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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise God for giving us a brand New Year and blessing us with His goodness. I thank you all for your fervent prayer and partnership for the ministry of Missions Commission of Nepal. As I look back, God has been so faithful in his promise to guide and provide means and resources. It would not have been possible without your prayer and partnership.

By God's grace Nepal is experiencing partial peace due to the ceasefire declared by the Maoists. However, the majority of displaced people from the civil war have yet to return to their homes. There are still small pockets of resistance from the rebels because they have been collecting the tax in some places and kidnapping is still a problem.

Please pray for the lasting peace in Nepal and stable coalition government that will govern the country justly.

I would like to thank all of you who wrote to me with words of encouragement and concern and those who have been sending letters and updates through the mail.

I am pleased to share a few updates of MCN. I hope you enjoy reading it and be led to pray for us in the future.

Youth Conference In Ramechhap:

I was invited to speak at the Youth Conference jointly organized by the National Churches Fellowship of Nepal and the Assembly of God that was held from 21-24 October 2006. When I heard the conference was to be held in Ramechhap, Gupteshwor, which is a remote mountainous part of Eastern Nepal, I was spiritually very excited to go and speak. However, at the same time I was physically hesitant as I had never travelled that far on foot and I am not used to climbing high mountains. The spirit of



Ramechhap Conference

God prompted my heart to go there for the sake of Christ to be blessed and to bless others. I agreed.

I decided to go on my motorbike up to Jiri, which is a journey of about 300km, and begin the climb from there. Along with my friend and one of the pastors, I left Kathmandu for Ramechhap on 19th October. Jiri is a beautiful valley, which is said to be like a little Switzerland. The journey was quite an adventure and it was wonderful to see the beautiful mountains, valleys and rivers as we made our climb. Every time I lifted my eyes to see the beautiful creation I could not stop praising God for His creativeness and greatness.

The first night of our climb we spent with one of the pastor's under whom one of our missionaries is serving. The home was up on the top of a hill. The freezing wind was testing our courage to get there. We were served with potatoes at night for dinner and enjoyed eating in the dark with the tiny kerosene lamp glowing on our face. It was severely cold as we prayed together thanking God for his grace. We tried to sleep and rest for the day ahead.

We got up early in the morning. It was Saturday, which is the worship day in Nepal. There was church down on the hill and we went together to worship there. People from different mountains walk 3-5 hours to come to worship the Lord there. Believers sat comfortably on mats made of straw. It was really cold but they rapped a rug around themselves along with their children and sat tightly together to keep warm. It was a great joy to worship with the native Himalayan people, most of whom were Sherpa. I was asked to speak the word of God and greatly enjoyed it.

After the service was over we had something to eat and started on our journey again. As we started it began to rain and the footpath that was already slippery got dangerous for us to climb. We continued walking with care. If I had lost my balance, there is no other way to fall but into a pit and die. Once, I almost fell into a river while crossing the bridge made of a big log because it was very slippery. Some people have already died due to a fall while crossing the river.

We finally, arrived at the conference venue at 6 pm. I was quite tired from walking the whole day but when I saw the youth from the different regions come to attend the conference, all my fatigue disappeared. As I was talking with them I discovered most of them had come to the conference on foot, walking 2/3 days to get there. I was very much surprised to see their passion and enthusiasm for Christ. The next day the conference began with about 400 youth gathered there. The theme of the conference was " An Ambassador of Christ". I was the main speaker along side someone from AOG. The conference lasted three days.



Youth at the Ramechhap Conference

Since there was no building to accommodate us all, the organizer put up a plastic tent and provided a straw mat for us to sit. Though it was very cold, the youth were warm in spirit, praising the Lord. The Lord spoke through me and many youth recommitted their lives to the Lord.

We left the conference after four days and all of us returned back to our own homes with renewed hearts, minds and a refreshed commitment to the Lord. I thank the

Lord that I was able to go there and be blessed. I was very hesitant to go due to my physical weakness but God's grace was sufficient for me to climb the mountains to get there and return home safe and sound.



Lakshirir Sherpa

Dambar Bahadur Sunuwar

Missions Commission of Nepal has been privileged to contribute partial financial help towards this conference. It was a great joy to meet two of our missionaries, Lakshiri Sherpa and Dambar Bahadur Sunuwar, working in those areas. Both of them played a vital role to organizing this conference. The Lord has blessed their ministry in the Himalayan Regions. God has been using them to reach out to Sherpa people and other tribes in that area. Both of them have been able to plant churches.

I praise God that four people got baptized during our visit after being witnessed and discipled to by Lakshiri Sherpa. Though it was bitterly cold, they bravely plunged into icy water to be baptized.

Missionary Retreat

We had a Missionary Retreat from 12-14 November. There were a total of 40 missionaries from Nepal, India, and Bhutan attending the retreat. We hold this annually to encourage our missionaries. During the retreat all the missionaries shared their blessings and struggles together and we joined in prayer.



Missionary Retreat in Dharan

The stories shared by the missionaries encouraged every body and brought us closer to God.

One missionary, Shanti Sonaha, works in far west Nepal and shared a story on how he encountered someone who was demon possessed. He said he had a face-to-face encounter with the evil spirit and when he commanded it to leave the person in Jesus' name the evil spirit debated with him. Finally, when he said 'you do not have any right to stay with this person's body', then evil spirit replied 'I will leave him, don't harm me'.



Dharan Conference

Another missionary, Mr. Shusil Bhatta, has been serving in the far west of Nepal with street children, widows and orphans. He plans to start non-formal education for those adults. His wife is suffering from bone marrow cancer, and needs a blood transfusion every month. By the grace of God, she is living. We are thankful to God that he has prolonged her life and he is serving the Lord with heart of gratitude and thankfulness. Even though they have problems, God is gracious enough to help them carry out their ministries. Once, when he went to pray for the sick

in hospital and left his bicycle out side, it was stolen. He prayed and by the grace of God found it three days later. Praise to God!!

It is always a joy to hear how the Lord is helping our missionaries in their need and being faithful in His promises.

Praise points:

- We praise God for helping with grants to support 12 missionaries.
- We praise God for helping with the finance to purchase 20 bicycles.
- **We praise God for his protection in the accident.**

Prayer points:

- Please continue to pray for the ongoing needs for partial (50%) of 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 up coming National Mission Conference in October 2007.
- Please pray for our Vision Trip to India.

In Christ,

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