

Mission Team Invites Support of New Special Offering Opportunity

The AMPATH program which PCIS has supported for many years is now funded through a different source of money and they have asked us to use our mission money for another deserving ministry. Last fall the Mission Team learned about a Presbyterian Ministry in Kolapur, India that began in 1852 called Kolhapur Church Council (KCC) that oversees 66 established churches and 250 core groups of 25 or more adult believers. KCC's vision is to plant 400 more core groups in the next 10 years.

KCC is self-supporting. However, the key challenge facing KCC is a shortage of trained pastors. They are in need of a seminary-trained couple who could teach courses in their Good Shepherd Bible School. But because they do not have the additional funds to support this teaching ministry, they need to find a couple that can be self-supporting.

KCC has recruited the Rev. Ramesh Telore and his wife Sheba for this three year assignment and KCC Executive Secretary, the Rev. Shrikant Pathane, is seeking to develop partnerships with Presbyterian congregations on the East Coast to help meet this need. Our Mission Team decided supporting this couple's teaching ministry would be an excellent replacement for our Kenya Special Offering, and has designated the May Special Offering to help finance the Telore's ministry at KCC in India.

The Telores presented the first Minute for Mission on Sunday, May 4th, and will return for the next two Sundays to continue introducing the PCIS congregation to their ministry. Supporting individual mission activities is an important part of the PCIS mission program. Among the individual hands-on mission activities supported by the generosity of the PCIS congregation are missionaries in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. And PCIS support of Little Children of the Philippines extends our ministries well into Asia. Adding support of a ministry in India is another opportunity to help spread God's Word around the world.

Please consider making your Special Offering gift in May to this new opportunity. Simply mark your checks "KCC" and the money will be sent through Emmanuel Gospel Center in Boston, which serves as their fiscal conduit, to support the Telores in India.