

Update of Missions Commission of Nepal October, 2006

Dear Praying friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I trust in the Lord that this finds you all in good health and spirit!

I do not have proper words to express my thankfulness to each one of you, for how much you have prayed for the ministry that we are involved in. Your prayer and good wishes have tremendously ignited our spirit and boosted my commitment to serving the Lord.

Due to partial political stability in the country, churches have been actively holding several activities to equip the body through meetings and seminars. Similarly, we have been able to undertake several programs as well to meet the goals for His mission.

You might be thinking, what would be the status of Christianity or the Church? Well, the church will have more freedom in doing its activities but the law of conversion has to be amended in the new constitution, which the present government is planning to write in the near future. It has not been finalized yet whether Churches and Para-Churches would be registered officially. The unceasing prayer of people in Nepal and people like you have helped to bring about these changes. We thank the Lord that our prayers have been heard and answered.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for your fervent prayer and partnership for the ministries. The following are the update of Missions Commission of Nepal. I hope you would enjoy reading it and feel led to lift us up in your prayer.

Mission Day at NEBC on 24 April



I thank the principal of Nepal Ebenezer Bible College (NEBC) for inviting me to be a speaker at their "Mission Day" celebration. I spoke on God's Mission and role of the church in Mission. There were about 60 student faculty members who took part at the celebration. Students had divided into different groups, representing different tribal groups in Nepal. Each student group was dressed in the custom to represent the tribes and they had put up various stalls where their foods, cultural vessels, dresses and household stuffs were displayed. It was very unique and exciting event where every body enjoyed the different cultural foods, fellowship and challenging

message of Mission. I thank the Lord for using me to mobilize churches and students of the Bible College into Mission. It is my earnest prayer that the church would have a vision for mission and use their resources to reach out to the people.

Leadership Training in Milwaukee, USA

God gave me a tremendous opportunity to visit USA to attend a Leadership Seminar for 3 weeks from April 26th - May 17th that was organized by the Elmbrook Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin City.

I thank the Leadership of Embrook church for inviting me to attend a month long training at International Center held in April. It was great privilege for me to meet several of you and share the stories of God's faithfulness in Nepal and learn from the church and International Center.

The meeting involved more interactive sessions than lectures. We were asked to share our testimony, ministry activities and Christian lives of our country at the meetings and churches. It was kind of sharing, encouraging and praying together. Since Elmbrook had several ministries in the church, each ministry pastor would come and facilitate at the session and we would discuss it together on various issues including: mission, leadership, youth, social issues, prayer lives, women ministry and cell groups etc.

I was given an opportunity to speak at their church, which was a great time of blessing. I spoke on mission and shared about church growth in Nepal and the mission initiative of Nepali churches.

Missionary Commissioning Ceremony

Missionary Commissioning Ceremony was held on 28th of June at Koinonia Grace Home. Around 60 Key pastors and leaders from the Kathmandu valley attended to bless the missionaries. Ceremony begun at 3pm with opening prayer led by Rev. Dr. Mangal Man Maharjan, a senior pastor of Koinonia Patan Church. Ram Prasad Shrestha a director of MCN gave the welcome speech to the respected participants and thanked them for their continued prayer and partnership. He encouraged stating that this is end time and we have to work as war time situation to fight against the dark world and bring the light of Jesus across the nation and world.



Rev. Dr. Simon Pandey, General Secretary of National Churches Fellowship of Nepal gave message of exhortation from the word of God. He challenged all the missionaries to be committed to their work and firm in their faith as they are going to different places to work for the Lord. They need to witness to the world as salt and light for God.

Each Missionary who is working in the plain areas received bicycle for the ministry as they do not have local access of transportation in their region. Missionaries and their supporting churches have been grateful to God and provision to go to work as missionary in partnership with Missions commission of Nepal.

We would like to sincerely thank the churches and individuals for supporting our missionary through finance and prayer. We thank the Lord for granting fund to purchase a 10 bicycles for our missionaries.

After the sermon, Rev. Hari Gurung and former president of Nepal Baptist Association close the meeting with the closing prayer and benediction.

Following are the missionaries:

FORTH BATCH

Name of the Missionaries	Church	Destination	District
1. Deepak Bardewa	Srijana Church	Paphal,	Makawanpur. Centre
2. Suleman Sonaha	Emmanuel Ekleshia, Tikapur	Kamaiya basti	Kalali, Farwest
3. Mohan Bahadur Thapa	Gyoti Church (AOG)	Bhrikutinager	Banke, farwest
4. Nain Shing Darlami	Khristia Mandali, Gotikada	Maikal	Surkhe, Farwest
5. Shushil Bhatta	Emmanuel Church, Satdobato	Kailali	Kailali, Farwest
6. Roshan Kumar Limbu	Baptist Chrch		Panchthar, Eastern
7. Buddhiram Chaudhari	Ashis Church	Patharaiya	Kailali , Farwest
8. Oman Rai	Bethel Ag. Church		Rukum, Farwest
9. Ananda Khawas	Jaitun Church	Rudrapur	Butwal, West
10. Bishnu Gyawali	Jyoti hurch	Kewalpur	Rupendehi , West
11. Amar Kahar	Smarna Church, Nawalparasi	Parashpur	Nawalparashi, West
11. Vijay Rokka	Bethel AG, Kyanshi Church	Morabang, Pkr	Rukum, Farwest

Teaching at NMTTC

I thank the Lord for using me continuously to teach at Bible Schools and training Center. I had an privilege to teach at Nepal Mission Training Center which is a training wing of MCN. I taught a week long class from 24-28 July on Tentmaking Missionary. We have enjoyed interaction at the classes. The student were very much attentive and interactive because this was very new subject and interesting to them.

As result of the class few student decided that they would serve the Lord through Tentmaking ministry in the future.



Teaching at OM



Due to my active involvement in equipping church in Mission and mobilizing missionaries to the unreached areas, I am asked to teach at training schools. I was asked to teach at OM Missionary training school from 31 July to 4 August. I taught Biblical Mission and Role of church in Mission. I have given the book to each student entitled "Introduction to Mission" as text book. Student has been blessed with the classes. As soon as the class was over they were sent for practical work to the mission field in the mountainous region of Nepal.

Partnership with Mission Society

Nepal Training Centre of MCN has agreed to partner with the Nepal Mission Society in the training Missionaries. It was great joy to meet officials to NMS at their office. I and Mr. Manoj Pradhanga a co-ordinator of NMTC attended the meeting with them. We met twice and have agreed to training their missionary candidate at our training center from Feb. next year. They have agreed to sponsor partially toward the food for their student. We thank God for giving us the similar vision and working relationship with the mission society. We hope that our partnership will be strengthened the future.

NMTC Graduation

A Graduation Ceremony was held of Nepal Mission Training Center-MCN on 1st September. We had 5 missionary student in this batch. Duration of the training was for 3 month. At the last week of the class, their wives along with the few missionary couples were invited to take special week long class. All of them graduated on the same day.

Around 50 pastors and leaders attended the Graduation Ceremony. At the end of the session, all the pastors jointly led the dedication prayer for the missionary student. We are praying that they will be sent soon to their mission field.

Attended Pro-Public Meeting:

It was privilege for me to attend the consultation on 6th of August on discussion meeting whether Nepal should remain as secular country or Hindu Country. Several religious leaders and people involved in Human Right and Women Right were present at the consultation. It was organized by Pro-Public who advocates for justice and runs talk show on TV.

Every religious leaders shared their opinions. Besides Hindu, all the religious leaders like Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jain and other tribal groups voiced out that Nepal must be secular state. Other religious group commented sharply, accusing that Hindu religious extremist and their oppressive practice in society has marginalized the other people groups in the areas of education and other privileges.

The resent government has declared Nepal as secular state. However, the constitution still needs to be written regarding the religious freedom and privileges.

Dharan Mission Conference: Eastern Nepal

As proposed Mission Conference in Dharan, Eastern Nepal. We thank God for enabling us to complete it successfully. The conference was held in Elohim Church in Dharan from 18-20 September. Total of 150 pastors and leaders from Eastern Nepal attended the 3 days conference. Though pastors and leaders have been serving the Lord for several years, such conference and learning experience was the first time for the most of them. They expressed with thankful heart that they have been blessed through conference and they will back to their church and teach what they have learned at the conference.



We had several speakers at the conference. Rev. Val Hayworth, a former mission pastor of Elmbrook church in USA taught on Role of church in Mission. Rev. M.J. Joseph and Chairman of MCN and pastors of Beth-Shalom Church, Kathmandu spoke on Prayer live and Role of Holy Spirit in Mission. Rev. Dr. Simon Pandey, the General Secretary spoke on Leadership on Mission. Mr. Manoj Pradhanang a Training Co-ordinator of NMTC spoke on Cross-cultural and I spoke on Biblical Foundation in Mission.

The conferences has impacted the lives of many pastors and leaders to be more involved in mission and mobilize the Church in Mission.

God Saved from the Jeep Accident

We took off for Dharan for the conference by our office Jeep on 17th of September early in the morning. Rev. Dr. Simon Pandey was driving the Jeep and Rev. Val Haywoth. Mr. Manoj Pradhng and myself were in side the jeep. While we were driving near Chitwan, (about 200 KM far from Kathmandu) suddenly a motorcycle from apposite side badly hit our Jeep. It was very sudden, and driver even did not see the motorcycle coming from



the front because motorcycle was trying to overtake the truck which was coming toward us.

The motorcycle with driver were thrown at the edge of road. We stop and went to see the driver. He was badly injured on his feet and motorcycle was also damaged from the front side. So many people gathered and surrounded us. The crowd demanded that we must take the responsibility of accident and take patient to the hospital else they would burn the jeep and attack driver. Due to the breaking of looking glass, Rev. Simon Pandey also got some cuts on his face and he was bleeding. However, we took him to hospital. We did x-ray and other check up. Thank God that the Motorcycle driver did not have any major injury except the deep cut on his feet and some wounds on his body.

Relatives of victims filed case against us to the police station and key of Jeep and Blue book of Jeep were confiscated by the police. We were forced to stay over night and look after the sick people. Somehow we left next day early in the morning, leaving some cash advance and assuring them that we will come back to see the patient and settle the case after we finish our conference.

We returned back to Hospital on 21 of September to see patient. The patient had to go through the operation for deep cut on his feet. When we met the relative and patient they demanded that we must repair the motorcycle and pay all the bills of the hospital. We tried to work out but police and relative of patient demanded that the expenditure for hospital and motorcycle repaired must be borne from our side.

Finally, we had to pay Rs. 25000.00 for the medication and repair of motorcycles. We thank the Lord that he protected all of us and the motorcycle driver from being major injury or possible death.

Praise points

We praise God for helping with grants to support 12 missionaries.

We praise God for helping with the finance to run this batch of NMTC.

Prayer points

Please continue to pray for the ongoing needs for partial (50%) missionary support.

- Please pray for one Motorcycle for office use.
- Please pray for an overhead projector for Missionary Training Centre.
- Please pray for LCD projector for Training
- Please pray for upcoming National Mission Conference in October 2007
- Missionary Retreat in November.

In Christ,

Ram Prasad Shrestha