



News from Nepal

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Matthew 28:6

*He is not here; for He is risen,
as He said.*

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Jaimashi! Your brothers and sisters in the Lord send their greetings. "Jaimashi" is the typical greeting Christians give to one another in Nepal. It means "He is Risen!" American Christians tend to use this only at Easter time, but Nepalis remind one another of the risen Christ each time they greet one another.

During our visit to Nepal in March, we were able to meet with numerous people. Many were believers. Some were not. We met people suffering under extreme poverty who were in need of assistance. Others had abiding spiritual concerns. While space does not permit us to tell you about each interaction and the details of each meeting, we pray the following opens a window for you into this year's mission trip.

KATHMANDU

Our ministry started in Kathmandu with our brothers Janak and Purna.



The Mercy Center in Kathmandu hosted the first of our five Bible Conferences where men and women from all over the region heard about The Five Solas of the Reformation. Pastors Dennis Roe and Howard Sloan were joined by Pastor Suraj Kasula (M.Div. and minister in the Free Church in Scotland). Pastor Suraj administers and teaches at the new Bhaktapur Theological Seminary. He is a valuable partner for WBM as the work in Nepal goes forward.

While in the Kathmandu area, we were greeted by the smiles and laughter of children as we visited their Christian schools. These schools are in poor areas where good education is not possible without traveling far. We were able to encourage and pray for both teachers and students. Afterwards, we were privileged to participate in dedicating the new property for their church and school. It was such a joy to see the children's smiling faces as we interacted with them. Our stay in the Kathmandu area

was short, but rewarding.

CHITWAN

The ministry in the Chitwan area, in central Nepal near the border of India, is led by the Pandey family. The Mercy Center there hosted a two-day Bible Conference and provided our

accommodations while in the area. The Five Solas were again taught by Rev. Roe, while the Doctrine and Life of the Church was taught by Rev. Sloan. Our hope is to strengthen them in their faith, and also encourage them to move toward a more Reformed and Presbyterian form of church government.

Our ministry was not confined to the Mercy Center Leaders Conference or the Mercy Home Orphanage. Pastor Pandey and Sanish took us up into the mountains and into poor village areas to minister as well. The views were breathtaking, but the village people are the true beauty of the mountains. Mosquito nets and food were distributed in Christ's name,



and the Word of God was preached. The villagers of Metran showed us a piece of land already cleared for church and school buildings which they plan to build there. Pray that the Lord will bless their plans.

WESTERN NEPAL

From the Chitwan area we traveled to western Nepal where we joined Pastors Mohan, Prashant, and Udaya. The trip took over nine hours! The roads were rough, but the fellowship was sweet. We had multiple opportunities to preach and teach in towns and villages across this rural area. The theme was once again The Five Solas. In Kailali, we were able to meet a retired Nepali officer, Alan Acharya, who leads a Bible study among the soldiers. Over 200 men are being disciplined through his work. Lives are being changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We look forward to continuing our work alongside him.

Our next stop was the First Love-Nepal Orphanage in Bardiya where Mohan and his wife Sushila care for eighteen children of various ages. When you talk to the children it is clear that they love Mohan and his family, and more importantly, they love Jesus Christ. Three of the older orphans want to go to Bible school. The next generation of Nepali church leadership is being raised up!

We held two separate one day Biblical Leadership Conferences in the vicinity of Bardiya and they



were well attended, even though it was 99 degrees with no AC!

We were given the honor of visiting the construction sites for two new church buildings. A ribbon cutting was held at both. Rev. Roe was put to work (in 102 degrees!) at one site breaking ground and laying the cornerstone. These building projects are signs of the growth of the Gospel in Nepal. Pray that these new buildings would be homes for the preaching of the whole counsel of God for as long as they stand.

BIBLE TRAINING PROGRAM

One of the greatest needs for the



Nepal ministry is the establishment of a Bible training program for the pastors. Some who are leading churches have very little Bible training, while others have received their training from seminaries that are not Reformed in doctrine. Pastors are relearning their theology from the Calvinistic point of view. They are discovering the glorious Doctrines of Grace and long

to learn more. Right now, Rev. Howard Sloan leads a class via Zoom. The class has gone from meeting once a week to twice. Zoom classes are only a temporary solution.

WBM desires to establish a training program that will take place at our three Mercy Centers in Nepal. Finding the place to hold the classes is the simple part. Finding teachers for these classes is the challenge. We are praying for pastors and Bible teachers who are willing to spend anywhere from one month to one year teaching in Nepal. Please join with us in prayer for Nepal and let us praise God together for all His many blessings.

Soli Deo Gloria!

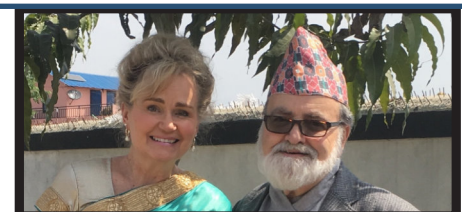
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