

We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS



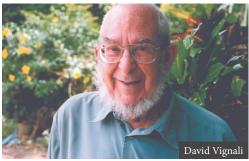






and send our GRATITUDE - Africa AC Ministries





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Former missionaries Laura Putnam and Jan Hendrickson remember times when Christmas in October gifts have met a special need or showed the love of Christ.

Laura shared: "The Christmas in October gifts have always been special to me. They remind me of our togetherness – our work over the decades that he has enabled us as a denomination to do – around the world.

Thank you to all who share in Christmas in October."

Jan shared: "When I think about Christmas in October, I realize it is a two-sided coin for me. On one side I am receiving something. On the other, I am enabled to give. Life on a fixed income calls for creativity sometimes. The funds I receive from Christmas in October have been used to cover personal expenses in stressful times, but I have also been able to bless others with some of these gifts. I have lived my life with the belief that the Lord provides our needs. In my mind, the Christmas in October program is one of the ways he makes provision for his people."

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Advent Christian churches and conferences in **Africa** send their heartfelt greetings and thanks for the generosity of those who give to Christmas in October.

Because of your kindness last year, Liberia was able to provide travel funds for pastors to come to their annual conference week in December where 10 new believers were baptized. In Nigeria, these gifts were used for necessary documents that their bank needed to allow us to continue to send gifts. In Malawi, a women's conference was held. Tanzanian pastors shared the gifts among themselves and sent prayers and thanks. Kenyan pastors gathered shortly before Thanksgiving for fellowship and shared the offerings.

"Dear Lord, remember these for praying and giving their offerings to your servants whom they haven't seen physically!" - Amos Komanya, Tanzania conference president

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The many churches and ministries in the Asia and Pacific areas send their gratitude and thanks for the annual Christmas in October gifts. These gifts bless our pastors, leaders and ministries without fail and display the goodness of God. Last year, the Fellowship of Blessed Hope churches in India had a Christmas gathering with all the pastors and pastors' spouses. The pastors in Myanmar shared a meal together and dispersed extra funds among the pastors. In the Philippines, Oro Bible College's nine full-time faculty and staff received a small end-of-the-year bonus.

All of our recipients in Asia serve sacrificially, and Christmas in October gives a boost of encouragement to each one.

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The pastors of the Advent Christian

Mexico Conference offer sincere
appreciation for the Christmas in October
gifts. Conference President Miguel recently
held a one-day workshop that focused on
marital issues that arise when spouses work
together in ministry. Last year's Christmas
in October funds were used to provide a nice
meal at the conclusion of the workshop.

All our pastors in Mexico work second or third jobs to support their churches and families. Their income is variable depending on how many tacos, t-shirts or other items they can sell. So, when a medical need arises within the family that requires the purchase of medicine, that prescription often goes unfilled for days or weeks at a time until funds are generated. Pastor Miguel sets aside half of what they receive for Christmas October and designates it for pastoral medical needs. Your donation ensures their families will have medicine when illness strikes.

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