



News from Nepal

Westminster Biblical Missions

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WESTERN NEPAL

Greetings from Nepal! The Church is growing here! Prashant reports that five new families came to faith in Christ in March. Praise God! Prashant is busy visiting one district each month (a district is like a county) to provide Bible teaching and encouragement. Our work in western Nepal is spreading to India as well, as believers in Nepal are taking the Gospel to India. New families have come to faith and one new fellowship has been started. Prashant was blessed by being able to visit them. The work of God's Spirit is evident in that part of the world.

Udaya (*above center left*) expresses his thanksgiving for the blessing of a new motorbike which provides him with easier access to the Bardiya district in Nepal. He is now able to visit remote churches in the foothills of the Himalayas and our Mercy Sewing Center. He reports spiritual fruit from the use of this new motorcycle: Four women have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and four others received baptism. The women at our sewing center report, "We never thought we would have the opportunity to learn the valuable skill of sewing. This is enabling us to earn money to help support our families. We are improving in our training. Most of us at the beginning of the program did not even know how to run a sewing machine, take measurements, and cut fabric. Thanks to the Mercy Sewing Center, we now can

measure, cut and sew ladies' clothing." Please pray about plans to relocate our sewing center to an area bazaar which will increase opportunities for evangelism and income.

Please pray for the pastors, leaders, and their families as they conduct their ministries. Their desire is to provide faithful Biblical leadership. Pray for the new ministry works, especially in the mountainous region of Dolpa, and as we also reach into northern India. Pray for God's guidance regarding the development of a Reformed Bible college as the Christians in



Worship in Central Nepal



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this area see the need for solid Bible training for current and future pastors.

KATHMANDU

This month the slum ministry distributed carrying bags and water bottles for these impoverished children. Many of the children do not have the means (such as bags or backpacks) to carry their books and other important items. These bags are a big help to them. The church in the slum area is searching for another building to buy or rent to hold services. Currently they are gathering in a small sheet metal and cardboard building that houses a Christian school, but they now have outgrown the classroom and need to relocate. Pray for the necessary finances and a meeting place for them to use. As you know, a good location can be vital for attracting new people to the church to learn of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Please pray that our efforts will lead more people to come to saving faith in Christ.

CHITWAN

During the past year's COVID restrictions, Pastor Pandey and his son Sanish could not travel to the rural churches in the district.



We are happy to report that in March the Pandeys visited five remote churches to encourage and strengthen the believers. The discussions centered around church fellowship and Biblical teaching. This year, the pastors are focusing on sound doctrine in all the churches.



We praise the Lord that the number of believers is increasing in the surrounding mountain churches. Every Sunday these congregations are visited. In March, leaders from district churches gathered to pray for their nation and the world. The Pandeys are thankful for these leaders serving throughout Chitwan as they faithfully labor for the Lord in difficult circumstances. Every Saturday (Nepal's legal day off) church services are held in two different areas and on Mondays house fellowship occurs where families are encouraged to meet for Bible study and prayer. Youth fellowship is scheduled for every Friday evening which provides an opportunity for young people from different area churches to meet for worship.

Pastor Pandey and Sanish are asking for prayer for God's leading in starting a new Bible training center after construction is completed at Trinity Reformed Church in May. They also request prayers for a way to improve the drinking water supply in one of the rural villages in which they serve. An engineer is coming to conduct a field study to determine the cost of securing a safe water supply for the village.

BIBLE TRAINING

Sound Biblical training remains a great need of the Church in Nepal. Online classes continue to meet each week led by Howard Sloan (WBM's Missionary-at-Large) and Dennis Roe (General Secretary). We have a new class starting this week on "How to Interpret the Scriptures and Study the Bible." Our hope is to expand these small classes to a larger group of pastors and leaders in Nepal studying for the ministry in the months and years to come.

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