

Hello Everyone,

HERE'S WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON SPRING/SUMMER 2023

IN THE USA



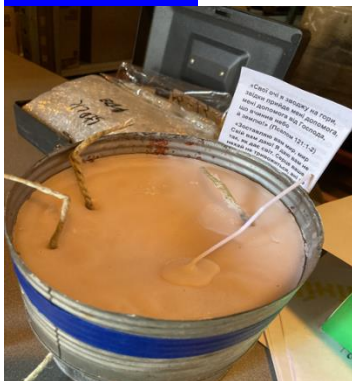
1) PRAISE for the many donations received for the CarePoint Network providing care and needed items to abused, hurting and homeless men, women and children in the Triangle of NC and Johnston Co. The number of homeless is rising, especially families with children.



Recently, we helped Raleigh Baptist Association distribute backpacks to homeless and underserved children in the area.

-- **PRAYERS NEEDED** for funds to provide more emergency shelter and laundry voucher cards for women and families living outside, being helped through the CarePoints Network.

USA- UKRAINE



2) PRAISE for over 600 candles and Gospel tracts sent to Ukraine. Thanks to all who have faithfully donated wax and cans and a Special Thanks to the Smithfield Rescue Mission for help making them. The next batch is in production! 😊

--**Prayers** for MORE candles and cans to be donated, for the end of the war and for the faith of many to trust Christ for true salvation, physical and eternal.



3) PRAISE AND PRAYERS for the opportunity to co-sponsor **3** Mission Extravaganzas with the NC Baptist State Convention. These events are an introduction to missions and how you can get involved in life changing mission opportunities, especially through Compassion Connections and the third and final event is to be held October 21 in Wilmington, NC. Contact us for more info.

HONDURAS

4) PRAISE THE LORD for the opportunity to partner with Casa Hogar Ninos Felices to host a community-wide VBS for children and families in Olanchito, Honduras. The outreach was held in the new Ministry Center we recently constructed. Our 10-member mission team was blessed as we shared the Gospel and love of Jesus through much food, music, crafts, crafts, Bible teaching and games. Many children and parents trusted Christ as Savior. Thankfully, we were able to hire a Director for the Ministry Center to assist with follow up ministry to those who attended including the many who trusted Christ as Savior and will be in need of discipleship.



PRAISE FOR Crosspoint Community Church, Clayton, NC who has begun a prayer adoption ministry for the children needing special care in the areas we are serving in Olanchito. Please, let us know if your church would like to become involved as well. **WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU WHO WENT, STAYED, GAVE AND PRAYED!**

5) Next Stop! – September 21-24 –We will be at Mozaic Baptist Church in Trenton, New Jersey leading 3 Days of Parenting and Family Workshops and we are excited to support this community wide effort to outreach and grow families for Jesus.

COLOMBIA



PRAYERS – October 25-Nov 1 – We will be traveling to Villavicencio, Colombia for a week of pastor, youth, student/teacher training at Victory Mission School. We continue to build a new Ministry Center CarePoint with the Director’s home almost completed. We pray that God will raise up many to reach out in Christ’s name to unreached people living in the plains of Central Colombia. We also pray for many souls to come to Christ through our witness there and that those reached will take the Gospel to their neighbors both in Colombia and around the world!

NIGERIA



7) PRAISE – A THIRD WELL IN NIGERIA. A special “Thanks” to Rotary Clubs of Clayton, NC and Makurdi, Nigeria for pledging support for this project providing clean water for drinking and hygiene for about 10,000 people in Abia State, Nigeria. Also, prayerfully, the project will save the lives of the estimated 100 children who die each year in that area from issues related to inaccessible or unclean water.

(The well will serve as a Water of Life Ministry site when completed.)

THIS FALL - Compassion Connections and USAfrican Outreach Foundation will be co-sponsoring a **YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE OUTREACH MINISTRY** in the area

served by the new well and Sanitation Station. THIS IS A NEW CAREPROJECT and 200 YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE REACHED WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS! MORE INFO COMING SOON ABOUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED.

Thanks and look for Praises and Prayers Part 2 next week.

God Bless
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Compassion Connections Praises and Prayers Spring/Summer 2023 - PART 2

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PLEASE READ, PRAISE AND PRAY!

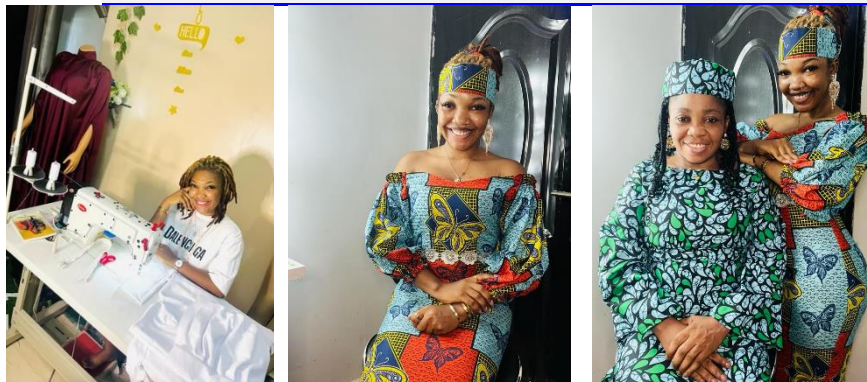
NIGERIA - NEW CAREPROJECT: - FINGERPRINT CREATIONS - SEWING MACHINES ARE NEEDED!!!

Through our partnership with USAfrican Outreach Foundation (USAOF) and its Mission Store, discounted (or free) clothes, much needed toiletries and household items are provided to impoverished communities in Nigeria. Proceeds from the store help fund our ministries there.

Recently, **COMPASSION CONNECTIONS HAS BEGUN PURCHASING NEW COMMERCIAL SEWING MACHINES.**

- Each machine provides job training and a new job for at least 1 unemployed person to repair and learn to tailor clothes for themselves and neighbors as well as ...
- MAKING NEW HANDMADE CLOTHES AND HEADWRAPS WE ARE CALLING "*FINGERPRINT CREATIONS*".
- Each handmade item is unique to the person making it, LIKE A FINGERPRINT, so we call our brand "*FINGERPRINT CREATIONS*"

Purchasing a FINGERPRINT CREATIONS item is like reaching out and placing your fingerprint on the fingerprint of the person who made this ORIGINAL item and saying "I care about you. God Bless You!"



- Items are currently sold through the USAOF Mission Store in Nigeria and headwraps will be coming soon to the US for sale as

Fingerprint Creations.

With your help we are able to purchase these new commercial machines in Nigeria for \$350 (helps the local economy), are sturdy, and able to handle electrical abnormalities common to that area.

- Sales from The Mission Store currently help fund many of the direct ministries in Nigeria such as the **Fish Farm, well drilling and Water of Life Ministries**; ministries to **homeless IDPs** (Internally Displaced Persons) and **NEW THIS FALL** we are co-sponsoring a **new Youth Soccer Outreach Ministry to share the message and love of Christ with at least 200 children, youth and their families.**



Youth Sponsorships are \$150 dollars providing the jerseys, cleats, medical exam, (food and medical assistance if needed) and the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel and discipleship opportunities and learn to share their faith in Christ. More to come about this in future updates or contact us for more info.

LASTLY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CLAYTON ROTARY CLUB AND A DISTRICT GRANT, WE WERE ABLE TO DRILL A THIRD WELL IN ABIA STATE, IN THE SAME AREA WHERE THE SOCCER LEAGUE WILL BE PLAYING, LOCATED NEAR 2 SCHOOLS AND SERVING MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SEE THE WATER FLOWING..... PRAISE THE LORD AND thank you Clayton Rotary Club for caring

MANY OF YOU ASK "HOW CAN I PARTNER WITH COMPASSION CONNECTIONS?"
 COMPASSION CONNECTIONS IS A PRAYER MINISTRY. PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THOSE WE SERVE TO FOLLOW CHRIST AND TELL OTHERS; ALSO PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD'S PROVISION

FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THESE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AND LOVE OF JESUS, GIVING HOPE AND CHANGING LIVES.

WE WILL NOT SOLICIT INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS. SHOULD YOU DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF COMPASSION CONNECTIONS, DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.CC2911.ORG (PAYPAL). CHECKS MAY BE PAYABLE TO COMPASSION CONNECTIONS, 5395 COVERED BRIDGE RD, ARCHER LODGE, NC 27527.

OUR PRAYER IS THAT GIVING OR PARTNERING WITH US HELPS YOU GROW IN YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST IN FULFILLING HIS WILL FOR YOU. Also, as a prayer ministry we appreciate hearing from you how we can pray for you.

NEW!!!

FOLKS WANTING TO SPONSOR AN ADULT FOR A JOB OR A YOUTH IN OUR SPORTS MINISTRY, PLEASE DESIGNATE "NIGERIA SPONSORSHIP" WITH YOUR GIFT AND WE WILL SEND A PICTURE OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD LOVE VERY MUCH TO KNOW YOU CARE AND ARE PRAYING FOR THEM ALONG WITH YOUR RECEIPT!

God Bless,

Rick