always been our desire to make a tangible and lasting impact on our Muslim community through the outreach ministry. The goal is to impact people with the Gospel. I greatly appreciate your partnering with us, and I again humbly request your partnership in this year's ministry through prayer and financial support for us as we joyfully pursue the greater progress of the gospel to the Mappilla Muslims in Kerala and others in South India.

I thank you in advance for your prayers and your financial support. May God bless you richly!

Your humble servant for Christ,
 Abdul Messiah

Van outreach Ministry: by Abdul Messiah
“When a van is far more than a vehicle”



Two gifts totaling \$24,000 or more will cover the purchase of the van. NHMS needs to fund its operational cost.

We have been faithfully praying for a 20-seat van for eleven years. Students at Shaliach's Bible College and Bishara Ministries in India have to walk at least five miles for field evangelism.

A van for the ministry would be used for the purpose of advancing the glory of God. We intend to do so by not only transporting students, faculty, pastors, and staff but also by taking the word of God to the most remote parts of India to evangelistic and discipleship programs.

A van ministry provides the ministry an opportunity to obey Christ's command to “go and make disciples of all nations”. Through this ministry unreached people hear and respond to the Gospel. But a van ministry goes beyond evangelism. Through the discipleship ministries of Bishara the people also participate in discipleship ministries such as retreat camps and vacation Bible School. Through a van ministry the ministry moves outside the confines of its walls into the streets of the neighborhoods around it.

How can we make use of the van as a tool for the ministry?

a) In connection with team visits to the various areas, we make house-to-house distribution of literature specially designed for Muslims. Through this distribution, we are getting more applications to our Bible correspondence

course and through this mission outreach we are also able to find out secret believers.

b) We have a special Bible Correspondence Course in English, Arabic and Malayalam as well as books which will deal with Muslim oriented expressions and terminology.

c) A very important part of our work is the follow-up of all our contacts. Where it is possible and desirable, we invite them to come to our center for further study and fellowship.

These services create the opportunity for conversation, prayer and crisis intervention. Our wellness program and community-building program extend our outreach to many more people in need. Our goal is to have our van carry a greater supply of food, bed sheets, and various services to the streets in India.

We have become limited in our ability to reach the growing needs of people struggling in our community without a van. The van can also carry the necessary equipment for outreach including tables, chairs, and sound system, as well as the food and other items needed for meal distribution.

Witness Expressed in Word and Deed
“Challenges and special opportunities for women in sewing and training, community ministries to the poor” by Abdul Messiah



Life is difficult as such for women in the conservative Muslim Society in India, the situation is far worse for former Muslim women who have converted to Christianity.

They are always under the constant threat of danger and persecution, as well as rejection from the family and friends. These women are hurting. They are alone and afraid and often wonder where to go. But in spite of all these trials they face, God is moving in miraculous ways.

Through prayer and support from the friends of the New Hope Mission Society, many of these women have gone from tears to contentment. A young woman from the Malapuram area recently heard the Gospel message from one of the Bishara outreach workers. This is what she wrote to us:

“As you spoke in the mapilla Malayalam, I was able to understand your message clearly. I understand that since the beginning we are sinful and that we need forgiveness. I understand that only God can clean our sins and not as I thought in Islam through good deeds, prayer, and fasting.”

New Hope Mission doesn't just offer support from God's word. We are also providing practical ways that

woman can improve their situation. Women receive training in areas like sewing and education. Many of these women are becoming business owners and Christian leaders in the community. They become Christian evangelists, as they fearlessly spread the Gospel message to their neighbors in their community.

Please pray for the safety of women newly converted to faith in Christ. Pray the Lord keeps them and their families safe during persecution. Pray that they may grow in the Lord.

Please pray for opportunities for women to grow in their community. As more Muslim women converts become leaders, they have a powerful testimony to share amongst oppressed women in their village, town, and city.

Please pray for finances to see more women come to know Jesus in the Muslim world. There are countless women who are eager to hear the good news of hope in Christ. Please pray that NHMS would be financially equipped to reach all of them!

Shaliach's Bible College Graduates

The 2nd graduation ceremony was held on February 26, 2019.

Fourteen students graduated with the completion of the Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) degree with a certificate in Islamic studies.

Pray for these students as they go out to bear witness to Jesus Christ.



2018 Financial Report Summary

Income	
Undesignated Contributed Support	\$109,508.49
Designated contributions (flood, disaster, kitchen, Abdul's needs, Share the love (sewing ministry))	\$28,015.79
Total Income	\$137,524.28
Expenses	
Bishara Center, Bible College	\$89,597.00
Flood/Disaster Relief	\$7,574.80
Brother Titus/G-News	\$4,610.00
CRU/Twin Cities International Students	\$1,000.00
Other	\$22,841.19
Total Expenses	\$125,622.99